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Missouri Catholic Conference Applauds U.S. Supreme Court's Decision in Trinity Lutheran Case

June 26, 2017, JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) applauds the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in favor of Trinity Lutheran Church. This important decision affirms the principle that Missouri churches need not be excluded from non-sectarian public benefit programs solely because they are religious institutions. "The Missouri Constitution's Blaine Amendments should act as a shield against the establishment of an official state religion," said Mike Hoey, Executive Director of the MCC. "But they should not act as a bar to a religious organization receiving a non-sectarian grant, like the ones offered through the scrap tire program, that do nothing to establish a religion." The MCC is grateful that the Supreme Court appreciates this critical distinction.