

Resolution 004

A Resolution to Advocate For A Ban on Clubs in Support of a Nation(s)

Commissioning a Genocide

Sponsored by: Senator Ortiz

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Harrington,

Senator Garza, Senator Bonney

Whereas,

There is a club(s) recognized by the school that unapologetically supports a Nation(s) condemned by the Human Rights council of genocide.

Whereas,

Supporting a Nation or organization that is actively pursuing inexcusable evil, such as genocide or terrorism, acts in a way that is contrary to the faith of the Catholic Church.

Whereas,

The mission of The Catholic University of America states that this institution is “faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ as handed on by the Church.”

Whereas,

All clubs officially recognized by The Catholic University of America have to abide by the overall mission of the School.

Whereas,

The Olive Branch has been disbanded by the University administration for allegedly supporting Hamas as well as other anti Catholic doctrines.

Whereas,

As of 16 September 2025, the Israeli government has been charged and proven of commissioning a genocide in Gaza by the United Nations High Commissioner's office.

Whereas,

The Catechism of the Catholic Church dictates, “Scripture specifies the prohibition contained in the fifth commandment: Do not slay the innocent and the righteous.” Furthering this position the Church states, “The deliberate murder of an innocent person is gravely contrary to the dignity of the human being, to the golden rule, and to the holiness of the Creator. The law forbidding it is universally valid: it obliges each and every one, always and everywhere.”

Whereas,

Gaudium et Spes, a pastoral constitution from the second Vatican Council states, “Every act of war directed to the indiscriminate destruction of whole cities or vast areas with their inhabitants is a crime against God and man, which merits firm and unequivocal condemnation.”

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

1. Any club that supports a Nation that is commissioning a genocide will be banned from campus.
2. Clubs that exclusively celebrate the culture of said Nation(s) will be permitted. However, the direct support of a state/government that has been proven of commissioning genocide or any other acts of crimes against humanity will not be granted the position of an official student organization at The Catholic University of America.
3. The Catholic University of America will continue to disallow any club from supporting terrorist cells.
4. The Catholic University of America will continue to support the safety of all students regardless of ethnicity or racial background.
5. The Catholic University of America will continue to support the freedoms of speech and expression in officially recognized student organizations, so long as they are fully in line with Catholic teaching and university policy.
6. The Catholic University of America affirms the verifiable reality that expressing dissatisfaction or disapproval with the actions of the modern political entity known as the State of Israel is not, and never will be, equivalent to antisemitism.

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

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