

## FORTNIGHT FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM JUNE 21 TO JULY 4

### Fourteen Suggestions for Parish Prayer, Education, and Action

(Resources can be found at [www.archlou.org/fortnight](http://www.archlou.org/fortnight) or USCCB's [www.fortnight4freedom.org](http://www.fortnight4freedom.org).)

1. Mark the Fortnight with a Holy Hour for Religious Freedom.
2. Distribute a Prayer Card to your parishioners or insert into parish bulletin and encourage them to pray it. A link to a downloadable prayer card can be found at [www.archlou.org/fortnight](http://www.archlou.org/fortnight).
3. Say a prayer for religious liberty during daily and Sunday Masses and during any meetings held during the Fortnight and/or utilize suggested Prayers of the Faithful. A prayer for Mass is at [www.archlou.org/fortnight](http://www.archlou.org/fortnight).
4. Organize a day-long (or multi-day) Eucharistic Adoration.
5. Consider special Masses at the beginning of the Fortnight (Memorial Mass for SS. Thomas More and John Fisher on June 20/21).
6. Consider a day of faith-based service in community that highlights existing Catholic service activities and how they bear witness to the Gospel.
7. Use bulletin inserts and/or bulletin blurbs to help educate parishioners regarding different aspects of religious freedom.
8. Host a study group on *Dignitatis Humanae*, the ground-breaking document from the Second Vatican Council on religious liberty, using the 14-day reflection piece provided by USCCB.
9. Sponsor a presentation on the history of Catholicism in the United States.
10. Hold a Catholic movie night, showing movies such as *A Man for All Seasons* (about martyrdom of St. Thomas More); *Becket* (about 12<sup>th</sup> century martyr St. Thomas à Becket); *For Greater Glory*, about the struggle for religious freedom in Mexico. For information about how to legally show movies at parishes and obtain licenses, go to: [http://www.ehow.com/how\\_5061856\\_legally-church-church-related-functions.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_5061856_legally-church-church-related-functions.html).
11. Publicize the Call to Prayer Facebook Group so parishioners can connect with others who are involved in the call to prayer and penance for life, marriage and religious liberty in our country. (<https://www.facebook.com/CallToPrayer>).
12. Encourage parishioners to text the word FREEDOM to 377377 to receive regular updates about religious freedom.
13. Plan a parish outreach event including a meal and a possible speaker to inform parishioners about the topic of religious liberty and to advertise local Fortnight events.
14. Encourage parishioners to become faithful citizen advocates through the Catholic Conference of Kentucky so that they are informed and can advocate about issues of importance to the Church. Go to [www.votervoice.net/CCKY/Register](http://www.votervoice.net/CCKY/Register) to sign up to become a faithful citizen advocate. Parishioners also may want to sign up for the Action Alerts Center at USCCB: <http://cqrcengage.com/catholicbishops/home>.