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RE: CCK Policies on Political Activity

Dear Pastor, Pastoral Director, School Superintendent, Catholic Charities Director,

We communicated with you in August 2006 and in April 2007 encouraging active participation in the public square and we emphasized our longstanding policy prohibiting partisan political activity by churches and individuals representing our church acting in their official capacities. Attached are copies of our prior letters.

We write again to thank you for your faithful encouragement of civic involvement and your implementation of the political activity guidelines. We also write again because the general election in Kentucky approaches and because the Office of General Counsel of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a revised *2007 Political Activity Guidelines for Catholic Organizations*. These guidelines provide commonsense explanation of the rules and provide practical examples. We encourage you to review the guidelines and educate your parish leaders on them. The guidelines are available in the right hand column on the Catholic Conference of Kentucky's web page at www.ccky.org.

We very much appreciate your faithful implementation of the CCK Policy on Political Activity.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Joseph E. Kurtz in black ink.

+ Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz
Archbishop of Louisville

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