

## **SUPREME COURT ACTION ON CATHOLIC CHARITIES COURT CASE: 5.16.2016**

### **BACKGROUND**

Today the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously sent the religious liberty case, *Zubik et. al. vs. Burwell*, back to the various federal courts of appeals from which the group of cases originated. The Justices recognized the stated willingness of both sides to reach a mutually acceptable agreement, and told the courts to conduct further proceedings in which the parties should be allowed to agree on a process that accommodates both religious liberty and the governments' goals for health insurance. In the meanwhile, the Court left in place the stay that prevents the government from imposing fines on the plaintiffs.

### **STATEMENT FROM BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK**

We are all grateful to God and the Supreme Court Justices that they have left the stay in place, and that they recognize our willingness to reach a resolution that allows us to abide by our faith and the government to achieve its goals. We have already stated our willingness to come to such an agreement and we hope that the government shares that willingness. We look forward to the next steps in this process.