

HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED?

1. The Background:

- January 22, 1973: Roe v Wade decision of the Supreme Court ushered in the era of abortion on demand in the United States.
- 2018: Mississippi passed a law protecting unborn children after 15 weeks of gestation, when the baby has a heartbeat, eyes that open, ears that hear, and can move and kick. The law was challenged and the case, known as Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization, is being heard by the Supreme Court.
- Dobbs v Jackson is a landmark case that could potentially overturn the decision of Roe v Wade. The possibility for future laws protecting the unborn hangs in the balance.
- December 1, 2021 oral arguments for the case will be heard. A decision is expected in June 2022.

2. Our Response:

• People of every faith are coming together in a united effort to pray and fast for this intention in the coming months.

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- For the past 49 years, the infamous date of January 22 has been one of solemn prayer and remembrance for the tragedy of legalized abortion in this country.
- In these next crucial 9 months, from October until June let us make the 22nd of each month a special day of prayer and fasting for the Dobbs case, in the hopes that on its 50th anniversary (Jan 22, 2023) Roe v Wade will have been finally overturned.

3. Ideas for your Parish or Family:

- Encourage your pastor to celebrate the "Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" at all the daily Masses in your parish on the 22nd of each month.
- Host a special Mass, Rosary, or Holy Hour for Life on the 22nd of each month. www.lifeofficenyc.org
- Limit yourself to one meal and two smaller meals on that day, or fast from social media, videos, music or something else you like on the 22nd.
- **Pray** the rosary together with your family or a group of friends for this intention.

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