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*"Conscience is the most sacred of all property." —James Madison, 1792.*

### **New Hope for Religious Freedom in the United States**

Those who insist there is no problem with America's religious liberty are uninformed and unaware of the daily encroachments and denials of 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights to follow the faith of one's choice, not beliefs chosen by government, and to live and exercise that faith openly free from government restraint. An American who believes that the ability to "go to church on Sunday" is evidence of religious freedom has no understanding of the critical difference between freedom of worship and freedom of religion. Such ignorance of the fullness of the protection intended by our founders and built into the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment, endangers freedom of religion for all as well as the full array of our liberties whose basis is freedom of conscience.

Thankfully, the Supreme Court has recently issued several opinions critical to the integrity of true religious freedom. The courts explanations clarify Constitutional religious freedom and empower Americans of all faiths to understand and defend what the USCCB frequently calls our First Freedom.

The opinions from the highest court impact Catholic Social Services, the Little Sisters of the Poor, Catholic schools, extreme government restrictions on the right to worship during Covid and more.

Read about some of the opinions: [bit.ly/3EH4HII](https://bit.ly/3EH4HII) [bit.ly/45UIfbk](https://bit.ly/45UIfbk) [bit.ly/3RnBjyJ](https://bit.ly/3RnBjyJ)

Read about support for Religious Freedom increasing in America: [bit.ly/3PCqisg](https://bit.ly/3PCqisg)

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." —The Constitution. First Amendment.*