

1 **Resolution 6-04 TO COMMEND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR ITS**
2 **STANCE ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS AND DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE**
3 **UNBORN**

4 WHEREAS, God created human beings male and female as reflections of His own image (Gen.
5 1:27); and

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7 WHEREAS, God's Word teaches that human life begins at conception (Psalm 139:13-16); and

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9 WHEREAS, Through baptism into Christ Jesus we are reborn to eternal life as members of His
10 body, the Holy Christian Church (Romans 6:4); and

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12 WHEREAS, As citizens of the United States of America, the First Amendment of the
13 Constitution guarantees the free exercise of our religious liberties; and

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15 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has mandated
16 that religious institutions, with only a narrow religious exception, must provide access to certain
17 contraceptive benefits (including contraceptives that can function as abortifacients), even if the
18 covered medications or procedures are contradictory to their beliefs; and

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20 WHEREAS, Both The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod and The Roman Catholic Church have
21 publicly expressed their opposition to the mandates of the HHS concerning these contraceptive
22 benefits, including the latter's willingness to help defend this common religious right in civil
23 court; and

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25 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod stands with The Roman Catholic Church as
26 Christian citizens in this struggle and is proud and honored to do so; therefore be it

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28 RESOLVED, That the South Wisconsin District in Convention publicly express its gratitude to
29 the Roman Catholic Church for defending religious freedoms and the rights of the unborn; and
30 be it further

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32 RESOLVED, That the South Wisconsin District invite the Archbishop of Milwaukee or his
33 representative to its 53rd convention to receive thanks for standing with The Lutheran Church--
34 Missouri Synod on these issues of religious freedoms and human rights; and be it finally

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36 RESOLVED, That the South Wisconsin District continue to pray for the preservation of both the
37 religious freedoms we enjoy as American citizens and the sanctity of human life as a gift of God.

38 Floor Committee 6

39 Miscellaneous

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