News Release

Missouri Catholic Conference Applauds Passage of Historic Pro-Life Bill, SB 5

July 25, 2017, JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Senate passed SB 5, a historic pro-life bill, after reconvening the pro-life special session today, Tuesday, July 25. SB 5 was passed by the Senate in a 22 to 9 vote in favor of the bill. The Missouri Catholic Conference has supported this bill throughout the special session as it moved through the Senate successfully, then as it was amended by the House, and finally sent back to the Senate once more for approval.

As passed, this legislation will protect the health and safety of women, require unannounced inspections of abortion clinics, ensure that women hear medical information from a doctor before deciding whether to obtain an abortion, overturn the St. Louis “abortion sanctuary” ordinance and prohibit other municipalities from passing similar ordinances, and much more.

The Missouri Catholic Conference thanks Governor Greitens for calling the special session, and also expresses gratitude towards the Missouri senators and representatives who have worked tirelessly to pass this historic bill and uphold the sanctity of life. After the passage of SB 5, Missouri is once again one of our nation’s strongest pro-life leaders.