Resolution 019

A Resolution to Add Baby Changing Stations in Men's Bathrooms Sponsored by: Senator Henriquez and Senator Musick Co-Sponsored by: Senator Curioso, Senator Suarez

Whereas,

Baby changing stations are a vital tool providing parents and caregivers with a safe space to change their children. Changing stations meet the specific needs of infants and toddlers, prioritizing their safety.

Whereas.

Congress passed the Bathroom Accessible in Every Situation Act, also known as the BABIES Act, in 2016, which requires baby changing accommodations in all restrooms, regardless of gender, in publicly-accessible federal buildings. Also, and the American Academy of Pediatrics supports legislation that would require baby changing stations in all publicly-accessible restrooms.^{1, 2}

Whereas,

The Catholic University of America has affirmed a pro-life, pro-family stance consistent with the University's nondiscrimination policies and the teachings of the Catholic Church.^{3, 4}

Whereas,

Catholic University administration has proclaimed, "A caring outreach toward the prospective parent [or parents], on the part of all, is expected as an expression of a truly Christian and human spirit." 5

Whereas.

The President of Catholic University, Dr. Peter Kilpatrick, has expressed a desire to build "a culture of radical welcome for moms, dads, and babies at Catholic University."

Whereas,

Catholic University has recently launched *The Guadalupe Project*, an effort directed at strengthening the supportive environment for pregnant and parenting members of the University community.⁷

Be it enacted that,

¹ Ask the Pediatrician, American Academy of Pediatrics, https://www.healthychildren.org/English/tips-tools/ask-the-pediatrician/Pages/Are-changing-tables-in-all-public-mens-restrooms-now.aspx

² Legislation Leads to Change in Restrooms, Koala Care https://www.koalabear.com/product-resources/changing-station-resources-landing-page/compliance-homepage/legislation-map/

³ Respect for Unborn Human Life: The Church's Constant Teaching, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abortion/respect-for-unborn-human-life

⁴ Pregnancy Policy, Catholic University of America, https://policies.catholic.edu/students/studentlife/pregnancy.html

⁵ *Ibid*.

⁶ The Guadalupe Project, Catholic University of America https://www.catholic.edu/parenting/the-guadalupe-project/index.html

⁷ Ibid.

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:

- a. Changing tables be installed in all men's bathrooms in the following locations: the Pryzbyla Center, Garvey Hall, and Father O'Connell Hall.
- 2. Advertise the installment of changing tables in men's bathrooms in the aforementioned locations.

Agreed to by a vote of _	yeas to	nays on this date:	with
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