

**14-1453 PRIESTS FOR LIFE V. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

DECISION BELOW: 772 F.3d 229

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 13-5368, 13-5371, 14-5021

QUESTION PRESENTED:

The contraceptive services mandate of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires Petitioner Priests for Life, a non-exempt religious employer, and its directors to affirmatively authorize and facilitate coverage for contraception, sterilization, abortifacients, and related education and counseling for the participants and beneficiaries of Priests for Life's healthcare plan in direct violation of Petitioners' sincerely held religious beliefs.

The question presented is whether the contraceptive services mandate of the Affordable Care Act as applied to non-exempt, nonprofit religious organizations violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000bb, *et seq.*

CONSOLIDATED WITH 14-1418, 14 -1505, 15-35, 15-105, 15-119 AND 15-191.

ORDER OF MARCH 29, 2016: THE PARTIES ARE DIRECTED TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEFS THAT ADDRESS WHETHER AND HOW CONTRACEPTIVE COVERAGE MAY BE OBTAINED BY PETITIONERS' EMPLOYEES THROUGH PETITIONERS' INSURANCE COMPANIES, BUT IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY INVOLVEMENT OF PETITIONERS BEYOND THEIR OWN DECISION TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE WITHOUT CONTRACEPTIVE COVERAGE TO THEIR EMPLOYEES. . . .

CERT. GRANTED 11/6/2015