

Stepping Up to Preserve Religious Liberty for “Ages and Millions Yet Unborn”

I am one faithful, determined, inspired and mighty person. God has made me so.

There is much I can and I will do.

- I will pray for the wisdom to do all I can to preserve freedom of conscience and religion.
- I will listen to the words of Pope Benedict and Pope Francis about the role the laity must play in preserving religious liberty.
- I will learn the history of America’s religious freedom and why our founders were determined to protect freedom of conscience and religion.
- I will educate myself about the benefits to society of religious liberty.
- I will raise my own awareness of denials of religious liberty.
- I will educate the children in my family and parish to understand the robust, all-encompassing freedom of religion that is their birthright...and to cherish and protect that freedom.
- I will speak plainly and often to my church, community and country about the value of religious freedom.

Resources for learning the history, facts and current issues of religious liberty:

Videos:

- *First Freedom: The Fight for Religious Liberty* from PBS at www.FirstFreedomFilm.org
- *A Man for All Seasons*. The story of St. Thomas More, patron saint of religious freedom.
- *For Greater Glory*. The true story of Cristiada.
- *Last Ounce of Courage: a story of faith, family and freedom*

Books:

- *Religious Liberty in the American Republic* by Gerard V. Bradley
- *Founding Faith* by Steven Waldman
- *The Original 13: A Documentary History of Religion in America’s first Thirteen States* by Federer
- *Religious Freedom: Why Now? Defending an Embattled Human Right* by The Task Force on International Religious Freedom of the Witherspoon Institute
- *Render Unto Caesar* by Archbishop Charles Chaput
- *Pushback: Reclaiming the American Judeo-Christian Spirit* by Rabbi Aryeh Spero

Media:

- The Long Island Catholic. Subscription details at www.licatholic.org
- Telecare TV, www.telecaretv.org/
- National Catholic Register www.ncregister.com/

Web Sites:

- ❖ www.firstthings.com
- ❖ www.becketfund.org
- ❖ www.thepublicdiscourse.com
- ❖ www.usccb.org/
- ❖ www.crisismagazine.com/
- ❖ www.firstliberty.org/
- ❖ www.catholicsforfreedomofreligion.org/

