

# YOUTH ADVOCACY

## EDUCATING AND MOBILIZING YOUNG PEOPLE

### FUNDING NEEDS

As the religious right's attacks on reproductive freedom increase, CFC is dedicated to prioritizing youth leadership and fostering a thriving community of young activists who will champion reproductive rights for generations. Funding will help support CFC's new youth-focused programming that educates and mobilizes young people.

### CAMPUS ORGANIZING

Last year, CFC conducted a Youth Listening Campaign to gather context about the current reproductive rights initiatives at hundreds of Catholic college and university campuses. This listening campaign informed the strategy for CFC's new campus organizing program, which includes the following components:

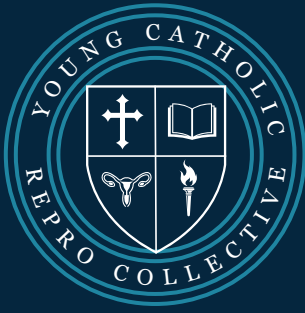


**TRAINING:** CFC delivers our Pro-Choice Catholicism 101 workshop at Catholic colleges and universities across the country. This workshop teaches attendees to advocate for reproductive freedom from a faith-based lens and explores the three guiding principles of pro-choice Catholicism: conscience, social justice and religious freedom. Many of these workshops are geared toward supporting student efforts to repeal campus-wide contraception bans in place due to the schools' Catholic affiliation.

**TOOLS:** CFC launched a new organizing and movement-building toolkit earlier this year: the Catholic Student's Guide to Reproductive Organizing on Catholic Campuses. This toolkit guides students on their campus organizing journey, outlining concrete ways to take action to repeal contraception bans, improve healthcare coverage, and increase ease of access to care.



**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** CFC provides technical assistance to student organizers on Catholic campuses to combat religious interference in reproductive rights. Student leaders also receive coaching on organizing, mobilizing, actions, community engagement, movement sustainability, and fundraising.



**COMMUNITY BUILDING:** CFC launched the Young Catholic Repro Collective (YCRC), a virtual community for pro-choice Catholics who are 18-26 years old. This community allows students and young adults to strategize and share resources among peers to create greater collective change.

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### DIGITAL SHEPHERDS

This new program empowers young supporters to educate their peers on reproductive rights and mobilize their networks to take action online. CFC recruits Digital Shepherds, trains them on digital advocacy and peer-to-peer mobilization, and equips them with a digital toolkit to use in their efforts to advance reproductive freedom.



### CFC ORGANIZING ACADEMY

Building on our successful organizing model, the new CFC Organizing Academy will train young advocates to organize for reproductive rights. CFC will develop a data-driven curriculum informed by our movement's history, facilitate the acquisition of organizational skills, and create spaces for reflective action.

**SUPPORTING CFC'S YOUTH ADVOCACY PROGRAMMING  
WILL HELP US BUILD A NETWORK OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO  
FIGHT RELIGIOUSLY BASED INTERFERENCE IN  
REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND DEVELOP THE NEXT  
GENERATION OF LEADERS.**

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