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### New and Notable

#### **Inclusion Act receives continued strong support from USCCB chairmen**

Three chairmen of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offer their strong support for the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act of 2017. The Act would prevent the federal government, and any state receiving federal funds for child welfare services, from taking adverse action against a provider that, for religious or moral reasons, declines to provide a child welfare social service. [Read more.](#)

**Join the bishops and support the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act**  
[Contact your Representative & Senators today!](#)

#### **A Drink with John**

John Allen of Crux recently spoke with Notre Dame Law professor, Richard Garnett about the state of religious freedom here and abroad. [Check it out!](#)

#### **Trinity Lutheran Church should not be discriminated against**

Everyone should have [an equal opportunity to benefit from public programs](#). But in Missouri, the state has a denied a church public benefits that should be available to all. [Read more.](#)

#### **Make persecution 'difficult for others to ignore,' Cardinal Wuerl says**

With religious persecution against Christians on the rise worldwide, it is important for other Christians to stand in solidarity with them, said Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington. [Read more.](#)

***In case you missed it!***

**Archbishop Lori on President, new Challenges for Religious Liberty**

In a Register interview, the head of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty, discusses challenges and opportunities for religious liberty with the Trump administration. [Read more.](#)

**Archbishop Lori writes: ACLU puts abortion 'rights' above refugees**

Catholics, in following Jesus, believe that all life is precious. We protect the vulnerable in the womb and welcome the vulnerable migrant. We cannot choose one over the other. We say a resounding yes to both. [Read more.](#)

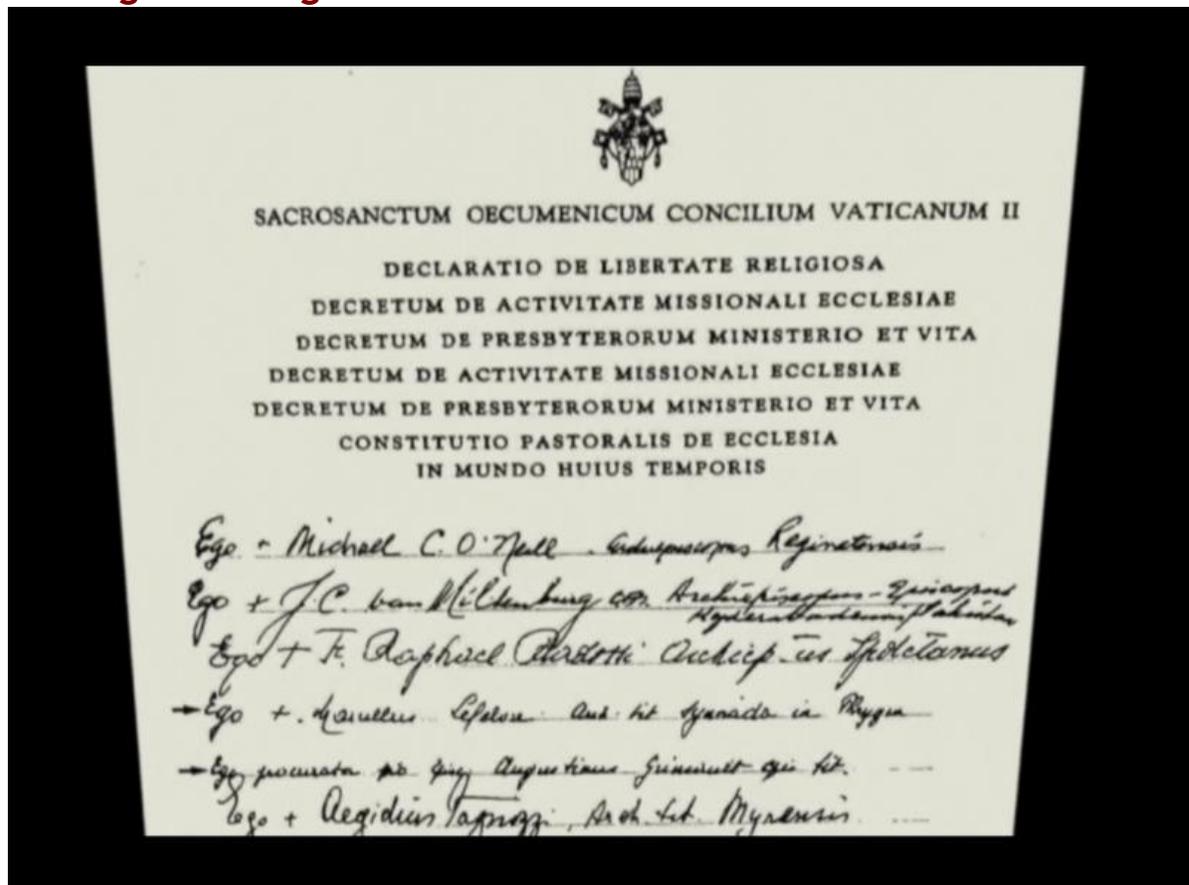
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**Video**

**The Right to Religious Freedom**



[Find out more](#) about what the Catholic Church teaches on religious freedom, including the groundbreaking Declaration on Religious Freedom

(*Dignitatis Humanae*) from the Second Vatican Council.

Let's Talk! Small community gatherings are a great, simple way to build the life of our Church. They are also important for a healthy civil society. [Here are some ideas for using the new video to kick start a small-group conversation about religious freedom.](#)

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