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*Statement from The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, bishop of Erie, on the Supreme Court of the United States' ruling on Dobbs v. Jackson released June 24, 2022.*

The Catholic Church has long emphasized its commitment to respecting life from conception through natural death. While *Dobbs v. Jackson* is an important ruling, we acknowledge there are many complexities involved with unexpected pregnancies and recognize this is a challenging moment for all Americans. It is our hope we can play a role in healing and unity.

Everyone should know how to help parents in difficult circumstances. They need significant support and true accompaniment. Many parishes in the Diocese of Erie have relationships with a variety of organizations and resources for parents in need. The diocesan Office of Social Justice and Life hopes to build on the work that is already in place, tapping into a network of advocates knowledgeable about a wide array of services and support.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has developed a new initiative, *Walking with Moms in Need*, accessible at [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com). It is a step in the right direction.

We believe all life is sacred and are committed to the significant amount of work that remains to be done.

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