

# BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION



NCHLA has updated its Action Alert on the Department of Health and Human Services' contraceptive mandate.  
See: [nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=292](http://nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=292).

- The primary focus of the Action Alert is the HHS "Advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM)" published March 21 in the *Federal Register* 16501-8. HHS is seeking comments on how the final rule for the contraceptive mandate published February 15 can accommodate religious organizations. The ANPRM does not correct the fundamental problems in the mandate. *Comments on the ANPRM are due by June 19*. A final rule on the matter of the ANPRM will be issued at a subsequent unspecified date.
- The secondary focus of the Action Alert is legislation. Members of Congress continue to be urged to co-sponsor and promote the passage of the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179, S. 1467).

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## JOIN IN THE FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM JUNE 21 UNTIL JULY 3

"American Catholics  
must resist unjust laws"

U.S. bishops announced that "American Catholics must resist unjust laws "as a duty of citizenship and an obligation of faith". In a 12 page statement entitled "Our First, Most Cherished Liberty," the Bishops Committee on Religious Liberty called for "a fortnight for freedom" the vigil of the feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More. Full text is available at <http://freeprolifeneeds.wordpress.com/>



The designated period of prayer, study, education and public action will emphasize our Christian and American heritage of liberty, Special events are hoped to create a large public national movement to witness for religious liberty.

The Bishop's statement indicated that in a way never before seen in this country, under the current administration the federal government will both force religious institutions to fund a product contrary to their moral teaching and the administration will try to define which religious institutions merit protection of their religious liberty," "These features of the contraceptive mandate amount to an unjust law."

Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone of the Diocese of Charleston said he will ask parishes to organize events during the Fortnight of Freedom, but urged South Carolina Catholics not to be complacent. "People should recognize that despite what the secular media may be saying the issue is not settled," he said in an interview with *The Catholic Miscellany*, diocesan newspaper. "The administration seems to try to find every possible way to put these mandates."

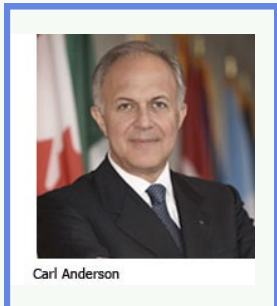
**STAND UP FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RALLY ON JUNE 8 , 12 NOON AT  
US CUSTOMS HOUSE, 200 EAST BAY STREET, CHARLESTON, SC**

## SC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRO-LIFE HIGHLIGHTS

### A Knight to Remember



During the recent National Catholic Prayer Breakfast, there was no shying away from the fact that this is a dark hour for religious liberty in America. Carl Anderson, long-time head of the Knights of Columbus, was firm in his belief that our nation is in desperate need of the "Next Great Awakening" to preserve the freedoms that have been essential to the "founding, development, and improvement of the American republic." In a compelling speech, Anderson talked about the systematic effort to elbow God--and the church--out of the public square.



Carl Anderson

There may be no better example of this, he explains, than a monument to one of the most prominent pastors to ever engage the culture: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

President Kennedy, in his Inaugural Address, spoke of 'the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God.' ...No one here needs to be reminded that this belief was the driving force behind the life's work of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. In his historic letter from the Birmingham jail, Rev. King said that he and his followers 'were in reality standing up for what is best in the American dream and for the most sacred values in our Judeo-Christian heritage...' [Yet] when you visit the new memorial to Dr. King on our national mall, read carefully the 14 quotations inscribed there. You will not find a single reference to God. Not one. Imagine how those in authority must have searched to come up with 14 quotes of Dr. King without one mention of the Almighty. There is no more shocking symbol of the ongoing campaign to drive religion out of our public life. Tony Perkins of Family Research Center

Please take time to read the entire speech at <http://freeprolifenews.wordpress.com/>. It was a powerful reminder of what God's people are up against. Yet in this time of testing, Anderson offers this encouragement: a united church holds the key to keeping the doors of religious liberty open.

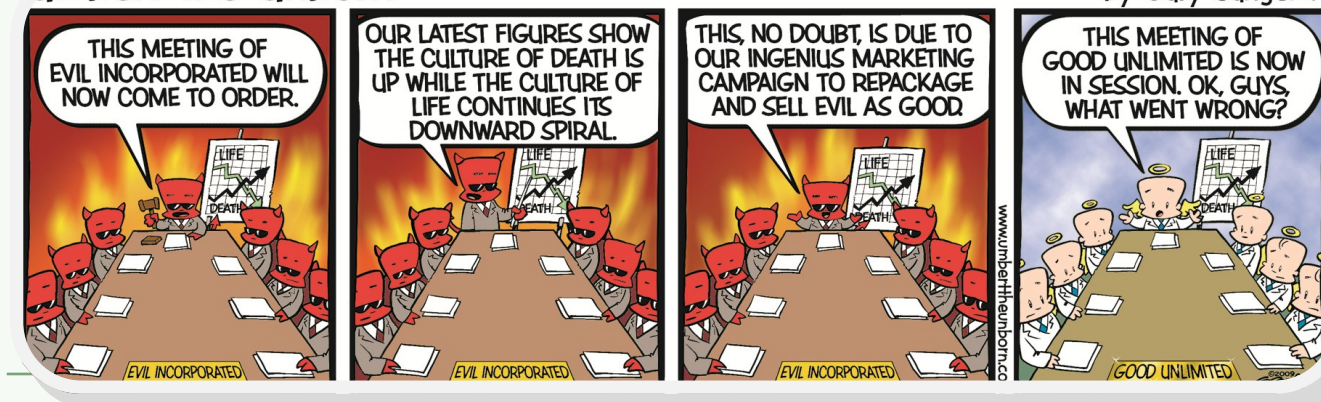


### SC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CELEBRATED THE DAY OF THE UNBORN ALL ACROSS THE STATE.

Farther Anthony Droze Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in North Myrtle Beach led a prayer service for the unborn prior to the 8:00 AM Mass with sixteen Assembly 2341 Fourth Degree Knights attending.

### Amper the Unborn

by Gary Cangem.



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