



Center for Bio-Ethical Reform



Dear Pro-Life Friend,

On May 17, 2009 President Barack Obama will speak at the University of Notre Dame (UND) commencement ceremony. Obama will also be awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree, making him the ninth president to receive one from the university. Obama's invitation to speak at Notre Dame is an abomination and the Center for Bio Ethical Reform (CBR) is planning to do something about it!

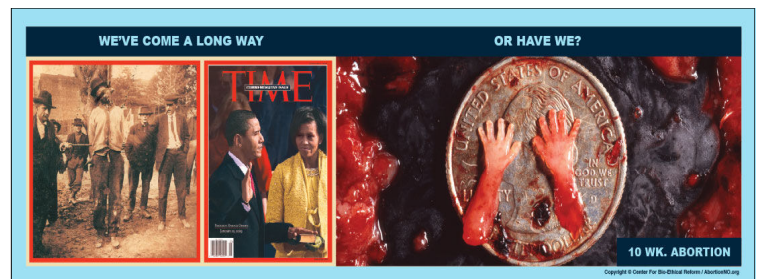
The University's decision flies in the face of the policy of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops against honoring pro-abortion politicians and brings into question Notre Dame's Catholicity. In their June 2004 statement, Catholics in Political Life, the bishops said "The Catholic community 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.**"

On May 15, 2009 CBR will officially launch the Obama Awareness Campaign (OAC) in South Bend, IN. As I write, CBR's graphic abortion billboard trucks, handheld signs, and airplane tow banners are being readied to greet Obama and his supporters during the weekend long UND commencement ceremonies.

The *Chicago Tribune* reports that "The prospect of graphic abortion photos lining areas leading into the ceremony, meanwhile, has some students fearing that their day of accomplishment will be tarnished. Both my grandmothers are coming," said Billy Lyman, a UND senior. "They don't want to see that on their way into the ceremony. Nobody should be subjected to that on such a happy day. I'm really concerned the day is going to be marred."

CBR Note: Which is more tarnishing to the reputation of America's prominent Catholic university, the presence of huge abortion photos or violating Catholic beliefs by supporting the most pro-abortion President in US history? Would the "happy day" be "marred" by peaceful pro-lifers who want to end abortion or by giving a platform to a President who is doing everything humanly possible to expand the killing (Since his inauguration on Jan. 20, 2009, Obama has signed two executive orders expanding destructive embryo research and funding abortion overseas)?

IF YOU ARE AS ANGRY AS WE ARE ABOUT THE ABOMINATION OF AMERICA'S ABORTION PRESIDENT RECEIVING AN HONORARY DEGREE AT AMERICA'S LEADING CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, THEN HELP US SURROUND THE CAMPUS WITH BILLBOARD TRUCKS AND HANDHELD SIGNS DISPLAYING HUGE ABORTED BABY PHOTOS.



Will our projects at the UND commencement make a difference? Read this email that just came into my inbox:

You need to advertise these pictures to the public as much as possible in every city of the United States. I think that most people do not understand what an abortion actually is let alone what one looks like. Words are not going to change the minds of people we need them to see for themselves. — 21 year old from Williamsport, PA.

With your help CBR will "advertize these [abortion] pictures to the public" in cites across America starting in South Bend, IN, May 15, 2009. We have plans for this campaign beyond Notre Dame that include many Midwest, and other US cities.

Notre Dame's president, Father John Jenkins, CSC, has said Obama will be honored as an "inspiring leader" facing challenges from the economy, two wars, health care, and immigration and health care reform. We agree that the President has a full plate, but that cannot be used as an excuse to look the other way on abortion.

The Obama invitation, Jenkins has emphasized, does not condone or endorse Obama's positions on stem cells or abortion but the visit is "a basis for further positive engagement."

CBR Note: This is nonsense. Hypothetically, what if Obama supported the "right to molest children?" Would that have been enough to un-invite him? If his advocacy of the right to kill children wouldn't disqualify him, why would support for the right to abuse them be a deal-breaker? Would Jenkins have shrugged off an anti-Semitic Holocaust denial as mere differences on some issues? If he would, he should have his ordination revoked. If he wouldn't, he trivializes abortion. If "positive engagement" on abortion is what Rev. Jenkins is looking for, then CBR is prepared to oblige!

HELP CBR EXPOSE THE RADICAL PRO-INFANTICIDE AGENDA OF BARACK OBAMA AT NOTRE DAME, AND ACROSS AMERICA BY WRITING A CHECK TODAY FOR \$5000, \$1000, \$500, \$250, OR \$100.



CBR's new billboards get a trial run at the Inauguration of Barack Obama on Jan. 20, 2009. They passed the test!

Sadly, according to the Associated Press article (*Criticism over Obama invite mounts at Notre Dame*, March 27, 2009) a majority of UND students also support Obama addressing the graduates. *The Observer*, the student newspaper, had received 612 letters about Obama's appearance - 313 from alumni and 299 from current students. Seventy percent of the alumni letters opposed having Obama give the speech, while 73 percent of student letters supported his appearance.

To say the least, President Jenkins views on Obama are shared by much of the UND student body. This isn't about Obama, its about abortion. The problem at Notre Dame is symptomatic of many Catholic universities today, and of the culture at large regarding abortion. Americans are ignorant about who the preborn baby is and what abortion does to the baby. Priests for Life's Father Frank Pavone, (who sits on CBR's Board of Directors) has said, "America will not reject abortion until America sees abortion." The good news is, CBR has the projects to help Americans see abortion. Now, all we need is money to fund them.

PLEASE FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE OBAMA AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. YOUR GIFT OF \$400 BUYS ONE NEW OBAMA TRUCK BILLBOARD. YOUR GIFT OF \$150 BUYS FUEL FOR ONE TOW BANNER AIRPLANE FOR ONE HOUR. YOUR GIFT OF \$75 BUYS TWO HANDHELD OBAMA AWARENESS SIGNS FOR TWO OF OUR VOLUNTEERS.

Thank God for men like Bishop John M. D'Arcy, whose diocese includes the University of Notre Dame. Bishop D'Arcy will boycott President Obama's May 17 commencement speech. Bishop D'Arcy is not alone. CBR and thousands of others are standing with him to stop this disgraceful event.

For Mercy and Justice,

Mark Harrington, Midwest Director, Center for Bio Ethical Reform

P.S.— Here is another email from a 17 year old from Midland, TX: "I saw the pictures and it made me want to do something and start changing people's minds about keeping abortion legal." She gets it. Do you? Partner with us to save lives and help us be a prophetic voice to the powerful.

