

A CATHOLIC BILL OF RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

*from the Association for the Rights of
Catholics in the Church*

Primacy of Conscience. Every Catholic has the right and responsibility to develop an informed conscience and to act in accord with it.

Community. Every Catholic has the right and responsibility to participate in a Eucharistic community and the right to responsible pastoral care.

Universal Ministry. Every Catholic has the right and responsibility to proclaim the Gospel and to respond to the community's call to ministerial leadership.

Freedom of Expression. Every Catholic has the right to freedom of expression and the freedom to dissent.

Sacraments. Every Catholic has the right and responsibility to participate in the fullness of the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church.

Reputation. Every Catholic has the right to a good name and to due process.

Governance. Every Catholic and every Catholic community has the right to a meaningful participation in decision-making, including the selection of leaders.

Participation. Every Catholic has the right and responsibility to share in the interpretation of the Gospels and Church tradition.

Councils. Every Catholic has the right to convene and speak in assemblies where diverse voices can be heard.

Social Justice. Every Catholic has the right and responsibility to promote social justice in the world at large as well as within the structures of the Church.