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Reaffirming the Sanctity of Human Life and the Immorality of In Vitro Fertilization

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Precisely because the embryos created through IVF are human persons, it is a profound and grievous wrong to bring these children into the world outside the maternal womb, in a situation where many will be used for experimentation, cryogenically frozen, killed, or wrongly implanted in such a manner as violates the dignity of marriage and the profound spiritual mystery of motherhood and fatherhood. At the risk of affirming the obvious, there is no right to a child since children can only be the subject, and not the object, of human rights. IVF is not only not pro-life, but it is a vital expression of the culture of death, a culture that seeks to manipulate and control the very origins of the human person. Medicine must respect that Jesus the Divine Physician is the author of human life, and that we are not at liberty to replace His action in bringing forth human life. Those who have used IVF are encouraged to seek mercy in our Lord who is always willing to forgive our sins and restore our hope.

For these reasons, the Christ Medicus Foundation praises the ruling of the Supreme Court of Alabama, and urges federal and state legislatures to regulate and even prohibit IVF so as to protect the weakest and most defenseless among us.

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needs and whole-person wellness of individuals and families. Founded in 1997, the Christ Medicus Foundation works to accomplish its mission through promoting public policy and education, supporting Christ-centered pro-life medical centers, and providing our CURO Catholic Health and Wellness Program.

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