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Dear Friends in Christ,

In the midst of current tensions following the leak of a draft opinion in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, I invite Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore to join the faithful throughout the country in fasting and praying the Rosary this Friday, May 13, the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima. Let us offer our prayers and fasting for these intentions:

- For our nation, for the integrity of our judicial system, and that all branches of government be dedicated to seeking the common good and protecting the dignity and rights of the human person, from conception to natural death.
- For the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* in the Supreme Court's final decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson*.
- For the conversion of the hearts and minds of those who advocate for abortion.
- For a new commitment to building an America where children are welcomed, cherished, and cared for; where mothers and fathers are encouraged and strengthened; and where marriage and the family are recognized and supported as the true foundations of a healthy and flourishing society.
- For Our Blessed Mother's intercession and guidance as the Church continues to walk with mothers and families in need, and continues to promote alternatives to abortion, and seeks to create a culture of life.

On Friday, I would encourage you to attend Mass at your parish or **join me as I offer the 7:30 AM Mass at the Basilica of the Assumption**. Following the Mass at the Basilica, I will lead a Rosary for anyone who wishes to join us. As Catholics, let us witness to the beautiful gift of life with civility and love, and with our peaceful prayers and our compassionate service to all those in need.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore