

## **Press Release**

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Missouri Catholic Conference Thanks Governor Parson for Signing the "Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act"

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**JEFFERSON CITY** — The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) thanks Governor Parson for signing **HB 126, the** "Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act." The MCC has supported the passage of this bill throughout the 2019 legislative session. "The MCC appreciates Governor Parson's courage in signing this bill in the face of great opposition," said Tyler McClay, Executive Director of the Missouri Catholic Conference said. "The passage of HB 126 is a historic moment for the pro-life community in Missouri. It is hoped that this bill and other bills like it around the country will help change the narrative about abortion and the humanity of unborn life by recognizing life in the womb in the early stages of pregnancy as worthy of protection."

The MCC appreciates the hard work done by Missouri lawmakers to protect human life from the time a heartbeat is detected in the womb and beyond, ensuring custodial parents are notified when their minor children seek an abortion, ensuring that Missouri women seeking an abortion out-of-state are provided the proper information they need to make an informed decision, and placing a ban on abortions sought solely because of race, gender, or a diagnosis of Down Syndrome.

The MCC also wishes to again express its gratitude to all of the lawmakers in the Missouri House and Senate who stood for the unborn and helped to pass one of the strongest pro-life bills in the country.