

14-1418 ZUBIK V. BURWELL

DECISION BELOW: 778 F.3d 422

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 14-1376, 14-1377

QUESTION PRESENTED:

1. Whether the HHS Mandate and its "accommodation" violate the Religious Freedom Restoration Act ("RFRA") by forcing religious nonprofits to act in violation of their sincerely held religious beliefs, when the Government has not proven that this compulsion is the least restrictive means of advancing any compelling interest.
2. Whether RFRA allows the Government to divide the Catholic Church by creating a narrow "religious employer" exemption that applies to "houses of worship" but excludes the Church's separately incorporated nonprofit entities that implement core Catholic teaching by providing charitable and educational services to their communities.

LIMITED TO QUESTION 1 PRESENTED BY THE PETITION.

CONSOLIDATED WITH 14-1453, 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