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2025 Legislative Recap

The 2025 Missouri legislative session was one of the most productive in recent memory, with an unprecedented level of cooperation between Republicans and Democrats for the majority of the term. A substantial amount of legislation passed through bipartisan compromise. However, in the final week, tensions escalated, culminating in a dramatic end to the session.

Senate Republicans employed a rarely-used procedural maneuver, “calling the previous question” (“PQ”), to end a Democratic filibuster and bring HJR 73 to a vote. Republicans then used the PQ a second time to bring a vote on a separate bill dealing with paid sick leave. While the PQ is used regularly in the Missouri House, it is rarely used in the Senate due to that chamber’s tradition of negotiation and unlimited debate. As a PQ effectively ends cooperation between Senate Republicans and Democrats, the chamber adjourned on Wednesday, well before the constitutional deadline of 6 pm on Friday, May 16, 2025. The next day, the Missouri House passed a handful of bills that didn’t require Senate action before it adjourned for the year.

If approved by voters, HJR 73 would prohibit abortions except in cases of medical emergencies, fatal fetal anomalies, and in cases of rape or incest during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. The proposed amendment would also restore health and safety standards for

abortion clinics that were eliminated by Amendment 3, and protect the state’s parental consent laws that are currently being challenged by abortion advocates. When HJR 73 was passed, the gallery had to be cleared as protesters unfurled banners and screamed in support of Amendment 3.

Despite the turmoil during the Senate’s final days, several MCC priorities still passed. Among the key bills that passed were HB 121, which establishes the "Safe Place for Newborns Fund" to support the installation of newborn safety incubators, creates a Zero Cost Adoption Fund to help Missourians with non-recurring adoption expenses, and reinstates the Diaper Bank Tax Credit. SB 160, which protects the rights of religious student groups at public universities, also passed. In this issue of *Good News*, you can see how your legislators voted on these bills as well as their votes on HJR 73.

Other MCC-supported initiatives that successfully passed included:

- An increase in funding for the Alternatives to Abortion program from \$8.66 million to \$12.66 million
- The removal of sales tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products
- A boost in funding for the Show-Me Healthy Babies program from \$72 million to \$113 million
- \$50 million in state funding for Empowerment Scholarships
- Provisions prohibiting the shackling of pregnant offenders
- Increased compensation for individuals wrongfully convicted

Visit the MCC website (m catholic.org) to read the End of Session Report, which lists all bills the MCC had a position on, and to listen to the Legislative Roundtable podcast. Once again, the MCC staff wishes to express our gratitude to our network for your faithfulness in following the legislative process with us this year.

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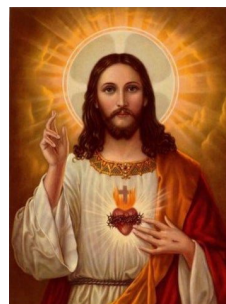
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Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

Brief Overview of Immigration Legislation Filed in 2025

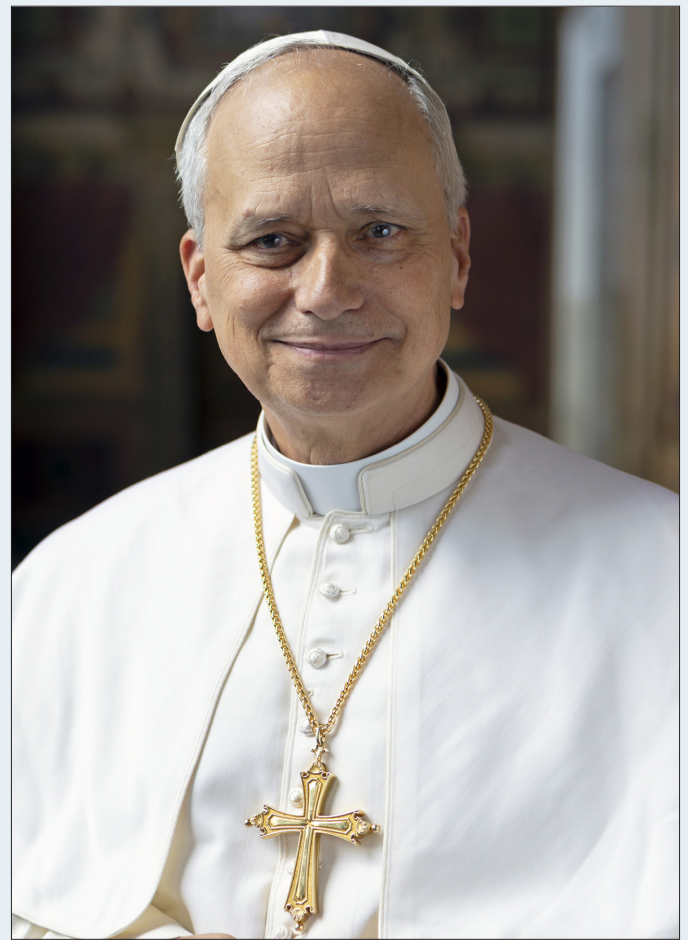
After an election year in which immigration was at the front and center of American political debate, there was significant speculation as to what specific measures the Missouri General Assembly would take. Considering this, over 20 bills related to immigration were introduced by lawmakers in both chambers during the 2025 legislative session.

Three of those bills were heard in committee in their chamber of origin: SB 58 (Sen. Jill Carter-R), which attempted to make any undocumented migrant who committed a minor violation of state law, such as running a red light, guilty of a felony punishable by up to 4 years in prison and deportation; SB 72 (Sen. David Gregory-R), better known as the Bounty Hunter Bill, which would have certified bounty hunters for the purpose of finding and detaining undocumented migrants in the state (those detained under the bill would have been guilty of a felony punishable by life imprisonment) and implemented a hotline for people to report those who they assumed were undocumented migrants; and, HB 182 (Rep. Cameron Parker-R), that allows for translation and interpretation services for criminal, civil and juvenile proceedings to be paid from state-allocated funds.

The translation and interpretation services was the only immigration-related bill that will make it into law, as it ended up passing as part of a broader package (SB 218, SB 221). The MCC testified in opposition to SB 58 and SB 72, and in support of HB 182. The translators' law will go into effect in Missouri in August 2025.

The U.S. Congress may pass bills that pertain to this topic and executive orders could be issued at the state and federal level.

The Catholic Church teaches that “the more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin” and that “public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him” (*Catechism*, n. 2241). Even though the Church also acknowledges that countries have the right to regulate their borders and to control immigration, they must always do so with justice and mercy.



Habemus Papam! Welcome, Pope Leo XIV

On May 8, 2025, the College of Cardinals elected the 267th Pope of the Catholic Church: American Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, 69, who has taken the name Leo XIV.

Pope Leo, the first pontiff from the United States, was born September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Villanova University in Pennsylvania, a degree in theology from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He joined the Augustinian Order in 1977, making his solemn vows in 1981; four years later, he joined the Augustinian mission in Peru. From 2001 to 2013, he served as prior general of the Augustinians worldwide. Pope Francis named him bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, in 2014, and made him a cardinal in 2023, appointing him as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops. The newly elected pontiff is fluent in English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese, and can read Latin and German.

2025 Senate Votes of Interest

Dist.	Legislator	1	2	3
25	Sen. Jason Bean (R-Holcomb)	Y	Y	Y
1	Sen. Doug Beck (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	Y
6	Sen. Mike Bernskoetter (R-Jefferson City)	Y	Y	Y
12	Sen. Rusty Black (R-Chillicothe)	Y	Y	Y
31	Sen. Rick Brattin (R-Harrisonville)	Y	A	Y
26	Sen. Ben Brown (R-Washington)	Y	Y	Y
16	Sen. Justin Brown (R-Rolla)	AL	Y	Y
27	Sen. Jamie Burger (R-Benton)	Y	Y	Y
32	Sen. Jill Carter (R-Granby)	Y	Y	Y
8	Sen. Mike Cierpiot (R-Lee's Summit)	Y	Y	Y
22	Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R-Arnold)	Y	Y	Y
28	Sen. Sandy Crawford (R-Buffalo)	Y	Y	Y
10	Sen. Travis Fitzwater (R-Fulton)	Y	Y	Y
15	Sen. David Gregory (R-Chesterfield)	Y	Y	Y
21	Sen. Kurtis Gregory (R-Marshall)	Y	Y	Y
3	Sen. Mike Henderson (R-Desloge)	Y	Y	Y
30	Sen. Lincoln Hough (R-Springfield)	A	Y	Y
33	Sen. Brad Hudson (R-Cape Fair)	Y	Y	Y
7	Sen. Patty Lewis (D-Kansas City)	N	Y	Y
34	Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer (R-Parkville)	Y	Y	Y
4	Sen. Karla May (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	Y
24	Sen. Tracy McCreery (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	Y
29	Sen. Mike Moon (R-Halltown)	N	N	N
13	Sen. Angela Mosley (D-Florissant)	N	Y	Y
11	Sen. Joe Nicola (R-Grain Valley)	Y	Y	Y
17	Sen. Maggie Nurrenbern (D-Kansas City)	N	Y	Y
18	Sen. Cindy O'Laughlin (R-Shelbina)	Y	Y	A
5	Sen. Steven Roberts (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	Y
23	Sen. Adam Schnelting (R-St. Peters)	Y	Y	Y
2	Sen. Nick Schroer (R-O'Fallon)	Y	Y	Y
20	Sen. Curtis Trent (R-Springfield)	Y	Y	Y
9	Sen. Barbara Washington (D-Kansas City)	N	A	Y
19	Sen. Stephen Webber (D-Columbia)	N	Y	Y
14	Sen. Brian Williams (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	Y

Senate Votes

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MCC Position: Support

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House Votes

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MCC Position: Support

Voting Key:

Y – Yes

N – No

AL – Absent with Leave

A – Absent

P – Present

‡ – not in office at time of vote

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2025 House Votes of Interest

Dist.	Legislator	1	2	3
17	Rep. Bill Allen (R-Kansas City)	AL	Y	Y
113	Rep. Phil Amato (R-Arnold)	Y	Y	Y
76	Rep. Marlon Anderson (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	P
71	Rep. LaDonna Appelbaum (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	P
14	Rep. Ashley Aune (D-Kansas City)	N	Y	P
160	Rep. Ben Baker (R-Neosho)	Y	‡	‡
119	Rep. Brad Banderman (R-Saint Clair)	Y	Y	Y
28	Rep. Donna Barnes (D-Kansas City)	N	Y	Y
152	Rep. Hardy Billington (R-Poplar Bluff)	Y	Y	Y
129	Rep. John Black (R-Marshfield)	Y	P	Y
157	Rep. Mitch Boggs (R-La Russell)	Y	Y	Y
79	Rep. LaKeySha Bosley (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	Y
70	Rep. Stephanie Boykin (D-Hazelwood)	N	Y	P
90	Rep. Mark Boyko (D-Kirkwood)	N	Y	P
162	Rep. Bob Bromley (R-Carl Junction)	Y	Y	Y
16	Rep. Chris Brown (R-Kansas City)	AL	AL	Y
149	Rep. Donnie Brown (R-New Madrid)	Y	AL	Y
92	Rep. Michael Burton (D-Lakeshire)	N	Y	P
50	Rep. Gregg Bush (D-Columbia)	N	P	N
3	Rep. Danny Busick (R-Newton)	Y	Y	Y
81	Rep. Steve Butz (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	Y
63	Rep. Tricia Byrnes (R-Wentzville)	Y	Y	Y
97	Rep. David Casteel (R-High Ridge)	Y	AL	Y
33	Rep. Carolyn Caton (R-Blue Springs)	Y	Y	Y
137	Rep. Darin Chappell (R-Rogersville)	Y	Y	Y
96	Rep. Brad Christ (R-St. Louis)	Y	Y	Y
2	Rep. Mazzie Christensen (R-Bethany)	Y	Y	Y
72	Rep. Doug Clemens (D-St. Ann)	N	Y	P
32	Rep. Jeff Coleman (R-Grain Valley)	Y	Y	Y
77	Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	Y
143	Rep. Bennie Cook (R-Houston)	Y	Y	Y
108	Rep. Mike Costlow (R-Lake St. Louis)	Y	Y	Y
29	Rep. Aaron Crossley (D-Independence)	N	Y	P
158	Rep. Scott Cupps (R-Shell Knob)	Y	Y	Y
130	Rep. Bishop Davidson (R-Republic)	Y	Y	Y
56	Rep. Michael Davis (R-Belton)	Y	Y	Y

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132	Rep. Jeremy Dean (D-Springfield)	N	Y	P
159	Rep. Dirk Deaton (R-Noel)	Y	Y	Y
125	Rep. Dane Diehl (R-Butler)	Y	Y	Y
148	Rep. David Dolan (R-Sikeston)	Y	Y	Y
91	Rep. Jo Doll (D-St. Louis)	N	AL	P
27	Rep. Melissa Douglas (D-Kansas City)	N	Y	Y
154	Rep. Lisa Durnell (R-Willow Springs)	Y	Y	P
36	Rep. Anthony Ealy (D-Grandview)	N	Y	Y
153	Rep. Keith Elliott (R-Doniphan)	Y	Y	N
10	Rep. Bill Falkner (R-St. Joseph)	Y	AL	Y
1	Rep. Jeff Farnan (R-Stanberry)	Y	Y	Y
135	Rep. Betsy Fogle (D-Springfield)	N	Y	P
85	Rep. Yolonda Fountain Henderson (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	P
31	Rep. Ron Fowler (R-Blue Springs)	Y	Y	Y
80	Rep. Elizabeth Fuchs (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	N
62	Rep. Sherri Gallick (R-Belton)	Y	Y	AL
140	Rep. Jamie Gragg (R-Ozark)	Y	Y	AL
60	Rep. Dave Griffith (R-Jefferson City)	Y	Y	Y
43	Rep. Kent Haden (R-Mexico)	Y	Y	Y
86	Rep. Jeff Hales (D-St. Louis)	N	AL	AL
58	Rep. Willard Haley (R-Eldon)	Y	AL	Y
144	Rep. Tony Harbison (R-Arcadia)	Y	Y	Y
121	Rep. Bill Hardwick (R-Waynesville)	Y	Y	Y
65	Rep. Wendy Hausman (R-St. Peters)	Y	Y	Y
136	Rep. Stephanie Hein (D-Springfield)	N	Y	P
120	Rep. John Hewkin (R-Cuba)	Y	Y	Y
103	Rep. Dave Hinman (R-St. Peters)	Y	Y	Y
146	Rep. Barry Hovis (R-Whitewater)	Y	Y	Y
89	Rep. George Hruza (R-St. Louis)	Y	Y	Y
8	Rep. Josh Hurlbert (R-Smithville)	Y	Y	Y
35	Rep. Keri Ingle (D-Lee's Summit)	N	Y	N
55	Rep. William Irwin (R-Lee's Summit)	Y	Y	Y
38	Rep. Martin Jacobs (D-Liberty)	N	Y	Y
15	Rep. Ken Jamison (D-Gladstone)	N	Y	P
21	Rep. Will Jobe (D-Independence)	N	Y	P
23	Rep. Michael Johnson (D-Kansas City)	N	Y	Y

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12	Rep. Mike Jones (R-Kansas City)	Y	Y	Y
151	Rep. Steve Jordan (R-Advance)	Y	Y	N
41	Rep. Doyle Justus (R-Troy)	Y	Y	Y
126	Rep. Jim Kalberloh (R-Lowry City)	Y	Y	Y
101	Rep. Ben Keathley (R-Chesterfield)	Y	AL	Y
127	Rep. Ann Kelley (R-Lamar)	Y	Y	Y
82	Rep. Nick Kimble (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	P
142	Rep. Jeff Knight (R-Lebanon)	Y	Y	Y
117	Rep. Becky Laubinger (R-Park Hills)	Y	Y	Y
6	Rep. Ed Lewis (R-Moberly)	Y	Y	Y
163	Rep. Cathy Jo Loy (R-Carthage)	Y	Y	Y
115	Rep. Bill Lucas (R-DeSoto)	Y	AL	Y
99	Rep. Ian Mackey (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	N
25	Rep. Pattie Mansur (D-Kansas City)	N	Y	Y
44	Rep. John Martin (R-Columbia)	Y	Y	Y
107	Rep. Mark Matthiesen (R-O'Fallon)	Y	Y	Y
124	Rep. Don Mayhew (R-Crocker)	Y	AL	Y
7	Rep. Peggy McGaugh (R-Carrollton)	Y	Y	Y
118	Rep. Mike McGirl (R-Potosi)	Y	Y	Y
39	Rep. Mark Meirath (R-Excelsior Springs)	Y	AL	Y
69	Rep. Scott Miller (R-St. Charles)	Y	Y	Y
75	Rep. Chanel Mosley (D-Black Jack)	N	Y	AL
94	Rep. Jim Murphy (R-St. Louis)	Y	Y	Y
78	Rep. Marty Joe Murray (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	P

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42	Rep. Jeff Myers (R-Warrenton)	Y	Y	Y
51	Rep. Mark Nolte (R-Higginsville)	Y	Y	Y
100	Rep. Philip Oehlerking (R-Ballwin)	Y	Y	Y
155	Rep. Matthew Overcast (R-Ava)	Y	AL	Y
131	Rep. Bill Owen (R-Springfield)	Y	Y	Y
150	Rep. Cameron Parker (R-Campbell)	Y	Y	Y
30	Rep. Jonathan Patterson (R-Lee's Summit)	N	Y	Y
40	Rep. Chad Perkins (R-Bowling Green)	Y	Y	Y
122	Rep. Tara Peters (R-Rolla)	Y	AL	Y
54	Rep. Brandon Phelps (R-Warrensburg)	Y	Y	Y
47	Rep. Adrian Plank (D-Columbia)	AL	AL	P
52	Rep. Brad Pollitt (R-Sedalia)	Y	Y	Y
13	Rep. Sean Pouche (R-Kansas City)	Y	Y	Y
26	Rep. Tiffany Price (D-Kansas City)	N	Y	Y
73	Rep. Raychel Proudie (D-Ferguson)	N	Y	Y
83	Rep. Ray Reed (D-St. Louis)	N	P	N
57	Rep. Rodger Reedy (R-Windsor)	AL	Y	Y
112	Rep. Renee Reuter (R-Imperial)	Y	Y	Y
5	Rep. Louis Riggs (R-Hannibal)	Y	Y	AL
134	Rep. Alex Riley (R-Springfield)	Y	Y	Y
161	Rep. Lane Roberts (R-Joplin)	Y	Y	Y
67	Rep. Tonya Rush (D-Florissant)	N	Y	Y
61	Rep. Bruce Sassmann (R-Bland)	Y	Y	Y
141	Rep. Melissa Schmidt (R-Eldridge)	Y	Y	Y
49	Rep. Jim Schulte (R-New Bloomfield)	Y	Y	Y

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156	Rep. Brian Seitz (R-Branson)	Y	Y	Y
64	Rep. Deanna Self (R-St. Paul)	Y	Y	Y
37	Rep. Mark Sharp (D-Kansas City)	N	AL	P
4	Rep. Greg Sharpe (R-Ewing)	Y	AL	Y
11	Rep. Brenda Shields (R-Saint Joseph)	Y	Y	Y
109	Rep. John Simmons (R-Washington)	Y	Y	Y
46	Rep. David Smith (D-Columbia)	N	Y	P
68	Rep. Kem Smith (D-Florissant)	N	Y	Y
74	Rep. Marla Smith (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	Y
110	Rep. Justin Sparks (R-Wildwood)	Y	AL	Y
45	Rep. Kathy Steinhoff (D-Columbia)	N	Y	N
87	Rep. Connie Steinmetz (D-Maryland Heights)	N	Y	P
20	Rep. Mike Steinmeyer (R-Sugar Creek)	Y	AL	Y
133	Rep. Melanie Stinnett (R-Springfield)	Y	Y	Y
34	Rep. Kemp Strickler (D-Lee's Summit)	N	Y	P
84	Rep. Del Taylor (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	N
48	Rep. Tim Taylor (R-Bunceton)	Y	Y	Y
66	Rep. Marlene Terry (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	Y
19	Rep. Wick Thomas (D-Kansas City)	N	Y	Y
53	Rep. Terry Thompson (R-Lexington)	Y	Y	Y
139	Rep. Bob Titus (R-Billings)	Y	AL	AL

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9	Rep. Dean Van Schoiack (R-Savannah)	Y	Y	Y
59	Rep. Rudy Veit (R-Wardsville)	Y	Y	Y
123	Rep. Jeff Vernetti (R-Camdenton)	Y	Y	Y
104	Rep. Terri Violet (R-St. Peters)	Y	Y	Y
147	Rep. John Voss (R-Cape Girardeau)	Y	Y	Y
114	Rep. Ken Waller (R-Herculaneum)	Y	Y	Y
93	Rep. Bridget Walsh Moore (D-St. Louis)	N	Y	P
128	Rep. Christopher Warwick (R-Bolivar)	Y	Y	Y
24	Rep. Emily Weber (D-Kansas City)	AL	Y	P
105	Rep. Colin Wellenkamp (R-St. Charles)	AL	Y	Y
102	Rep. Richard West (R-Wentzville)	Y	AL	Y
138	Rep. Burt Whaley (R-Hurley)	AL	Y	Y
111	Rep. Cecelie Williams (R-Dittmer)	Y	Y	Y
106	Rep. Travis Wilson (R-St. Charles)	Y	Y	Y
145	Rep. Bryant Wolfin (R-Ste. Genevieve)	Y	N	N
18	Rep. Eric Woods (D-Kansas City)	N	Y	P
116	Rep. Dale Wright (R-Farmington)	AL	AL	N
22	Rep. Yolanda Young (D-Kansas City)	N	Y	Y
98	Rep. Jaclyn Zimmerman (D-Manchester)	N	Y	P
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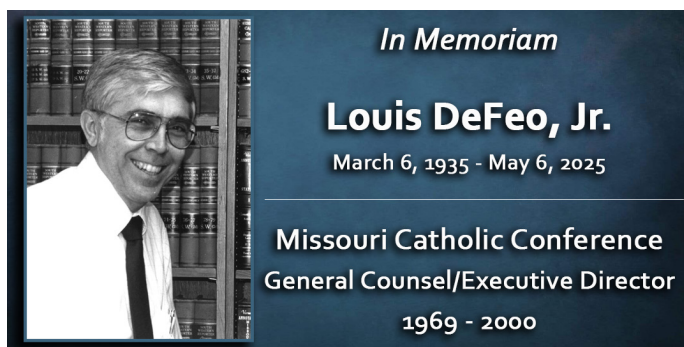
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Former Missouri Catholic Conference Executive Director and General Counsel Louis DeFeo, Jr., passed away peacefully at the age of 90 on May 6, 2025. DeFeo served for thirty-one years with the MCC.

DeFeo's legacy with the MCC is indelible. Through his efforts, the Alternatives to Abortion program was started, which still exists today to help women in crisis pregnancies. During the 1993 flood, DeFeo saw that flood victims needed assistance long after the Red Cross had left, so he organized churches and worked with the state and federal government on relief efforts. On education, he spearheaded federal legislation that added a "bypass" to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which enabled the federal government to "bypass" state government and provide funding for kids who were falling behind. DeFeo set up a team to work with Catholic schools and dioceses to prove the schools were not receiving services on an equitable basis. In 1973, he worked tirelessly to respond to the *Roe v Wade* decision on the legal and legislative fronts. In 1999, he stood up for Governor Carnahan pardoning the sentence of Darrell Mease at the urging of Pope John Paul II, stating, it "isn't for the prisoner, it's for the benefit of the greater good."

When DeFeo decided to step down from the MCC in 2000, he told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, "I enjoy what I do. One of my shortcomings is that I enjoy it too much." He still had an unwavering dedication to the significant need poor people have for legal representation, which led to the birth of Legalcare. The mission was clear: "All, rich or poor, may experience the system of Justice as a place of fair play and peacemaking."