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CHA Statement on Supreme Court Ruling on Idaho Abortion Law
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WASHINGTON, DC – “Today’s decision by the Supreme Court does nothing to change Catholic health care institutions’ commitment to protecting the sanctity of life while providing high-quality, compassionate care for mothers and their children. Unfortunately, the highly polarized and politicized nature of abortion has conflated necessary medical interventions with elective procedures.

“To be clear: Catholic hospitals do not offer direct abortions. However, in tragic situations when a mother suffers from an urgent, life-threatening condition during pregnancy, Catholic health clinicians do provide medically indicated treatment, even if it poses a threat to the unborn child or may result in the unintended death of the child. Such treatments are both clinically and ethically required.

“In every community they serve, Catholic hospitals remain committed to providing the highest standards of medically indicated care to women suffering from serious or life-threatening conditions during pregnancy and upholding the dignity and worth of all people, especially mothers in crisis and their unborn babies.”

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