



Focus on Religious Freedom

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The Call for Our Time: Defend Life and Religious Liberty

“The age of casual Catholicism is over. The age of heroic Catholicism has begun.”
- Father Terence Henry, TOR, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Whether the issue of religious freedom/freedom of conscience is the right to teach our children the faith, not being forced to fund abortion, evangelization, assembling for worship, the integrity of the words of the Bible, witnessing and advocating our faith and morals in the public square, operating foster parent adoption agencies, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, drug addiction services, etc., all Americans benefit from the God-given right of religious freedom. Our founders agreed with James Madison, *“Conscience is the most sacred of all property.”*

The Declaration of Independence asserts that we have inalienable rights from our Creator and that government’s role is to protect those rights. Differing from the history of nations world-wide, the citizens of the new United States claimed the natural rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness from their Creator, free from dictates by a king, emperor or all-powerful government.

We are, more than ever, experiencing unrelenting pressures to yield our right to follow our conscience in the choice for life. The ability to choose life, from conception to natural death, can be regulated and legislated away from us (by the proposed Equity Act) if freedom of conscience and religion are not preserved. Doctors, nurses and hospitals could be required, under proposed legislation, to participate in abortions as part of their licensing, and they could be required to implement certain end of life protocols which some see as denial of treatment.

Since the Supreme Court’s decision that there is no federal Constitutional right to abortion and therefore abortion laws are the purview of each state, those who demand unrestricted abortion are working feverishly within states for abortion on demand. Each American has the duty to learn and preserve our religious freedom’s right of conscience for ages and millions yet unborn.

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“In a word, freedom is ever new. It is a challenge held out to each generation, and it must constantly be won over for the cause of good.” - Pope Francis