



## Reproductive Freedom

As people of religious faith and conviction, the Missouri Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice supports reproductive freedom for every person. Our struggle for reproductive freedom includes these core values:

- That families are created in many ways.
- That all persons desiring to be parents should have the right and opportunity to do so.
- That no one should be forced into parenthood, or into narrowly-defined parenting roles.
- That the sexual experiences of consenting adults are not open to government inspection, opinion, and legislation.
- That all persons have a right to privacy.
- That all persons have a right to education and employment without discrimination based on gender, pregnancy, or sexual orientation.
- That all persons have the right to choose the life they want to live, responsibly within their community.
- That no person should ever be forced into contraception, sterilization, or abortion.
- That all young people should have access to comprehensive sex education.
- That all people should have access to reproductive and sexual health information and services.
- That sexually transmitted infections are not a result of moral failure, and the best medical information, prevention, and treatment should be available to all.
- That sex is a glorious component of the human experience, a gift of the Divine, to be expressed with respect, responsibility, and joy.