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Date: November 1, 2021
To: Priests, deacons and parish communicators
From: Joey Martineck, director, Respect Life Ministry
Re: Pray for Dobbs

Dear Priests, deacons and leaders in the Archdiocese of Atlanta,

Earlier this year, the United States Supreme Court agreed to take up *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The case addresses the constitutionality of a 15-week abortion ban passed into law in Mississippi, and it has the potential to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Oral arguments will be held Wednesday, December 1, and a decision is expected in June 2022.

After the Supreme Court agreed to take up the case, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities and Christians from other organizations were convinced of the urgent need for unified prayer and fasting for a positive outcome to this case and for the end to abortion. Thus, the *Pray for Dobbs* ecumenical prayer campaign emerged. National leaders from varying Christian denominations are calling people of faith nationwide and across denominations to unite in prayer and fasting.

Find out more info at: prayfordobbs.com.

A couple weeks ago, an informational webinar about *Pray for Dobbs* was held. You can view the recording [here](#).

On Thursday, Nov 18, Catholics and Protestants across the country will be coming together online to pray for a just outcome to the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case, one that protects pre-born babies and their mothers. [Register here.](#)

Locally, I encourage priests to offer the Mass for this intention. Any opportunities to invite the people of God into prayer and fasting for this case is encouraged.

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” ~2 Chronicles 7:14