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MEMO

DATE: February 1, 2018
TO: Pastors, Parishioners, Principals, Teachers, and Support Staff
FROM: Bishop Gary Gordon
RE: CCCB releases statement protecting the unborn

On Saturday, 27 January, 2018, the President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), Bishop Lionel Gendron P.S.S., published a statement on the CCCB website reinforcing the importance of protecting the unborn. This coincided with the 30th anniversary of the Morgentaler Decision which stated that existing abortion provisions in Canada's Criminal Code violated a woman's Charter Rights to the security of person. The Court's decision was made public on 28 January 1988, following its hearings in October 1986.

The above-mentioned statement entitled "The state has a legitimate interest in protecting the unborn": Statement on the 30th anniversary of the Morgentaler Decision" is attached for your convenience. Please include it as an insert to the weekend bulletin, and post it on the bulletin board.

The online link is:

<http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/statements-a-letters/4873-the-state-has-a-legitimate-interest-in-protecting-the-unborn-statement-on-the-30th-anniversary-of-the-morgentaler-decision>.

We stand united in our commitment to affirm, and continue to pass down through the generations, the sanctity and respect for human life from conception until natural death.