Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thursday evening, committees of our State Senate and Assembly forwarded a bill that would codify in state law the right to abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. This legislation may be voted on by the full Senate and Assembly as hastily as this coming Monday, January 10th.

Please go to our Diocesan website or the New Jersey Catholic Conference website (www.njcatholic.org) to learn more about this proposed legislation that denies all rights of a child in the womb and please contact your Senate and Assembly representatives encouraging them to oppose and vote against this bill.

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall that both John and Jesus were unborn children in their mother’s womb when Mary visited Elizabeth and heard the words, “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Kevin Sweeney