

BISHOPS START NOVENA FOR KAVANAUGH HEARINGS

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on a decision by the bishops regarding the upcoming hearings on Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court:

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops begins a nine-week novena today on behalf of Senate confirmation hearings on Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court.

This initiative, which will occur every Friday until September 28, is being launched because of the furor over the fate of legalized abortion. While no one knows whether *Roe v. Wade* will be overturned, even if Kavanaugh is approved, the possibility that it might be has set off the alarms among pro-abortion activists. They are prepared to wage war on Kavanaugh, and they will stop at nothing to keep abortion legal.

Greg Schleppenbach, an associate director of the bishops' Pro-Life Secretariat, cited recent polls on abortion that are misleading as an example of the concerns that the bishops have. They're right.

[As I recently pointed out](#), abortion surveys taken in light of Kavanaugh's nomination have been manifestly dishonest. Asking respondents if *Roe* should be legal does not get to the central issue: The majority of Americans are opposed to legal abortion for any reason and at any time of pregnancy, effectively putting them at odds with *Roe*.

We commend the bishops for their steadfast opposition to abortion. Their nine-week novena regarding the Kavanaugh hearings is much needed and much appreciated.