



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

America's 1st Freedom: Religious Liberty

The parish groups, *Catholics for Freedom of Religion*, are following Pope Benedict's call for the laity to engage courageously in the culture and Cardinal Dolan's urging that as members of the laity we employ the charism or special gift from the Holy Spirit which empowers us to take our values into the public square. We also hear our own Bishop Murphy urging the laity to follow the website of the USCCB.org and of Llcatholic.org to stay informed and find out what concerted actions can be taken in defense of religious freedom. He also encourages each of us to participate in a grass roots advocacy group such as *Catholics for Freedom of Religion* forming in parishes across the Diocese.

Please join fellow Catholics in the events of the **Fortnight For Freedom** to pray, learn and act to restore America's religious liberty. The opening mass will be celebrated by Bishop Murphy on June 21, 7:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Agnes. On June 29, *Catholics for Freedom of Religion* will co-sponsor a rally "Religious Freedom: Our 1st Amendment Right" from 10am -1pm at St John the Baptist High School. The closing mass of the fortnight will be celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan on July 4, at 12:10pm at St Agnes Cathedral.

Please RSVP for rally by June 24 to reserve space. No charge for rally. Refreshments provided.

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We have become certain of two things: religious freedom is under attack, and we will not cease in our struggle to protect it."

Cardinal Timothy Dolan

