**Serving Others in God’s Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018**

**Day 6 - June 27**

**Pray**

That nurses, doctors, therapists, and all ministers of healing would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in their imitation of Christ’s compassion and care for the sick.

**Reflect**

Acts of healing were central to the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. Christians have over centuries developed healthcare ministries dedicated to the study and practice of medicine. Indeed, [the Church invented the hospital as we know it](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/life-issues-forum/freedom-to-care.cfm). Today, orders like the Little Sisters of the Poor serve elderly low-income Americans of all backgrounds, yet the Little Sisters’ work is at risk because of lawsuits brought by the states of California and Pennsylvania against the expanded religious and moral exemption to the HHS mandate. In New York, Catholic medical professionals - [like nurse Cathy DeCarlo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mY82mPdjsz0) - have been forced to violate their consciences and participate in abortions. It is unthinkable that we would undermine our mission to heal by destroying innocent life and harming the persons for whom we are called to care.

**Act**

Human Life Action advocates for pro-life and conscience protection legislation. [Sign up to receive action alerts from Human Life Action today](https://www.humanlifeaction.org/action-center). Already contacted your representatives in Congress to support conscience protection? Consider [writing a short letter to the editor of your local newspaper](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/upload/Tips-for-writing-a-letter-to-the-editor.pdf), urging support for conscience protection for medical professionals.