



## **Archbishop Chaput's statement on Supreme Court legalization of partial-birth abortion**

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"Today the United States Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision struck down the Nebraska Partial-Birth Abortion ban, thus legalizing the dismemberment of partially delivered babies.

This is not a moment for sanitized or 'diplomatic' language. What the Court has done is open the gates to a uniquely savage and repugnant form of violence against the young. This is a disastrous ruling. It will have far-reaching and unintended consequences — consequences we will look back on and bitterly regret.

From today forward, the task remains the same for believers, only more urgent: to use every moral and legal means at our disposal to bring our country back to its senses and restore the sanctity of human life."

*+ Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Denver*