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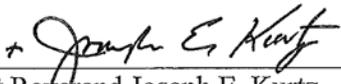
Yesterday, historic legislation was passed in Kentucky. The passage of Senate Bill 4, dealing with informed consent, has the potential to provide great help to all who seek to reach out to a pregnant woman and her family in need. For many years the Catholic Conference of Kentucky (CCK) has urged the passage of this common sense step to ensure that women receive the information they need about these life decisions of the greatest magnitude. As CCK continues to seek to protect the child in the womb and to reach out with compassion and care to women who need assistance, this bill is a very important step.

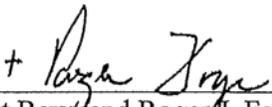
We understand that SB4 will require the signature of Governor Bevin before it becomes law, and he has indicated his support for it.

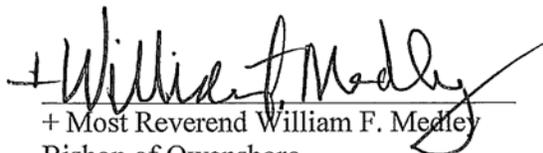
As we celebrate this legislation, which has been years in the making, we recommit ourselves and our resources to assisting pregnant women and their families. All four dioceses in Kentucky have respect life ministries and social services that provide help, and the statewide ministry sponsored by CCK, Opportunities for Life, offers non-judgmental and confidential support to women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and helps them to recognize the many opportunities and resources that exist for those who choose life. For more information, see <http://www.opportunitiesforlife.org/>

We appreciate the efforts of the staff, past and present, of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, the legislators who worked with them, and all of the individuals across the state who contacted their legislators to express support for this legislation. This is a great day for a culture of life in Kentucky!

Sincerely,


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