Roe v. Wade

What does our Church say?
From the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org):
Roe v. Wade is the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion nationwide. Many people don’t realize that Roe v. Wade legalized abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Roe says abortions may not be restricted at all during the first three months and in the second three months may be regulated only for the mother’s health. After “viability” Roe allows abortion to be prohibited but must make an exception for the woman’s life or health.

From your first moments of existence, you had the DNA that would determine your sex, facial features, physique, and the color of your skin, hair, and eyes. At 24 days, your heart began beating. By 8 weeks, all your organs were present, and your unique fingerprints were forming. Ultrasounds show that by 18 weeks, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music.

Abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human life and dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental good and the condition for all others. Abortion, the deliberate killing of a human being before birth, is never morally acceptable and must always be opposed.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:
Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you. (Jeremiah 1:5)

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth. (Psalm 139:15)

How can we get involved?

St. Pius X Sanctity of Life Committee
To join the SOL Committee, please contact Lisa Gignac at 319-360-5039. We operate on the belief that every human life is made in God’s image, sacred from conception to natural death. SOL activities include: Lenten Baby Shower, Rosary for Life, Diaper Drive, and Roses for Moms (with CFLI).

The following are local organizations actively working on this issue.

Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center
319-364-8967, 701 Center Point Rd. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, bridgehavencr.org

Birthright of Cedar Rapids
319-393-3251, 375 Collins Rd. NE Suite 107, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, birthright.org/cedarrapids

Catholic Charities
319-364-7121, 420 6th St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401, catholiccharitiesdubuque.org

Coalition for Life of Iowa
PO Box 864, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406; lifeiowa.org