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Catholic Conference speaks on Fetal Heartbeat Act

South Carolina Catholic Conference director, Michael F. Acquilano, has released the following statement regarding the S.C. Senate's passage of S. 474: the Fetal Heartbeat Act:

"Today is a victory for human life in the Palmetto State. We thank our pro-life senators for standing strong to pass the Fetal Heartbeat Act and protecting unborn children and their mothers.

"We thank especially Senate leadership for their commitment to defend life and thank Gov. Henry McMaster for his commitment to sign the strongest pro-life legislation sent to his desk.

"Life is the preeminent issue in our state. Every person — born and unborn — is made in the image and likeness of God; every person has inviolable dignity and the right to our most fundamental human right: life.

"Our mission to protect life is far from complete, but this is a major milestone to building a life-affirming culture in South Carolina."

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ABOUT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

Founded in 1820, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston is comprised of 114 parishes and missions, 32 Catholic schools, and 350,000 people. It encompasses the state of South Carolina.

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