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Bishop Robert McElroy Issues Statement on US Supreme Court Decisions to Strike Down Abortion Statutes in Texas, Mississippi and Wisconsin

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SAN DIEGO – The Most Rev. Robert McElroy, head of the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego, today issued the following statement concerning separate decisions by the US Supreme Court striking down legislation intended to regulate abortion in Texas, Mississippi and Wisconsin.

“A series of decisions by the Supreme Court this week striking down abortion statutes in Texas, Mississippi and Wisconsin is another sign of the failure of our national legal and political system to protect human life at its most vulnerable. It is also an ominous signal that even the most modest legal steps to protect the life of the unborn are likely to be blocked by a judicial philosophy and political culture which effectively annihilate the human identity of the unborn child while pretending to accord presumptive recognition to the stark reality which both morality and science attest – that a preborn child is indeed a human life.

“Let us pray and work together to create a society in which children in the womb might be accorded the most fundamental human right of life which is the heritage of us all.”

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The Diocese of San Diego runs the length of California’s border with Mexico and serves more than 1 million Catholics in San Diego and Imperial Counties. It includes 98 parishes, 89 elementary and secondary schools, and various social service and family support organizations throughout the region. It also includes five historic sites, the most well known of which is the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, the first mission established in California by St. Junipero Serra in 1769.