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In response to a ruling made Thursday by a Texas judge, Fort Worth Catholic Diocese Bishop Michael F. Olson is offering to assist the family of Baby Tinslee Lewis in seeking compassionate and appropriate care for her in a Catholic health care facility.

Bishop Olson said “healthcare decisions involving the vulnerable and severely ill are best made in the patient’s interests by family and healthcare providers and not by judges, by politicians, or lobbyists.” The Bishop added that the offer is made out of respect and value for the dignity of Tinslee’s life to prevent and relieve her suffering and to support the best possible quality of life for Tinslee and her family.

Bishop Olson is offering to consult with Baby Tinslee’s family and appropriate Texas Catholic healthcare facilities during the 7-day period in which Cook Children’s Medical Center agreed that it would take no action to withdraw life-sustaining treatment to allow Tinslee’s family time to make decisions on a path forward.