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This is a sad day for women's health, for the basic right to life and for the right to safe medical procedures. By striking down the Texas law that sets medical standards for abortion clinics in the case of *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, the U.S. Supreme Court today placed financial interests above such basic health and safety standards like adequate staffing and sanitary conditions. Such standards currently are legally regulated for other ambulatory surgical centers.

The Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, in solidarity with women and with moral support for those who advocate on behalf of women and on behalf of their unborn children, will continue to promote the dignity of every human life from conception until natural death.

We will continue to pray for the promotion of a culture of life, including women's safety.

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