



Final Notes on Notre Dame

President Obama speaking and receiving and award at Notre Dame was a controversial event that has passed and **I am tired of it**. However, the issues it raised have not gone away and I will not tire of *“fighting the good fight”*. I will address two things.

First of all, I will address briefly President Obama in particular receiving an award and giving a commencement speech at a Catholic University. Secondly, I will address his speech.

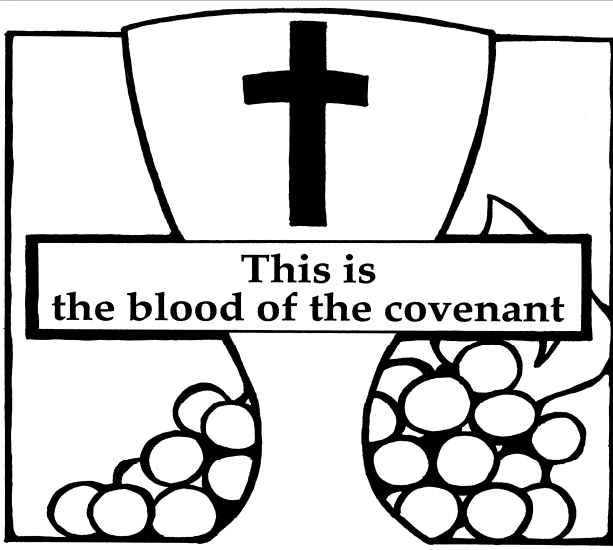
This President should never have been invited. Why do I care? The Church is universal – that means it stretches to and affects priests who are responsible to publically challenge publically scandalous choices by Catholics in front of my Catholic parishioners. Also, I don’t want my parishioners going to the University of Notre Dame or supporting it without them having the opportunity to know that it is in public opposition to Catholic teaching.

The University President, Fr. Jenkins, justified the invitation by saying he wanted to *“foster dialogue”*. *Where was the dialogue during the commencement address?* There was no dialogue. It was a speech. The President received an honorary law degree. The Catholic Church has been clear that the legalization of abortion is an unjust law – and not only an unjust law, but the most unjust law in this country. An honorary law degree to a President who holds the complete contrary position on what an institution holds to be most unjust is the ultimate contradiction.

On the positive side, the event brought out into the “light” the dissension Notre Dame – henceforth ND - has with Catholic teaching. It also illumined ND’s conformity to the popular culture. It holds to a relativistic non-philosophy. Yes, we ought to dialogue with the philosophy, but not adopt it. “Legal Right to choose” reveals the relativistic philosophy. It also shows how wrong the philosophy is. All moral decisions do not hold the same weight and “right to choose” does not differentiate. If that is the basis for the legalization of abortion, then any decision should be legal. But, we don’t legislate on the basis of “right to choose”. For example, I do not have the “legal right to choose” to kill a doctor because he performs abortions. If we continue with this philosophy in our system of legislating, executing, and judging laws, then we will end up in totalitarianism – those in power choose what is legal or illegal simply because they are in power. I say, we will “end up there”, but we are already there in much of our government and institutions. It has to be that way because in relativism, the individual is the moral authority, not an objective, universally held moral norm beyond the fallen individual. We need to get back to the basic universally held moral norms that God has given us in the Ten commandments. Relativism has had it’s reign and proven confusing, degrading, and divisive.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).
Psalm -- I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).
Second Reading -- Christ is the mediator of a new covenant; his blood will cleanse our consciences (Hebrews 9:11-15).
Gospel -- This is my body. This is my blood (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).

Mass Intentions for the week June 15th thru June 21st

Tuesday	8:00AM	†Deceased Parents of Edward and Mary Greninger
Wednesday	8:00AM	†Erwin Roden
Saturday	4:00PM	††Elmer and Dorothy Beaudry
Sunday	8:00AM	†Tom Barthel
	10:00AM	All Parishioners

CONFESSION

Confession is now available from **2:00-3:45pm** each Saturday afternoon to allow more time and opportunity for the many people coming and to give our Celebrants enough time to prepare for Mass.



A Vocation View

Through the ministry of our ordained priests, we receive Holy Communion. Through the Body and Blood of Christ, we are made one body: to become Christ-like. . Purified... ready to serve. Pray for Vocations.

Pastor's Corner . .

Secondly, two weeks ago, I put a copy of the two promises President Obama made during his speech that we have to press him on, and I hope he follows through with – a conscience clause for health care workers and institutions – and not using our tax-dollars for funding abortions and anti-life practices.

The graduating students were not as unanimously in support as the secular media made them out to be. The Star Tribune said, "The vast majority of 12,000 in attendance....several loud sustained ovations" (May 18th edition of Star Tribune - Michael D. Shear – Washington Post). One of my employees watched the event live on television and estimated that one third of those in attendance **did not** stand nor applaud. That equals about 4,000 people.

President Obama asked for the audience to agree that any woman who chooses an abortion finds it "**heart-wrenching**". I agree it's probably heart-wrenching for most, but I also know that for some, her heart is very difficult to find. He said she finds herself in a predicament. No doubt she is in a predicament, but if abortion were illegal, then it would be much more likely abortion wouldn't cross her mind as a choice.

Come Holy Spirit Come!


God bless you and have a good week! Fr. Richards

Mission Appeal

Next weekend we will have guest speakers at all the Masses offering the annual Mission appeal for the church's many-faceted missionary activities throughout the world. Sr. Malathie Dasanayaka, Superior General, and Sr. Margie of the Sisters of Perpetual Help are very happy to visit us and share about their mission work in Sri Lanka. Their primary mission is educating the deaf children. We welcome the sisters and encourage support for their mission work.

Global Solidarity Sunday

You may place your gift this weekend or in next week's collection. This outreach collection is for Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe churches.

	
June 6th and June 7th	
Adult	3,806.00
Youth	80.77
Plate	657.66
Weekly Stewardship Update	
Weekly Need	6,160.00
Last Week	4,464.00
Need To Date	308,000.00
Year To Date (Adult Envelopes/Plate)	251,951.00
Year To Date (Special Gifts)	29,925.00

RESPECT FOR LIFE

"For many years I have been an outspoken advocate for the unborn child, because in a culture of abortion, the child is like a slave. The new civil rights movement of our time is the pro-life movement."



Dr. Alveda King - Niece of Martin Luther King
Priests for Life Newsletter—August 2006

For families facing an untimely pregnancy, that they may turn to God for strength and support to the mothers of their unborn children, We Pray.

St. Albert's ProLife Bake Sale



Once again this year exceeded our expectations. Even during these hard economic times, St. Albert's shines through with its generosity. Thank you to everyone who baked items and helped to fill our tables with delicious goodies. Thank you to those who gave and filled their tummies, and to those especially who just gave.

We raised **\$430.79**. God bless all of you. Please pray as our float travels down Main Street Albertville during the Friendly City Days Parade that hearts and minds will come to know and understand the respect and dignity for human life.

Upcoming Legislation is attempting to make abortion on demand accessible to every region of every state. This would be paid for by taxes and government-mandated private insurance premiums.

Please contact Representative Michele Bachmann @ 651-731-5400 to oppose this health care legislation.

Archdiocesan Planning Process

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME??

All are welcome to contribute their thoughts on the future of the Archdiocese via the following options:

Website: www.archspm.org/planning process Click on "Feedback"

Voice Mail: 651-291-4435

Mail: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis—PST (Planning Process Comments)
328 Kellogg Blvd., West St. Paul, MN 55102

—Awaken To Prayer—



Come pray with us as we pray the Rosary for America and the conversion of hearts to our Lord Jesus Christ. Sunday's at the Church of St. Albert at 7:45pm.

Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession

This Sunday, June 14th, 2:00-3:30pm., Little Sisters of the Poor to the Cathedral of St. Paul. Bring your family and friends for this festive walk with our Eucharistic Lord. An ice cream social follows. Park in the Cathedral parking lot and ride a free shuttle bus to Little Sisters' from 1:15 to 1:45pm. Details at www.WalkWithHim.net or call (651) 239-8574.