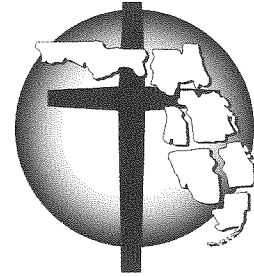


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February 21, 2020

The Hon. Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

RE: Appreciation for Your Leadership Encouraging Passage of SB 404

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Thank you for calling on the legislature to pass legislation to require parental consent before a child aborts her child. We are grateful that you made this a priority and look forward to your signing the bill into law.

The sponsors – Representative Erin Grall and Senator Kelli Stargel – are extremely skillful and dedicated legislators who inspired us stakeholders deeply along the way. I know you must share our appreciation for them.

With this bill and the waiting period law (enjoined, but awaiting trial on its merits), we are hopeful and even confident that Florida's three decades as an abortion-friendly outlier are drawing to a close. Certainly, more work remains to limit the harm of abortion in Florida, but we must celebrate this progress and thank those leaders who have guided us to this point.

This is a momentous occasion. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael B. Sheedy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael B. Sheedy

cc: Catholic Bishops of Florida