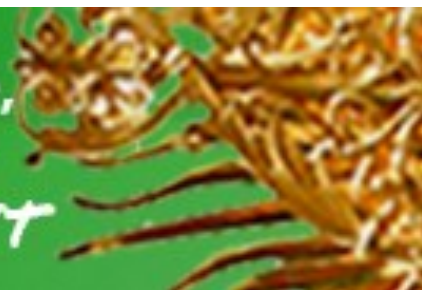




Pray for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty *JOIN THE MOVEMENT*



October 11: Friday Fast

Intention:

Let us pray that everyone may recognize the importance of laws upholding conscience protection.

Did you know?

Cardinal O'Malley and Archbishop Lori addressed the importance of "preserving religious freedom and the right of conscience for all who take part in our health care system." In their recent [letter to Congress](#), they outlined the importance of laws that protect this right in healthcare and stated that government cannot mandate the purchase of healthcare if it means violating one's conscience.

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Reflection:

Recognizing each person as a unique gift from God created with dignity and freedom, it is only fitting that we be given the freedom to worship God as creator and to live according to our faith. In [Dignitatis Humanae](#), the Second Vatican Council Fathers explained that the foundation of the principle of religious freedom is rooted in the dignity of the human person, who is endowed with reason and free will, and is therefore able to take responsibility for his or her actions.

[Pope Francis recently affirmed](#) that "[w]e must promote religious liberty for all people. Every man and woman must be free to profess his or her faith, whatever it may be. Why? Because that man and that woman are children of God."

Video

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