



National Catholic Student Coalition

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RESOLUTION - Rejection of the Hookup Culture

Whereas:

- The National Catholic Student Coalition strives to aid students to form their identities as Catholics.¹
- The National Catholic Student Coalition strives to empower students to further the mission of the Catholic Church through spiritual, educational and leadership opportunities.²
- The National Catholic Student Coalition is committed to following and proclaiming the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, including her teachings on sexual ethics.

Social context:

Modern campuses promote many behaviors and lifestyles damaging to the well-being of students and contrary to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Specifically, the sexual promiscuity celebrated on most campuses as a kind of “freedom” actually constitutes a terrible slavery to a lifestyle that physically, emotionally, and spiritually harms the men and women trapped within it. The “hookup culture”, or the variety of social situations which encourage practically anonymous and non-committed sexual activity, poisons the souls and self-esteem of its participants as well as their ability to form healthy romantic relationships at future points. This poison spreads until it contaminates all types of relationships, both sexual and platonic. True love never uses another person, but the hookup culture is precisely the promotion of using human beings explicitly for physical pleasure. When this abuse occurs, the incredible value of each human person becomes obscured, thus making it much more difficult to love one another as Christ has loved us.³

Pastoral note:

The message of Christ is not a message of condemnation, but a message of abundant life!⁴ When discussing sexual ethics this is especially important to understand and convey. Catholic teaching on sexual morality should never be construed as condemnation for the sinner, but rather as a message of true love and freedom. We are all sinners⁵, but no sin is so great that it exceeds the forgiveness of God. When we turn to Christ, we become new creations in Him!⁶

¹ NCSC Vision Statement

² NCSC Mission Statement

³ John 15:22

⁴ John 10:10

⁵ Romans 3:23

⁶ 2 Corinthians 5:17



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This is the message that needs to be shared with those persons trapped in the web of sexual promiscuity: that God loves them, that He has a plan for their lives, and that that plan is infinitely more beautiful than the pain and hurt that accompany one-night stands. This is the hope of the Gospel, and it is our calling in this area as in all others to share it with the world!

Resolution:

In response to the real threat posed to our peers, our broader society, and ourselves by the hookup culture, we, the students of the National Catholic Student Coalition, assembled here in St. Louis Missouri, December 29th 2010-January 1st 2011, do resolve to:

As individuals:

- Learn and *joyfully* live out the sexual teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, knowing that the true love found in marriage is “worth the wait” and is far superior to the counterfeits we are offered in our society.

As friends:

- Creatively find ways to love and affirm the dignity of our friends and classmates, so that the authentic love they see in our lives may help them to reject the false love being offered by the hookup culture

As campus communities:

- Address the hookup culture on our campuses, through prayer, education or other initiatives
- Minister through word, deed, and example to the students on our campuses who are caught in the trap of sexual promiscuity, showing them through our love that Christ is calling them to a love more wonderful than they have ever experienced!

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