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Bishops Clearly Explain the Catholic Faith Does Not Support Abortion in Spite of the Assertions from Some Catholic Congressmen

On the first anniversary of the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* Supreme Court decision which ended nearly 50 years of federal protection of abortion and sent the issue to each state for legislation and regulation, thirty Catholic members of the House of Representatives signed a letter asserting that their Catholic faith plus St. John Paul II's *Christifidelis Laici* compel them to defend abortion.

In response, a statement was issued by the president and leaders of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

They explained that this assertion by the members of Congress who stated the Catholic church's teaching supported abortion was grievously untrue. The bishops cited specific Catholic church teachings which protect life clearly and absolutely from conception.

The importance of the issue of individual conscience was also addressed by the bishops along with the teaching that conscience does not provide the right to commit evil and take innocent lives.

Read more here: bit.ly/3pHrhgr bit.ly/3JOqCAJ bit.ly/46AHW69

**"If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you don't like,
it is not the gospel you believe but yourself." -St Augustine**