

US Orthodox Bishops deeply concerned that the taking of innocent life through abortion has become an acceptable cultural norm



While recognizing that there are rare but serious medical instances where mother and child may require extraordinary actions, the Assembly of Bishops is deeply concerned that the taking of innocent life through abortion has become an acceptable cultural norm.'

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America has released a statement in response to a recent law of the New York State Senate (Bill S.240), according to which abortion is allowed at any stage of pregnancy until the time of birth.

The Assembly affirmed the sanctity of life based on the firm conviction that life begins at the moment of conception.

The Assembly of all canonical Orthodox hierarchs on the territory of the United States 'remains steadfast in its conviction that any interference in the development of life is a serious issue,' and that is why it regularly participates in a variety of relevant events and also releases pertinent statements on the topic.

The US Orthodox Bishops categorically denounce 'these adverse developments that allow for abortion, under certain unjustifiable circumstances, even within the third trimester of existence.'

The Assembly remembered that 'Christ is a beacon of hope in this challenging world.'

Accordingly, the Church is always prepared and willing to support women who are considering abortion to find alternative avenues to alleviate any burden, physical and spiritual.

'The Church is ever a mother – loving, understanding, nurturing, praying, and protecting all human life,' the official statement reads.

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