

**Resolution 018**  
**A Resolution for a Pornography Free Campus Network**  
**Sponsored by: Senator McNair-Lewis**  
**Co-Sponsored by: Senator Deep, Senator Kilgore, and Senator McGuire**

***Whereas,***

Pornography as defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church is the “removing [of] real or simulated sexual acts from the intimacy of the partners, in order to display them deliberately to third parties.”<sup>1</sup> This is a grave offense against chastity, and “does grave injury to the dignity of its participants,”<sup>2</sup> i.e. distributors, individuals in the content, and the public. Pornography strips from the nature of the unitive act its proper end of love, procreation, and unity, making it purely pleasure for its own sake.

***Whereas,***

Pornography is available for access using the university’s internet. But “[a]s the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, founded and sponsored by the bishops of the country with the approval of the Holy See, The Catholic University of America is committed to being a comprehensive Catholic and American institution of higher learning, faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ as handed on by the Church.”<sup>3</sup>

***Whereas,***

The Catholic University of America as the Church’s university in the United States should promote the Church’s teaching by preventing its resources from being used as a means to this grave offense condemned within the Catechism. The university, as an intellectual representative who has the responsibility of fostering and sustaining the Catholic faith should “prevent the [use and] distribution of pornographic materials.”<sup>4</sup>

***Be it enacted that,***

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby requests that the University take an outward stance against the use of pornography by prohibiting access to the top 200 pornography sites through the campus network. This allows the University to remove itself as a means in accessing such material.

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<sup>1</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2354

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.catholic.edu/about-us/at-a-glance/index.html>

<sup>4</sup> CCC, 2354

Agreed to by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas to \_\_\_\_\_ nays on this date: \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ abstaining and \_\_\_\_\_ not present.

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