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Bishop Burbidge's response to President Biden's pro-abortion rally in VA

President Biden has made abortion the centerpiece of his campaign. At a rally in Manassas, VA, he advocated for codifying *Roe v. Wade* into law. It is incredibly devastating to know President Biden would place “choice” over his sacred duty to protect life.

President Biden's rally took place just four miles from the Manassas Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic, where Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington offers free prenatal care to pregnant women in need and their unborn children. In the year after the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* decision, [**the Diocese of Arlington delivered \\$877,000 in free medical care**](#) to more than 1,000 women. Going further, the diocese also provided rent and utilities assistance, nearly 400,000 diapers, and 4,000 cans of formula to families in need.

Despite what this administration claims, taking the life of an innocent child is never a “choice.” Women who are facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies deserve assistance that affirms and supports life - not destroy it.

Abortion remains the preeminent civil rights issue of our time, yet, just yesterday, the Biden administration announced renewed efforts to increase access to medically unsafe prescription abortion pills. This is clearly not about women's health.

The Diocese of Arlington and the entire pro-life movement will remain steadfast in ensuring parents facing unexpected or challenging pregnancies have the support they need to choose life for their unborn children.