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New and Notable

Fortnight for Freedom coming up

Check out www.fortnightforfreedom.org for new fact sheets and reflections on religious freedom.

Archbishop Lori on interior and exterior freedom

We need to retrieve the richness and complexity of religious freedom - as a way of transforming from within the understanding of freedom in the culture. Thus, the does the City of God infiltrate the City of Man to make it worthy of itself.

[Read more.](#)

Pope, President Trump speak of hopes for peace

Pope Francis and U.S. President Donald Trump spent 30 minutes speaking privately in the library of the Apostolic Palace May 24, and as the president left, he told the pope, "I won't forget what you said." [Read more.](#)

Archbishop Lori speaks with Crux's John Allen

Archbishop William Lori told Crux that while he welcomes the recent executive order on religious freedom issued by President Donald Trump, "the devil is in the details". He also said that repeal of the Johnson Amendment barring churches from endorsing candidates isn't a focus, because "that's really not our job." [Check it out!](#)

USCCB President, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo: Executive Order begins a

process

We will continue to advocate for permanent relief from Congress on issues of critical importance to people of faith. Religious freedom is a fundamental right that should be upheld by all branches of government and not subject to political whims. [Read more.](#)

Urge Congress to Support the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act
[Contact your Representative & Senators today!](#)

A Drink with John

John Allen spoke with author and consultant to the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, Colleen Carroll Campbell. [Check it out!](#)

Blog post: Maybe the cure is the problem

The desire to remove entry barriers to the groups that make up civil society is understandable. We want everyone to belong somewhere; but we shouldn't shoehorn everyone into belonging everywhere. When the removal of barriers bleaches out distinctiveness and weakens mission-including religious mission-we undercut the goal of building a truly inclusive society. [Read more.](#)

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Video

The Right to Religious Freedom



SACROSANCTUM OECUMENICUM CONCILIUM VATICANUM II

DECLARATIO DE LIBERTATE RELIGIOSA

DECRETUM DE ACTIVITATE MISSIONALI ECCLESIAE

DECRETUM DE PRESBYTERORUM MINISTERIO ET VITA

DECRETUM DE ACTIVITATE MISSIONALI ECCLESIAE

DECRETUM DE PRESBYTERORUM MINISTERIO ET VITA

CONSTITUTIO PASTORALIS DE ECCLESIA

IN MUNDO HUIUS TEMPORIS

Ego + Michael C. O'Neill, Ordinarius Regionarius
Ego + J.C. van Nieuwenburg, Archiepiscopus - Episcopus
Ego + Fr. Raphael Perotti, Archiepiscopus - Episcopus
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[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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