

Resolution 003

A Resolution to Advocate for Pornography Addiction Resources on Campus Sponsored by: Senator Suarez Co-Sponsored by: Senator Curioso, Senator Tamayo

Whereas,

According to *The Catechism of The Catholic Church* item 2354, pornography “does grave injury to the dignity of its participants (actors, vendors, the public), since each one becomes an object of base pleasure and illicit profit for others.”¹

Whereas,

The Catholic University of America has hosted events during Cardinals Against Pornography (CAP) Week that are informative for those interested in the effects of pornography.

Whereas,

Previous legislation has been enacted by the Student Government Association Senate to prohibit the top 200 pornographic websites from being accessible on The Catholic University of America’s WiFi connection.² This, however, can be bypassed and people can access pornography through other means.

Whereas,

There is a need for more means to help with addiction to pornography within The Catholic University of America community. The Catholic University of America’s Campus Ministry does not actively advertise resources geared toward assisting those who struggle with pornography addiction.

Whereas,

Stigma and the lack of substantial resources surrounding recovery from pornography addictions widely known by the student body affect men and women on campus, thus preventing individuals from seeking help.

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. Additional methods of advocacy are implemented within The Catholic University of America, including but not limited to:
 - a. Events hosted by Campus Ministry throughout the semester (i.e. seminars or workshops) to engage with students and provide information on the dangers of pornography.
 - b. Training for student leaders (Student Ministers) to address stigma and provide resources for students seeking assistance in getting over pornography addiction.

¹ Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2354 https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P85.HTM

² Student Government Association Senate, Resolution 4-18: A Resolution for a Pornography Free Campus Network <https://sga.catholic.edu/senate/legislation/legislation-2018-2019-/resolution-4-018.pdf>

2. Additional support for individuals, students, or faculty, struggling with pornography addiction, including:
- a. Raising awareness about spiritual support from Campus Ministry, tailored explicitly towards men and women as necessary.
 - b. A centralized location for resources for all Catholic University students seeking support for pornography addiction.

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

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