Prayers for our Supreme Court Justices

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

On the First Sunday of Advent, 28 November, the Catholic Church throughout the world turned to Almighty God asking for wisdom and courage as we prayed in the Opening Prayer at Mass: “Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.”

This action of asking God for courage and strength to run forth echoes the joy and beauty of the Blessed Virgin Mary running forth to greet her cousin Elizabeth after she said “YES” to be the bearer of our salvation. As Elizabeth greeted her, “Hail, full of grace”, we fervently turn to her who carried in her womb the perfection of grace and wisdom, asking for her maternal intercession.

During these weeks of Advent, the living Mystical Body of Christ, has a riveting focus on Mary filled with the living Christ. I invite you to turn to Mary asking her Son, the fruit of her womb, to lead our nation in a great time of need. I ask every individual and family in our diocese to dedicate time in prayer and fasting as our Supreme Court Justices face a decision in Dobbs v. Jackson to guide them in granting a decision that our vulnerable persons, especially the unborn, be provided equal protection under the law.

I ask that each parish include in their daily prayer petitions a specific intention for equal protection under the law of the unborn/all vulnerable persons. Fervently pray that the Holy Spirit guides our Supreme Court Justices to acknowledge the sacredness of God’s beauty, goodness and truth that lives within every person, especially the unborn.

United in one heart and mind, please join me in prayer asking God for the courage to run forth like St. Joseph to be “Protectors of the Incarnation” as we prepare for the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

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