



## Focus on Religious Freedom

*"For many today, religious liberty is not a cherished freedom. It pains me to say this, but in certain quarters, religious liberty is fast becoming a disfavored right."*

**Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito**

### Is Defending Religious Freedom Necessary in America in 2022?

Religious liberty is increasingly under attack by those who believe it cannot and should not coexist with our other freedoms. However, religious freedom is a God given, fundamental human right and an American value enshrined in our Constitution and protected by the Bill of Rights as the First Freedom, the foundation-stone for all other freedoms.

*"It's the duty of everyone to defend religious freedom and promote it for all people."*

**Pope Francis**

Catholics for Freedom of Religion was founded in 2012 in response to an awareness of the increased threats to religious freedom. These Catholic Americans, who were mostly retired professionals, enjoying time with their families and volunteering in their communities, were alarmed by the government mandate that forced employers to provide abortion-inducing drugs, contraception and sterilization, as part of their health insurance. These Americans recognized that this was an extreme denial of religious freedom and that it was unconstitutional. The federal government was claiming the ability to deny First Amendment rights through regulations and excessive fines.

Much like Paul Revere who, in 1775, rode through the countryside calling out to his neighbors to "wake up" to the imminent attack on their freedoms, Catholics for Freedom of Religion's mission is to draw attention to the ongoing assault and erosion of religious freedom in the U.S. and around the world. For ten years we have been building resources and inviting more volunteers to help educate our fellow Americans about the origin, facts and importance of religious freedom. America's liberties were purchased for us at a dear price but can easily be diminished and denied when we are not vigilant. To learn more and to get involved, visit [www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org).

*"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.  
And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."*

**Edward Everett Hale (1822-1909) American author, historian, and minister**