

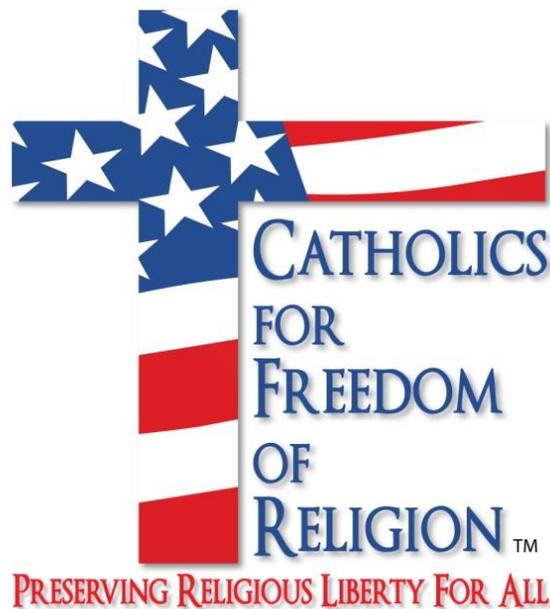
Schools Are Not God-Free Zones

Student Rights to Religious Expression
in Public Schools

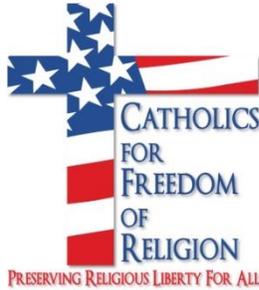
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Students of Faith

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Pastors, Teachers, Facilitators and Religious Ed. Directors:
Introduction to the Lesson of Students of Faith

"I would like to take this opportunity to point out the excellent work being done in the Diocese of Rockville Centre in conjunction with a lay-led group called Catholics for Freedom of Religion.

They have prepared materials for Catholic students in public schools who seek to bear witness to the faith in accordance with their constitutional rights.

I am pleased to share the enclosed memorandum from Bishop William Murphy of Rockville Centre, transmitting those additional resources from the local level." Archbishop William E. Lori, then President of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, recommended this program to his brother bishops in his letter of June 3, 2015.

"For the past two years the group (Catholics for Freedom of Religion) has reached out to our children, particularly those in public school, in order to educate them as to their rights about religious expression in our public schools. Thanks to its success we now have a lesson in our Confirmation programs which has as its focus "Freedom of Religion". Bishop William Murphy, (now Bishop Emeritus) of the Diocese of Rockville Centre

- Students of Faith is an educational program of Americans for Freedom of Religion and Catholics for Freedom of Religion. It teaches children their First Amendment rights.
- The facts in the Students of Faith video are taken from the U.S. Dept. of Education's Guidelines https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/religionandschools/prayer_guidance.html
- **The video can be found on www.youtube.com as: It's OK to Pray in Public Schools**
- All necessary supplemental materials are included for a user-friendly lesson.
- This program is a response to parents and grandparents asking that their children learn their rights to bring their faith into public schools.
- The lesson taught in the video is appropriate for all ages from 6th grade through adult and has been presented to school and church student classes, often including their parents.
- The video has been appreciated as a program for parish organizations such as Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus, Rosary Altar Society and Respect Life.

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