



November 5, 2004

Ms. Rosie Johnson  
Director, EO Examinations  
Internal Revenue Service – T:EO:E  
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Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Ms. Johnson:

This letter provides additional information to supplement our letter of September 20, 2004, urging you to take immediate action against Catholic Answers for its partisan political activities. Enclosed, please find a recent email solicitation, a copy of Catholic Answers' most recent newspaper ad, a press release referring to our previous complaint and two newspaper articles that outline the reasons why several dioceses banned the organization's guides.

As the enclosed email solicitation indicates, Catholic Answers continues to reach out to voters hoping to sway them to "vot[e] in line with Church teachings" by providing an issue-by-issue guide on the proper choice. The same is true of the print advertisement, which again outlines the non-negotiable issues and instructs voters to "give preference to candidates who do not propose positions that contradict these principles."

Note that when attention is drawn to its clear violations of the law, Catholic Answers responds (in the press release) by denying any violation of law while continuing its illegal intervention into partisan politics. Catholic Answers' mockery of the risks of enforcement threaten to encourage further non-compliance by other 501(c)(3) organizations emboldened by Catholic Answers' bluster.

On September 3, 2004, a lawyer for the Diocese of La Crosse, WI, made it clear that Catholic Answers' partisan voting guide could endanger the tax-exempt status of the diocese if it were distributed on church grounds. The Archdiocese of St. Paul, MN, also denounced the ad as partisan and discouraged parishioners from distributing the guide. Church leaders of these dioceses have recognized that the advertisement crosses the line with its partisan political message.

It is obvious that Catholic Answers has no intention of complying with its responsibilities under section 501(c)(3). We renew our urgent request to bring your full enforcement authority to bear against the organization as a charity operating in violation of its tax-exempt status.

Sincerely,

Frances Kissling  
President

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Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA), Chairman, US Senate Finance Committee  
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