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The Ongoing Fight for Our First Freedom

Our *Sunday Visitor* recently spoke to Archbishop Kurtz about [Religious Freedom Week](#) and the Church's promotion of religious liberty. [Check it out!](#)



(CNS photo/Bob Roller)

U.S. Bishops' Chairmen Applaud Kansas and Oklahoma for Enacting Laws that Keep Kids First in Foster Care and Adoption Services



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The opioid crisis has caused a large increase in the number of children entering the foster care system. We need more, not fewer, agencies to serve children who need loving homes. [Read more.](#)

Ecumenical and Interfaith Leaders Join Bishop Chairs to Strongly Support Federal Legislation Keeping Kids First in Adoption and Foster Care

At the start of National Foster Care Month, three bishop chairmen, faith leaders, and numerous nonprofit organizations sent a letter to House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady urging the committee to give a high priority to the enactment of the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act of 2017 (H.R. 1881) this year. [Read more.](#)



[On the latest episode of the First Freedom Podcast](#), Steve Roach of Catholic Charities in Springfield, IL talks about what the loss of faith-based adoption and foster care services means for child welfare.

USCCB Looks Forward to Working with White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative

The faith community has collaborated with government partners in this country at the federal, state, and local levels for a very long time. We pray that we will continue to have the freedom and the space to serve the least of these, as the Gospel mandates. [Read more.](#)

God's Servant First: Catholic Organizations Serve the Common Good

By Aaron Matthew Weldon



Faith-based service providers deserve space in the public square and access to public funding, and not simply because they operate in a pluralistic society committed to tolerance. In fact, a properly functioning state, recognizing both its limits and its duty to the common good, will welcome the contributions of religiously based service in the public square. [Read more.](#)

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