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Florida Catholic Conference Responds to Supreme Court Decision on Partial Birth Abortion

Tallahassee, FL - After 34 years of waiting for a significant court victory to turn the tide in the struggle against abortion, the United States Supreme Court upheld the federal ban on partial birth abortion in a 5-4 vote today. Justices Roberts, Alito, Kennedy, Scalia and Thomas voted to uphold the ban on partial-birth abortion. Justice Kennedy wrote the majority opinion and Justice Ginsberg wrote the dissent, joined by Souter, Breyer and Stevens.

“The court recognized the truth long proclaimed by both science and the Church that the child in the womb is a living human organism,” said Bishop Victor Galeone, moderator for the Respect Life Committee of the Florida Catholic Conference. “At last, our most vulnerable brothers and sisters will be protected from the horrifying and unnecessary procedure known as partial birth abortion. We will continue our struggle to protect babies in the womb from the moment of conception, and we encourage Florida lawmakers who previously have passed legislation to ban this procedure in law to consider doing so once again,” said Bishop Galeone.

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