



### **Virginia Catholic Conference Statement on New Federal District Court Order**

In an unexpected May 14 Order, U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson reversed his own dangerous [ruling of May 6](#) which had put Virginia's women at even greater risk of harm from surgical abortion. However, this action only means that the question of whether or not physicians-only may perform first-trimester and second-trimester abortions will be decided at the May 20 trial. We continue to hope that the common-sense health and safety regulations enacted by the Virginia General Assembly to protect women in our state will not be struck down. Our prayers continue for a just and sensible final resolution of this case as we approach the May 20 trial. We urge Catholics and all people of good will to remain prayerful and engaged in the face of the extreme abortion agenda being imposed on our Commonwealth.

[The Virginia Catholic Conference](#) is the public policy agency representing Virginia's Catholic bishops and their two dioceses.