



National Catholic Student Coalition

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RESOLUTION - On the Importance of Integral Education

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).

Affirming:

- That the NCSC as a Catholic student organization has the responsibility to address issues within the educational system from a Catholic perspective,
- The formulation of Fr Louis Joseph Lebret, that education should be geared to the formation “of the entire person and of all people.”

Also Affirming:

- The teaching of Second Vatican Council that all people: “in virtue of their dignity as human persons, have an inalienable right to education. This education should be suitable to the particular destiny of the individuals, adapted to their ability, sex and national cultural traditions, and should be conducive to fraternal relations with other nations in order to promote true unity and peace in the world. True education is directed towards the formation of the human person in view of his final end and the good of that society to which he belongs and in the duties of which he will, as an adult, have a share.” Gravissimum Educationis, 28 October 1965 Declaration on Christian Education” [1]
- The principals of education set forth in international law including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the agreements made through UNESCO especially those that assert that education including higher education should be available to all on “on the basis of merit.” (UDHR Art 26)

Acknowledging

- The important role of campus ministry and spirituality in the life of students.

Concerned With:

- The serious problems students face, including high tuition, lack of access to campus ministry, excessive stress and pressure.

As part of:

- The campaign of the IMCS-Pax Romana and the International Young Catholic Students to promote an integral education approach.



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Be it resolved that:

- We, the members of the NCSC express our position that higher education should be geared at the formation of the entire person, respecting not only the intellectual aspects but also the spiritual, social, and service aspects of education.

We call upon universities to:

- Actively promote an integral approach to education that respects the intellectual, social, and spiritual needs of the students.

We commit ourselves to:

- Continue to work with campaign of IMCS in promoting integral education
- Undertake a study among NCSC members relating to integral education and the challenges students face.

Sponsored by: Carolyn Shierk, 2003 National Team- Southern Regional Chair

[1] Second Vatican Council. Gravissimum Educationis (Declaration on Christian Education), 28 October 1965.