

Good Troublemakers  
&  
Region for the Holy Margins



**Members of Roman Catholic Womenpriests-USA**

We call upon Catholics and all people in America to act to protect pregnant people and all those who are subject to increased discrimination and violence as a result of the recent US Supreme Court decision.

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The Dobbs decision by the United States Supreme Court Justices released on Friday June 24, 2022, overturned the constitutional right of privacy for women and all people who experience pregnancy. The complications and fallout of this decision are catastrophic. Not only does it end the private, reproductive rights of people across this nation, but sadly, this endangers lives, especially the most vulnerable--the poor and people of color in our society.

The majority opinion reasoned in their argument that a constitutional right, “must be deeply rooted in the nation’s history and traditions.” Based on this argument, Justice Clarence Thomas immediately issued a concurring decision that stated that other cases involving personal rights must be reviewed.

This Orwellian statement suggests a totalitarian system of rigid and invasive moral considerations; where women, trans, and non-binary people face criminalization and harassment, while being pushed towards the shadows and unsafe procedures. This is a slippery slope which diminishes liberty and confiscates one's personal moral compass by the states.

“The human person has a right to religious freedom. Freedom of this kind means, all [persons] should be immune from coercion on the part of individuals, social groups and every human power so that, within due limits, nobody is forced to act against [her, their, his] convictions...” (Vatican II, *Dignitatis Humanae*, C.1 par.2).

This primacy of conscience as stated means, as people of faith, we trust people to make personal moral decisions about their own lives, and that they will seek guidance as needed. Further, we affirm we will work for justice and against those who seek power over others or trample their rights which arise from personal faith perspectives or public and political aggrandizement.

**WE CALL ON ALL  
TO SUPPORT FAITH-BASED  
REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE  
ORGANIZATIONS**