CATHOLICS FOR CHOICE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ON A CATHOLIC CAMPUS

Despite what the majority of Catholics believe, many Catholic campuses weaponize their religious affiliation to restrict student access to reproductive healthcare and limit student speech about reproductive freedom. At Catholics for Choice, we believe the reproductive healthcare students can access shouldn't depend on the religious affiliation of their school.

FAST FACTS ABOUT CATHOLICS AND REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM:

63%

of American Catholics believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases.

1 IN 4

abortion patients is Catholic.

98%

of sexually active Catholic women have used birth control methods other than natural family planning.

70%

of Gen Z Catholics think abortion should be legal in all or most cases.

How we support reproductive freedom because of our Catholic faith and not in spite of it — and why schools should, too:

- 3 principles of pro-choice Catholicism: Religious Freedom, Conscience, Social Justice
- Jesuit values like *cura personalis*, *magis*, and people for and with others. Jesuit values call us to care for the whole person, go beyond what is expected, and use our gifts for the betterment of others. We see all of these values intrinsically connected to fighting for reproductive liberation on campus.

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HOW YOU CAN ADVANCE REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ON CAMPUS:

ADVANCE PRO-REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM RESOLUTIONS

Your role as a student government leader is crucial in advancing resolutions that formally outline demands for reproductive health access on campus, show your support for peers and faculty, and request responses from administration.

LEVERAGE ACCESS WITH ADMINISTRATION TO DEMAND REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ON CAMPUS



Student government leaders often have access to administrators that other students don't have. Use it to advance conversations about sexual and reproductive health on campus. Bonus if you invite student organizers on campus to these conversations!

USE YOUR PLATFORM TO SPREAD INFORMATION, RESOURCES, AND THE GOOD NEWS OF PRO-CHOICE CATHOLICISM

Use your platforms, including your email list, social media, and website, to share reproductive health resources and information about reproductive freedom with students. If you need ideas for content, support crafting messaging, and finding resources to promote, Catholics for Choice is here to help!

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HOW YOU CAN ADVANCE REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ON CAMPUS:

BUILD COALITIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PEOPLE ON CAMPUS WHO SUPPORT REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

As student leaders on campus, your understanding of campus groups, your peers, faculty members, and the community more broadly gives you a leg up for building coalitions and relationships with people on campus. Use this advantage to bring together people on campus who support reproductive freedom. Whether you're creating a student organization, a faculty coalition, or a community of folks, your work lets people know that they are not alone.



JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN FOR CONTRACEPTION ACCESS ON CAMPUS

You're invited to our student organizing summit this July 25-26! Gain organizing skills, build relationships with student organizers on other campuses, and be a part of building our campaign for reproductive freedom on Catholic campuses.

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LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED WITH CATHOLICS FOR CHOICE:

Young Catholic Repro Collective (YCRC)

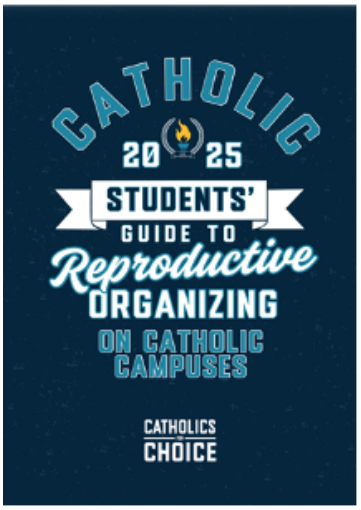
YCRC is designed for young folks aged 18-26 to come together to build power and community for faithful reproductive justice. While Catholic may be in the name, we also know that the extreme overreach of the Catholic church affects us all — not just Catholics. YCRC welcomes our non-Catholic co-conspirators.

Book a 1:1 with our student organizing team

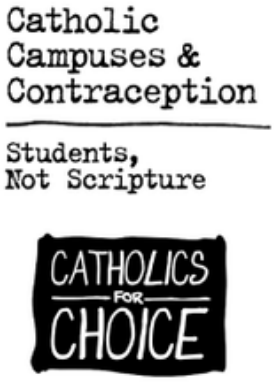
We would love to talk with you about your campus's unique context and explore ways you can advocate for reproductive freedom on campus. We are also happy to meet with a group of student government members.

CFC Resources:

Campus Organizing Toolkit



Catholic Campuses and Contraception Zine



The Overreach Monitor



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