



### **Informational Update**

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. -Psalm 118:24*

Nearly 15 years ago, Father John Richard Neuhaus delivered what has been called “the greatest pro-life speech ever given.” To a packed convention of pro-life advocates, Father Neuhaus addressed youth and veteran pro-lifers alike about the hope that sustains us in “the great human rights cause of our time and all times—the cause of life.”

Like a cadence that sustains the march of an army, Father Neuhaus repeated the phrase: “We shall not weary, we shall not rest.” And, indeed, this has been the story of the pro-life cause for 50 years in America: “We shall not weary, we shall not rest, until every unborn child is protected in law and welcomed in life.”

Today’s overturning of *Roe v. Wade* by the U.S. Supreme Court marks one of the most historic moments in our nation’s history. For decades, the American people have been robbed of their obligation to recognize the human dignity of the preborn child under the law.

*But today all that has changed.*

Today is the day that the American people are once again properly empowered to overcome the forces of the culture of death and to unleash the culture of life: to ensure that every preborn baby in America is received in love and that every mother in America is surrounded with love by her community.

Through the courageous leadership of Justices Alito, Thomas, Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, and Barrett there is hope once again that Nebraska can become the pro-life state she was always intended to be.

As we rightly rejoice in this day, we must also recall the prophetic words of Father Neuhaus: “The journey has been long, and there are miles and miles to go. But from this convention the word is carried to every neighborhood, every house of worship, every congressional office, every state

house, every precinct of this our beloved country—from this convention the word is carried that, until every human being created in the image and likeness of God—no matter how small or how weak, no matter how old or how burdensome—until every human being created in the image and likeness of God is protected in law and cared for in life, we shall not weary, we shall not rest.”

With the overturning of *Roe*, we have hit a milestone for the protection of preborn life and while “we have been at this a long time,” it is also true that “we are just getting started” in further building the culture of life in Nebraska. This is the time to redouble our charitable efforts to care for babies, mothers, and families. Again: “We shall not weary, we shall not rest.”

Please join the Nebraska Catholic Conference in offering a [Te Deum](#) to the Holy Trinity. During what will be a tumultuous time going forward, let us ask for the assistance of [St. Michael the Archangel](#). Finally, whenever the abortion issue features prominently in the news and culture, it can be difficult and traumatic for those who have previously experienced abortion—pray for their healing, encourage them to contact Project Rachel’s post-abortion healing ministry (1-888-456-4673), and let them know there is [hope after abortion](#).

In Christ,

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