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### **Statement of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface regarding the introduction of the “Safe Access to Abortion Services Act” Bill**

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The Archdiocese of St. Boniface has deep concerns about the Safe Access to Abortion Services Act, introduced on March 7 at the Manitoba legislature. For our diocese, this is a source of sorrow, as our Catholic faith advocates a respect for all human life, from conception to natural death. This concern includes the lives of the unborn.

If adopted, this bill would curtail the presence of pro-life messaging near abortion service providers, a decision we believe limits citizens in the free expression of their deep beliefs. At times, Catholic advocacy for the rights of the unborn occurs near abortion service providers. When Catholics from our diocese are involved, the expectation is that this advocacy be conducted as a respectful and peaceful protest for the rights of the unborn, with no aggressive language or graphic images.

We invite Catholics, non-Catholics and members of all faiths to pray for the unborn and for mothers and fathers facing a challenging pregnancy, and to support the many good ministries that provide assistance to them.

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