



(“The common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free exposition.”), to the pivotal 1967 International Federation of Catholic Universities’ *Statement on the Nature of the Contemporary Catholic University* (“...institutional autonomy and academic freedom are essential conditions of life and growth and indeed of survival for Catholic Universities as for all Universities.”), and to the June 2000 statement of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops,<sup>1</sup> *The Application for Ex Corde Ecclesiae for the United States* (“Academic freedom is an essential component of a Catholic University.”).

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<sup>1</sup> Note that the National Conference of Catholic Bishops is now the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.