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Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Responds to Supreme Court Ruling in *Trinity v. Comer*

ST. LOUIS – Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, issued the following statement in response to the Supreme Court’s decision in *Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia v. Comer*:

“Today’s Supreme Court ruling in *Trinity v. Comer* affirms the free exercise of religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment. Churches, schools, and charitable organizations run by religious institutions provide incalculable benefits for our communities. To deny these organizations public benefits simply because they are religious is to deny this reality.

“My hope is that *Trinity* is a milestone in a re-awakening to the importance of religious liberty in the United States. Though we celebrate today’s decision, we know there is much more work to be done. I pledge to continue the fight for religious liberty when government withholds benefits or imposes burdensome mandates on individuals and institutions.”

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