

# A POST-ROE, PRO-LIFE NEBRASKA

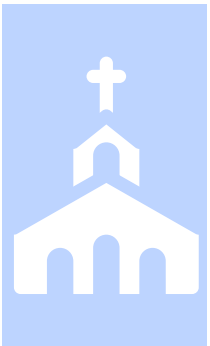
## BUILDING A THRIVING CULTURE OF LIFE



Nearly 50 years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court revoked the states' ability to protect all human life with the decision of *Roe v. Wade*. Since 1973, abortion has taken over 60 million preborn lives in the United States and has victimized a similar number of post-abortive women and men.



In 2020, a Mississippi law protecting preborn life at 15 weeks was challenged in the historic Supreme Court case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. In *Dobbs*, the Court was presented with the opportunity to uphold Mississippi's 15-week ban on abortion, and to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*, the two cases whose precedent has protected a so-called 'right to abortion'.



Catholic Social Teaching informs us that every human life is sacred, from the moment of our creation at conception to natural death. As we are all made in the image and likeness of God, every life, born and preborn, is worthy of protection. The Church is uniquely responsible for fighting for the right to life, and for supporting vulnerable women, men, and families in difficult circumstances.



The U.S. Supreme Court has finally overruled *Roe v. Wade* and *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*! After 50 years of prayer, education, and social and political action, states can once again protect all preborn human life, and further provide support to abortion-vulnerable women and men. Our work to build a thriving culture of life is beginning anew. Now is the time for all pro-life allies to become stronger advocates for the culture of life.

# Living the Culture of Life

As we strive to make Nebraska abortion-free in a post-Roe era, please help us in building the culture of life that offers radical love and real compassion to those in need, through prayer, pastoral support, educational efforts and public policy advocacy.

## PRAYER

### ENGAGE IN PERSONAL PRAYER

Join us in personal prayer for:

- Preborn babies still facing the threat of abortion in the US and around the world
- Abortion-vulnerable mothers and fathers
- The many preparations and efforts for a thriving, loving post-Roe society

### PROMOTE COMMUNAL PRAYER

Promote prayer with your parish:

- Collaborate with your pastor to promote parish prayer events (ex: Holy Hour)
- Gather parishioners to read Scripture, pray the Rosary, or pray a Novena for Life
- Submit prayer intentions above for Mass

## PASTORAL SUPPORT

### ENCOURAGE POST-ABORTION HEALING

Help those who have experienced the trauma of abortion by encouraging their healing through Project Rachel (1-888-456-4673) or HopeAfterAbortion.com] or Rachel's Vineyard.

### GIVE TIME AND TALENTS

Donate your time, talent, and/or treasures to local charitable agencies or programs supporting mothers, such as Catholic Charities or Catholic Social Services, pregnancy help organizations, & Walking with Moms in Need.

### PROMOTE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Share the listed resources above in your parish and community centers for struggling women, men, and families through:

- Parish announcements and homilies
- Bulletin inserts and flyers
- Social media posts

## EDUCATION

### DIALOGUE WITH OTHERS

Learn how to have productive conversations about abortion with friends, family members, or coworkers. Learn more through:

- HumanFromDayOne.com
- EqualRightsInstitute.org
- AbortionDialogueAcademy.org
- Persuasive Pro-Life: How to Talk about Our Culture's Toughest Issue by Trent Horn

### COMBAT MISINFORMATION

Be on the lookout for and charitably respond to misinformation shared by organizations, politicians, and local, state, and national figures.

## PUBLIC POLICY

### CONTACT ELECTED OFFICIALS

Email and call your Nebraska State Senator AND your federal representatives. Ask for regulations that make Nebraska abortion-free by protecting all human life from conception. Though Roe has been overturned, abortion is still legal in Nebraska until 20 weeks post-fertilization.

### JOIN OUR ADVOCACY NETWORK

Stay in touch with the Nebraska Catholic Conference as we prepare for the possibility of a special session of the Nebraska Legislature to protect the lives of preborn children. Join our advocacy network at [NECatholic.org](http://NECatholic.org), OR text the word LIFE to 50457 to sign up.