



**Catholic Radio
AM 1450**

March 25, 2009 E-Alert

Dear Friends,

As you know, the University of Notre Dame has invited President Obama to deliver its commencement announcement and to receive an honorary degree. Bishop D'Arcy, our diocesan bishop, issued a statement yesterday affirming the truths about our faith, including the sanctity with which we view all life, from the moment of conception until natural death. In order to defend the truth about human life, he will not attend the commencement ceremonies. We at Redeemer Radio will completely stand with His Excellency and fully support and appreciate his strength and resolve on this issue.



As you also know, we have contracted with the University to air their football and basketball games. We have spent considerable time in prayer and discussion on how to handle airing the NIT basketball game this evening, and will uphold our obligation to air the game. That said, we would encourage you to join us in the following:

1. Sign the petition protesting the University's actions - www.notredamescandal.com. It is incredibly heartening to see that over 115,000 have signed this as of Wednesday morning.
2. Pray for the Catholic Church, for Life, for Bishop D'Arcy, for the University, and for the conversion of heart of our President.
3. Call the office of the President for Notre Dame - 574-631-3903. We have contacted Fr. Jenkin's office by phone and writing to express our concern and ask that this invitation be rescinded.

While this event is truly unfortunate, I would urge you to focus on the light in this darkness. This has opened up an unparalleled level of dialogue and given us an unprecedented opportunity to witness to our faith. Thank you for your prayers, support and understanding, and may God's peace be with us all.

Mike Kelly
Board Chair

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Statement from Bishop D'Arcy

March 24, 2009

On Friday, March 20, Father John Jenkins, CSC, phoned to inform me that President Obama had accepted his invitation to speak to the graduating class at Notre Dame and receive an honorary degree. We spoke shortly before the announcement was made public at the White House press briefing. It was the first time that I had been informed that Notre Dame had issued this invitation.

President Obama has recently reaffirmed, and has now placed in public policy, his long-stated unwillingness to hold human life as sacred. While claiming to separate politics from science, he has in fact separated science from ethics and has brought the American government, for the first time in history, into supporting direct destruction of innocent human life.

This will be the 25th Notre Dame graduation during my time as bishop. After much prayer, I have decided not to attend the graduation. I wish no disrespect to our president, I pray for him and wish him well. I have always revered the Office of the Presidency. But a bishop must teach the Catholic faith "in season and out of season," and he teaches not only by his words - but by his actions.

My decision is not an attack on anyone, but is in defense of the truth about human life.

I have in mind also the statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops in 2004. "The Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions." Indeed, the measure of any Catholic institution is not only what it stands for, but also what it will not stand for.

I have spoken with Professor Mary Ann Glendon, who is to receive the Laetare Medal. I have known her for many years and hold her in high esteem. We are both teachers, but in different ways. I have encouraged her to accept this award and take the opportunity such an award gives her to teach.

Even as I continue to ponder in prayer these events, which many have found shocking, so must Notre Dame. Indeed, as a Catholic University, Notre Dame must ask itself, if by this decision it has chosen prestige over truth.

LIVE Broadcast of Bishop Luers at Conseco



Bishop Luers will be playing Saturday March 28th 12:30pm at Conseco for the State Championship. Tune into AM 1450 or online at www.redeemerradio.com to be a part of the Luers' excitement.

Thank you all for your support. May God help us reach many more souls in 2009!

Sincerely,

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