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### New and Notable

**Bishops urge renewed dedication to efforts to protect religious liberty**  
"We have been dealing with religious freedom issues for a really long time in our country." [Read more.](#)

**Fortnight for Freedom is here!**  
Pray, reflect, and act for religious freedom.  
Check out [www.fortnightforfreedom.org](http://www.fortnightforfreedom.org) today!

**Archbishop Lori gives homily at Opening Mass for Fortnight for Freedom**  
It was in the holiness of freedom and in freedom for holiness that St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher fulfilled their mission of bearing witness to Christ in their time, their place, their circumstances. [Read more.](#)

**Urge Senators to protect life and liberty of conscience in health care bill**  
Please contact your senators immediately to remind them that abortion should not be part of any health care reform legislation. [Contact your Senators today!](#)

**Pray for religious freedom**  
We can grow in both interior freedom and solidarity with others through prayer. In prayer, we express our dependence on God, and we take on the burdens of those for whom we pray. [Read more.](#)

## **Bishops vote to establish permanent religious liberty committee**

The USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty seeks to strengthen and sustain religious freedom by assisting the U.S. bishops, individually and collectively, to teach about religious freedom to the faithful and the broader public, and to promote and defend religious freedom in law and policy. [Read more.](#)

## **A Drink with John**

John Allen speaks with Kirsten Evans of In Defense of Christians. [Check it out!](#)

## **How to Talk about Religious Freedom**

In this time of increasing polarization in our culture, we can contribute to a better understanding of religious freedom in a way that respects all people. [This short guide](#) aims help Christians speak with friends and neighbors about religious freedom and work to clear up misconceptions about it.

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