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**“Disappointing as it is Dangerous”  
Detroit’s Cardinal Maida on Supreme Court Decision in Oregon Case**

*Reached at the Vatican where he is attending meetings, Cardinal Maida issued the following statement:*

“For those concerned about the value of all human life, the Supreme Court’s decision is as disappointing as it is dangerous.

“The sick and suffering in our midst deserve our compassion and palliative care, not to have their lives taken away. Assisted suicide is a perversion of genuine mercy.

“Our doctors should help protect human life, not be the instruments of taking life.

“While I am grateful that the citizens of Michigan soundly defeated efforts to promote physician-assisted suicide in our state, much more work needs to be done to defend the most vulnerable members of society.”

**Cardinal Adam Maida  
Archbishop of Detroit  
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