



# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## **IN RESPONSE TO SUPREME COURT DECISION ON ROE V. WADE**

The recent Supreme Court decision on the abortion issue does not change the mission of our Catholic faith, rather it challenges our faith to go further in broadening our ministry for all life issues.

We have seen great harm in our society when important issues are reduced to victories and losses. There is a claim in being the winner on a particular issue and then taunting the other side in being the losers. There is no real cause to celebrate in front of others because we favor a decision. Humility is what Christ wants from everyone.

The mission of being pro life on all life issues does not change at St. Patrick. In fact the work has become more challenging. The work to encounter with compassion, willing to listen to the stories of others, and act with charity in all things, is what Christian disciples do. Laws alone rarely change hearts and minds. It is the encounter, the understanding of the concern and suffering of others that help change hearts. It is a long process and this does not please everyone because it is not fast enough to get the results we want.

Our politics are now seeing that elected officials only serve their base, and there is little interest in serving and representing all people. A Pastor of a community serves everyone, even those who are scandalized by our preaching of the truth. We are not a club or political party that pushes aside those who do not think with the group. We are to be the image of the Kingdom of God that includes everyone, that seeks to dialogue and guide everyone to live the truth that comes from God. So our response to the recent Supreme Court decision is to keep doing what we have always been doing: preaching and living the Gospel of Life.

From the unborn all the way to one's natural end of life, we honor and respect all life.

Peace in Christ,  
Fr. Eric Tellez