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### **Statement from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston regarding the South Carolina Heartbeat bill**

CHARLESTON, SC – The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston released the following statement today related to the South Carolina Heartbeat Bill. The statement should be attributed to Maria Aselage, spokesperson for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston fully supports legal protection for unborn children, so we are extremely pleased that the South Carolina Senate, in a bipartisan effort, passed the third reading of the South Carolina Heartbeat Bill.

The bill seeks to accomplish two main goals. First, it provides a pre-born child protection from an abortion once a heartbeat is detected. This would prevent nearly all abortions in the Palmetto State since the heartbeat can be detected around the eighth week of pregnancy. The second goal of the bill is to require that doctors check for the heartbeat of the child so that when a heartbeat is detected, the child immediately receives full protection under the law.

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