

Franklin Graham Applauds Michigan Football Coach Jim Harbaugh for Pro-Life Stance

Evangelist Franklin Graham lauded University of Michigan head football coach Jim Harbaugh for taking a bold pro-life stance at a recent “Right to Life” event in Plymouth, Michigan.

In his keynote speech, Harbaugh didn’t mince words and made his stance against abortion clear:

“I believe in having the courage to let the unborn be born,” Harbaugh said, according to the *Detroit Catholic*. “I love life. I believe in having a loving care and respect for life and death.”

On Facebook, Graham said this about Harbaugh:

“I appreciate that Michigan Football head coach Jim Harbaugh isn’t afraid to speak about his faith and his support for choosing life over abortion,” Graham said. “He said: ‘My faith and my science are what drives these beliefs in me.’ Quoting from Jeremiah, ‘Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart. I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.’ Thank you, Coach!”

In his speech, Harbaugh went on to speak about the campaign to codify abortion access into Michigan law. “Passions can make the process messy, but when combined with respect, it ultimately produces the best outcomes,” said Harbaugh. “This process has been passionate and messy, but I have faith in the American people to ultimately develop the right policies and laws for all lives involved. I recognize one’s personal thinking regarding morality of a particular action may differ from their thinking on whether government should make that action illegal. There are many things one may hold to be

immoral, but the government appropriately allows because of some greater good or personal or constitutional right.

“Ultimately, I don’t believe that is the case with abortion,” the coach continued. “Yes, there are conflicts between the legitimate rights of the mother and the rights of the unborn child. One resolution might involve incredible hardship for the mother, family and society. Another results in the death of an unborn person.”

Harbaugh’s comments come weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned its ruling in *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark 1973 decision that granted nationwide legal cover for abortion. The reversal came as part of the justices’ June ruling in favor of a Mississippi law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. {eo}

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