



National Catholic Student Coalition

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POSITION PAPER in Support of the United Nations

Whereas:

- The National Catholic Student Coalition (NCSC) is committed to participating actively in the Roman Catholic Church and to representing U.S. Catholic students in national and international forums,
- The NCSC is a proud and active part of the International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS-Pax Romana).

Noting that since 1948, the IMCS-Pax Romana has been recognized as a Non Governmental Organizations in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Taking note that the NCSC as the IMCS federation in the United States, where the United Nations Headquarters is located, has a special role in providing representatives to the United Nations on behalf of IMCS-Pax Romana.

Remembering the strong support of the United Nations given by Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Especially remembering on the 40th anniversary of Pacem in Terris the plea to support the United Nations by Blessed John XXIII who wrote: "It is therefore our ardent desire that the United Nations Organization in its structure and in its means may become ever more equal to the magnitude and nobility of its tasks." [1]

Recalling the teachings of the United States bishops that "it is entirely necessary to examine the United Nations carefully, to recognize its limitations and propose changes where needed. Nevertheless, in light of the continuing endorsement found in papal teaching, we urge that the United States adopt a stronger supportive leadership role with respect to the United Nations" [2]

Taking note of the leadership roles that NCSC members have played at the UN on behalf of all IMCS members.

Be it resolved that the NCSC wishes to express its support for the United Nations and its work to build a more just and peaceful world.

We call upon all governments especially the United States to work multilaterally within the United Nations.

We call upon the United Nations to continue the process of reform to build a more effective and just organization.



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We commit ourselves to:

- Continue to support the work of IMCS-Pax Romana at the United Nations in NY by providing and supporting representatives,
- Examine the possibility of developing more events for NCSC members at/or about international issues including study sessions and NY Metro Meetings,
- Continue to work with CMICA, the US Federation of ICMICA-Pax Romana, to help develop programs and coordinate the representation.

Sponsored by: Theo Shierk, IRC and Southern Regional Team Member 2003, Texas Tech University.

[1] Blessed Pope John XXIII. "Pacem in Terris" (Peace on Earth). 1963, 145.

[2] US Catholic Bishops. "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response" 1983, 268.