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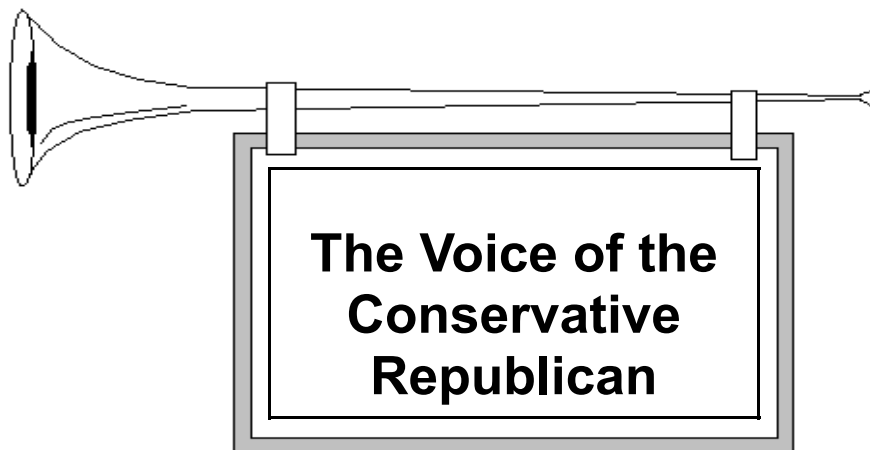
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**For if the
TRUMPET
give an
uncertain
sound, who
shall prepare
himself to the
battle?**

1 Cor. 14:8



Democrats Burden Grandkids

State Senator Steve Rauschenberger gave a brief run-down of his political career when he came to TAPROOT to campaign for the U.S. Senate.

The assembled conservative activists, at the monthly breakfast meeting at the Old Country Buffet, in Lombard, heard him talk about his experience as both a businessman and a legislator.

Owning and running a furniture store in the Elgin area, he said, taught him much about applying for business loans, meeting payrolls and how many work hours a business needs to survive. When he finally did enter politics, Rauschenberger experienced a "reduction in hours".

His first year in Springfield favorable impressed the young legislator. A State Representative, he found there hard working legislators who had good intentions. But, he did not agree with most of them on the direction of government: too much taxation, a reduction of freedom, too many restrictions on the right to use your resources.

Rauschenberger complained about

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State Senator Steve Rauschenberger visits TAPROOT in his campaign for Republican nomination to the U.S. Senate.

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Democrat Mike Madigan's domination of the House as its Speaker. On the other hand, he said the former Republican Governor, Jim Edgar, was a good governor. He lamented the term of the following governor, George Ryan, an "expansionist".

He recalled that after publicly criticizing Ryan's budget, at a reception Ryan slammed Rauschenberger saying, "Emil Jones (a Chicago Democrat and present leader of the Senate) likes my budget better than he (Rauschenberger) does".

The Senate candidate described himself as a pragmatist in a very diverse state, having a Chicago political machine. He admitted making compromises except when they cost our children their future—the tax burden they will inherit because of programs like social security, Medicaid and pensions.

He never voted for pension enhancement, Rauschenberger said. Pate Phillips, former Republican leader of the Illinois Senate, never understood the importance of pensions. "You have to cut \$90 million in spending," he continued. This is what is wrong with Democrat Gov. Rod Blagojevich—Chicago-style pension bonding. Blagojevich switched from 20-year bonds to 30-year bonds and saddled our grandkids with enormous debt.

For Rauschenberger the key campaign issue is the concentration of power in Chicago. He offered himself as the candidate with the experience in government that can succeed in Washington. He wants to make Democrats accountable. Blagojevich has driven

the truck industry out of Illinois. The resultant loss of jobs has to be made into a political issue.

He argued that he has the credibility with the press that enables him to take Madigan on. He has 5000 recorded votes. And in all the time he has been in Springfield, the press never found anything with which to destroy his reputation. The press also knows that when he advocates a position, that he is telling the truth.

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Bishops' Scheme Helps Democrats

by George Kocan

Thirty years of parades, demonstrations, side-walk counseling, civil disobedience, educational campaigns and annual letters from the Catholic bishops have not only failed to bring forth a Human Life Amendment but have left entrenched abortion as a right deep in the culture.

The evidence suggests that the Catholic bishops themselves, with a few exceptions, constitute the Secret Weapon of the Democrat Party, which constitutes the chief advocate and protector of the abortion industry. This conclusion flows from an examination not of the Catholic bishops' pro-life rhetoric but of their spending.

The fact remains that the great bulk of the work and leadership in the cause of Life came from the Catholic laity. A few examples from the Chicago area serve to illustrate this point.

Joe Scheidler has been leading pro-life demonstrations, training pro-life activists and educating through public appearances since *Roe v Wade* in 1973. His work at abortion clinics cut deeply into the abortionists' expected revenues and undermined the ideology of sexual liberation which defined abortion as a political right.

Joe Scheidler, a devout Catholic, husband and father, did such damage to the abortion industry that the National Organization of Women (NOW), an instrument of the Democrat Party, sued him in federal court, under RICO statutes, for racketeering. They demanded millions of dollars in judgment and imposed on him burdensome legal costs.

Joe Scheidler was, and is, doing God's work. Furthermore, he was doing the Church's work. Yet, in all that time, the Archdiocese of Chicago provided him with no financial help, even when NOW had put him under their legal guns.

Conrad Wojnar lived through a similar ordeal. He quit his job as a social worker and dedicated his amazing organizing skills to helping women avoid abortion as a solution to personal problems.

A devout Catholic husband and father, Wojnar put together The Womens Center, a place where women with problem pregnancies can find sympathetic counseling, learn the facts about abortion, receive medical referrals and find material help. The Womens Center provides such services in an atmosphere of Catholic piety and morals. Wojnar has even set aside space in the building for a chapel where priests come almost every day to offer Mass.

NOW also sued Wojnar for racketeering, threatening

to take his home and leave him destitute. He too does God's work, which is supposed to be the Church's work. As with Scheidler's Pro-Life Action League, Wojnar's Womens Center has no financial help from the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Archdiocese has likewise failed to help other pro-life organizations like AID to Women and Illinois Citizens for Life.

The political fact relevant here is that the Republican Party has officially taken up the cause of Life. It has become the home of many former Democrats who saw their party taken over by social revolutionaries, change-agents who have nothing but hostility for Catholic teaching and morality.

What the Catholic bishops have done is place the interests of the Democrat Party over the lives of unborn children. They accomplished this by protecting Democrat candidates from defeat at the polls over abortion and other family issues. They enlarged Democrat power by funding organizations and organizers that advanced Democrat political fortunes. The Catholic bishops, in collaboration with change agents and community activists, devised a scheme by which devout, church-going Catholics, including serious pro-lifers, mostly Republicans, would fund the agenda and protect the political power of the Democrat Party.

The Catholic bishops created a funding vehicle known as the Campaign for Human Development, later known as the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). They collect money from the faithful in church the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day in November. The acronym should more properly stand for the Catholic Campaign to Help Democrats.

What makes this funding vehicle extraordinary is that it prohibits giving money to organizations that actually feed, clothe or house needy persons. The funds must go to organizations that promote "social change". These organizations follow a structure and philosophy established by the Industrial Area Foundation (IAF).

The IAF embodies the beliefs and practices developed by its founder, Saul Alinsky. In the course of time, he trained many organizers who have gone on to successful careers in politics and "social change" organizations.

Perhaps the most famous of his protégés is the pro-abortion feminist Hillary Clinton. She actually wrote her senior thesis at Wellsley College on the radical politics of Saul Alinsky. She later became the Democrat Senator from the State of New York.

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personal attacks characterize Alinsky-style organizing.

Betraying a strong Marxist influence, this philosophy opposes fundamental Christian principles. It divides persons into antagonistic groups, the “haves” and “have-nots”. It posits a “class struggle”, where one side becomes the enemy. The dehumanization of “the enemy” results in certain ethical consequences: persons lose their dignity as children of God and become means to an end: the end justifies the means. As Alinsky wrote, “Ethics are determined by whether one is losing or winning.” He also wrote, “He who fears corruption, fears life.”

Alinsky advocated and practiced what we now term, “the politics of personal destruction.” The Democrats used this most effectively in destroying the reputations of their enemies, prominent political figures like Robert Bork, Clarence Thomas, and most recently, Rush Limbaugh. He wrote it down in his books, “Ridicule is man’s most potent weapons” and “Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it and polarize it.”

Considering Alinsky’s ethics, it should come as no surprise that he included an acknowledgment to Lucifer in one of his books, “Rules for Radicals.” Lucifer carried out the ultimate rebellion. He too rejected God’s moral law, as Alinsky rejected the authority of the Catholic Church and the morality that it teaches.

Whereas the Church teaches a dogmatic theology, Alinsky protested, “I detest and fear dogma.” Whereas the Church defends eternal truths, Alinsky insisted, “Truth is relative and changing.” Whereas the Catholic bishops have publicly declared that abortion goes against God’s law, Alinsky proclaimed, “I have always believed that birth control and abortion are personal rights...”

Alinsky’s theory of rebellion has a history. He did not just make this stuff up. It goes back at least as far as the time before the French Revolution, where the socio-sexual revolutionaries sought to overthrow Throne and Altar. They specifically wanted to overthrow the moral order that protected marriage and children. Pat Buchanan pointed out that during, “...**the French Revolution, the Paris mob used the high altar at Notre Dame Cathedral to canonize the town tramp as their Goddess of Reason.**”

Their rejection of the moral order was so radical that many of them turned to Satanism as a religion. Good evidence exists that Karl Marx, himself, the founder of the Communist Party, was a Satanist. He wrote poems praising Satan.

His own son-in-law, Edward Epling, gave lectures on, “The Wickedness of God” and himself wrote a poem in praise of Satan. Frederick Engels, Marx’s partner in

communist revolution, expressed the rebellious spirit thus, (Communism) “abolishes eternal truths, abolishes all religion, and all morality.”

A colleague of Marx was a German poet, Heinrich Heine, who spoke well of Alinsky’s role model, Lucifer, saying, “I called the Devil and he came.” Marx’s follower Mikhail Bakunin, another rebel, expressed similar sentiments, “Satan is the eternal rebel, the first freethinker and emancipator of worlds.” Bakunin also wrote, “In the revolution we will have to awaken the Devil in the people, to stir up their basest passions.”

A fellow socialist Pierre-Joseph Proudhon, also worshipped Satan and praised him, writing, “God is stupidity and cowardice...God is evil.” And yet, amazingly, some Catholic bishops bragged about their friendship with Saul Alinsky.

For thirty years the Bishops have been paying lip-service to the right to life, while putting Catholic money into Alinsky-style organizations like the IAF, using CCHD as a funding scheme. They gave IAF itself a million dollars. **They gave a million to ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) where Hillary Clinton learned her trade.**

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin gave a million to the Chicago Metropolitan Sponsors (CMS) (while shutting down parochial schools) so that it could hire IAF to organize and train persons for United Power for Action and Justice (UPAJ). When the Cardinal was criticized for giving so much Catholic money to this group, he answered that the money did not really belong to the Church. Someone gave it to him for the purpose of funding CMS.

No one in authority has yet pointed out that donating money in such a manner constitutes the essence of money-laundering.

This child of CMS, UPAJ, is an effort to induce Lutheran, Baptist, Episcopalian, Jewish and Moslem Republicans living in Chicago suburbs to funnel money, just as the Catholics do, into the organizing projects of the Democrat Party. It is of course no coincidence that the traditional allies of the Democrat Party, the labor unions, co-sponsored the CMS. These include the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and the Illinois Education Association (IEA).

AFSCME is one of the organizers of a march on Washington being planned for spring 2004 in defense of abortion “rights.” Other organizers are NARAL, NOW, and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.(1)

The IEA is affiliated with the National Education Association, a reliable organ of the Democrat Party and an aggressive proponent of abortion, **(See page 6)**

TAPROOT's Next Breakfast Meeting

Republican Candidates for the U.S. Senate

Jim Oberweis and Jonathan Wright Will Speak

U.S. Senate candidate **Steve Rauschenberger** spoke at TAPROOT's October 18 meeting, **John Borling** spoke at its September 20 meeting, **Andy McKenna** and **Jack Ryan** spoke at its July 19 meeting, **Chirinjeev Kathuria** spoke at its June 21 meeting, and **John Cox** spoke at prior meetings. TAPROOT is greatly honored that so many U.S. Senate candidates have spoken at its meetings. Please attend TAPROOT's November 15 meeting -- it will provide a great opportunity to meet Jim and Jonathan, to learn more about their positions on the issues, and to ask them questions.

Also, save the date for our annual Christmas Extravaganza, Dec. 7, 2 - 5 pm.
Sen. Peter Roskam has agreed to be our guest of honor.

Saturday, November 15, 2003

8:00 am, the talk starts at 8:30 am

Old Country Buffet, 551 East Roosevelt Rd., Lombard (630-916-8808),
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feminism, homosexuality and other evils long denounced by Catholic tradition.

In California, Catholic Charities and CCHD-funded IAF organizations stole the election of Republican Congressman Robert Dornan, by means of documented immigration and election fraud. Hundreds of invalidly naturalized persons were driven from getting their citizenship papers directly to the polling places.

Catholic money helped steal an election away from a devout Catholic and patriotic man, with a perfect voting record on the right to life and other moral issues, on behalf of a woman with an anti-life and anti-family Democrat agenda, Loretta Sanchez, a Clintonite radical with campaign support from the usual allies of the Democrat Party: the NOW, NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League), the homosexual advocacy group Human Rights Campaign and other such groups.

According to Stephanie Block, "The Catholic members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, of which there are well over a hundred, cast more votes in favor of abortion than not. In fact, Catholic politicians - whose Church teaches the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception - have demonstrated a worse voting record on life issues than their Presbyterian and Methodist counterparts." (1)

The Illinois Leader, an internet newspaper (www.illinoisleader.com) found that 75% of the Catholic priests who vote in the Chicago Archdiocese are registered as Democrats. Thus they carry water for the party of "social change", the party of socio-sexual revolution, the party of abortionists, homosexuals, pornographers, adulterers, fornicators and perjurers.

Francis Cardinal George failed to stop the pro-abortion candidate for the Democrat Party's Presidential nomination Al Sharpton from speaking under Archdiocesan auspices at St. Sabina's parish, where the Fr. Michael Pflieger serves as Pastor.

George also recently called for changes in U.S. immigration policy that dovetail with Democrat political objectives and echo the work of IAF operatives in defeating the election

of Bob Dornan in California. These include the legalization of undocumented residents and the removal of the U.S. "blockade" from our borders. Immigrants vote for Democrats not Republicans. Liberalization of immigration laws sits high on the Democrat agenda.

Many Chicago area priests hold membership in another Alinsky-inspired organization, Call to Action. It not only follows the organizational principles Alinsky developed but also embraces his revolutionary world view, taking the Democrat ideology of moral rebellion into the very heart of the Catholic Church.

CTA has complete freedom to organize and promote its agenda of dissent which seeks to destroy the papacy and the Church hierarchy, to win acceptance for divorce, abortion, contraception, homosexuality, priestesses, liturgical abuses, a married clergy, and the abolition of property rights. Bishops have actually appointed CTA dissenters as pastors in their parishes.

Catholic bishops gave a million dollars to organizations that oppose everything Catholic, to ACORN, to IAF, to CMF but not a cent to struggling Catholic operations like Joe Schiedler's Pro-life Action League or Conrad Wojnar's Womens Center. They withhold support to the cause of life and the family because that would undermine Democrat power.

Stephanie Block put it best, "This year, when the collection plate comes around, remember that you can sabotage Church teaching with a flick of your wrist. You can shoot it down by paying for organizations to fight for health clinics that dispense contraceptives and make abortion referrals. You can shoot it down by paying for organizing that supports pro-abortion politicians. You can shoot it down by paying for organizing that trains Catholics to dissent. Just don't be surprised by the blood on your hands."

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