

AMERICAN LIFE LEAGUE REPORT ON CCHD

Background

In September 2009, American Life League joined a coalition with several other Catholic organizations, including Human Life International, Bellarmine Veritas Ministry, Catholic Advocate, Catholic Radio International and others who are highly concerned about the granting practices of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and its inconsistent statements in defense of its grants. It was because of these concerns that we called for a boycott of CCHD funding until each is adequately addressed and satisfactorily rectified.

To date, the CCHD claims that there have only been three “credible allegations” against grantees, while nearly 50 have been profiled and await response. From the earliest stages of this campaign, our requests to meet with CCHD executives have been denied (except in the case of one coalition member as an individual), despite their public statements that we have not tried to meet with them in person.

Furthermore, the CCHD released a document titled “For the Record,” claiming to have re-investigated two groups, The San Francisco Organizing Project (SFOP) and LA Community Action Network (LA CAN). Without addressing the evidence against these groups (documentation showing LA CAN’s endorsement of homosexual marriage and promotion of birth control and SFOP’s support and promotion of a contraception-providing clinic are attached), CCHD and the local archdioceses in which they reside proclaimed their innocence of the charges and cleared them for further funding.

Findings

American Life League has compiled information on nearly 50 CCHD grantees engaged in some manner in the promotion of activities and ideologies antithetical to Church teaching. The following is a series of profiles on these grantees:

Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) - Illinois - \$45,000

- Listed as a “Lead Agency” with Elev8 Chicago
 - Elev8 Chicago’s Health Outcome Objectives encourages birth control through “comprehensive” sex education.

According to SWOP’s own web site, “SWOP is the lead community partner of one of [five] Elev8 (formerly Integrated Services in Schools) projects across the City of Chicago. These partnerships, leveraged through the New Communities Program of LISC Chicago and with the generous financial support of Atlantic Philanthropies, are working to create a new model for middle schools that will enhance academic support as well as provide holistic family social services so that students graduate prepared to succeed in high school and beyond.” (<http://www.swopchicago.org/display.aspx?pointer=6002>)

According to LISC Chicago:

The Atlantic Philanthropies, an international foundation supporting Elev8 programs in four U.S. locations, made comprehensive sex education a requirement for receiving the four-year grant, which totaled \$18 million in Chicago. One goal of the project is to show how improved student health can lead to higher academic achievement, and helping kids avoid unsafe sexual activity is a

part of that, said Alice Duff, a program executive at Atlantic.

Parents and educators at Elev8 schools were uneasy with the requirement at first, said Chris Brown, director of education programs for LISC. While comprehensive sex education promotes abstinence, it also teaches adolescents how to protect themselves from pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases if they do become sexually active.

‘Nobody thinks that middle-schoolers should be having sex,’ he said, ‘but unfortunately some are, and we have to give them information to make responsible choices.’ (<http://www.lisc-chicago.org/display.aspx?pointer=7425>)

LISC Chicago provided a document giving Elev8’s program summary. (http://www.lisc-chicago.org/content/11/documents/elev8_chicago_program_summary1-09.doc)

In the summary, SWOP’s status as a lead agency in the program is confirmed. Furthermore, the document lists Health outcome objectives for Elev8 Chicago. The third outcome states:

1. All graduates will know how to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, and have the ability to apply responsible decision-making skills with regard to their personal health.

In the program summary, SWOP is partnered with the ACCESS Community Health Network for the creation of health centers in schools. ACCESS states the following on its web site regarding family planning (<http://www.accesscommunityhealth.net/familyplanning>):

Program Description:

Access Community Health Network acknowledges a woman's right to choose among the full spectrum of reproductive options.

Family planning services are provided at all ACCESS health centers. ACCESS Des Plaines Valley Health Center offers free birth control through the Illinois Department of Public Health’s Title X program.

Services Provided:

We provide confidential family planning counseling, education around safe sex and STDs, birth control including IUDs, and emergency contraception. In consultation with your medical provider, you can choose the birth control method that best suits your needs.

This program is available at these locations:

Family Planning services are available at all ACCESS locations.

Analysis: SWOP is working as a lead agency for the implementation of health centers in schools with the stated objective to include comprehensive sex education, which includes artificial birth control. In order to accomplish this, SWOP is working directly with ACCESS Community Health Network, whose services include a wide array of birth control methods and devices. Given SWOP’s involvement in this, it is in violation of Church teaching and unworthy of Catholic funding.

Community Organizing and Family Issues (Listed as "Parents Organized to Win, Educate, and Renew)- Illinois - **\$40,000**

- Received a donation from Playboy Foundation (http://www.cofionline.org/about_cofi.php?id=7)
- Donated to the Obama campaign
(http://query.nictusa.com/pres/2008/12G/C00431445/A_EMPLOYER_C00431445.html)
 - This is a direct violation of CCHD's criteria number 7:
(<http://www.usccb.org/cchd/grants/criteria.shtml>)
 - The organization must be fully nonpartisan when engaging in political activities.
Organizations engaged in partisan political activity are not eligible.

Analysis: The contribution from the Playboy Foundation is a red flag, obliging the CCHD to immediately investigate. However, as is stated in the summary above, the donation from COFI to the Obama campaign disqualifies the organization for CCHD grant money.

Chicago Workers Collaborative - Illinois - \$30,000

- Listed with the International Socialist Organization (ISO) (<http://www.internationalsocialist.org/links.html>)
- The "Socialist Worker" promoted a project of Chicago Workers' Collaborative, calling for funds (http://socialistworker.org/2007-2/640/640_06_Cygnus.shtml)
- Featured in *The Militant* (socialist newspaper) (<http://www.themilitant.com/2009/7311/index.shtml>)
- Participated as guest speaker in "Public Forum Retail Workers of the World, Unite," which was put on by Chicago Socialists, a branch of ISO (http://www.chicagosocialists.org/events/detail.php?event_id=44)
- According to "about us" on Chicago Socialist web site: (<http://www.chicagosocialists.org/about>)
 - "A world free of exploitation—socialism—is not only possible but worth fighting for. The ISO stands in the tradition of revolutionary socialists Karl Marx, V.I. Lenin and Leon Trotsky in the belief that workers themselves—the vast majority of the population—are the only force that can lead the fight to win a socialist society. Socialism can't be brought about from above, but has to be won by workers themselves."
- Participated and gave presentation at "Socialism 2009" (<http://socialismconference.org/>)

Analysis: All supporting documentation is attached; illustrating that Chicago Workers Collaborative is in fact a Marxist organization. Radical Marxist socialism was condemned by several popes, so there is no excuse for the Chicago Workers' Collaborative to have even been considered for grant money.

LA Community Action Network (AKA: CANGRESS) – California - \$40,000

(UPDATE 11-16-2009) - According to a recent document from the CCHD titled, "For the Record - The Truth about CCHD Funding", The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has reviewed the activity of LA CAN and determined the organization does not engage in any activity contrary to Church teaching, and has recommended continued funding for the organization. (http://www.usccb.org/cchd/for_the_record2009-11.pdf)

- Supports homosexual marriage
 - Newsletter
- Promotes access to emergency contraception and "family planning" through a monthly clinic offered by the Downtown Women's Center. See September-October 2006 newsletter illustrating this promotion.

The LA Community Action Network wrote about the actions of its members in working to defeat California's Proposition 8, the California Marriage Protection Act, stating that "only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in the state of California."

Page 8 of LA Can's December '08-January '09 newsletter, "Community Connection" said (<http://www.cangress.org/archive-publications/connection-december08-january09.pdf>):

LA CAN has long operated a civic engagement project, which includes voter registration, education and mobilization efforts. A group of 15 members coordinated our efforts from August through November 2008, registering hundreds of voters and providing educational materials and forums for thousands.

...

Many LA CAN members also worked with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force campaign to defeat Proposition 8, which repealed the right to marry for same-sex couples. Unfortunately, this proposition also narrowly passed - a civil rights defeat for all Californians.

Page 5 of its September-October 2006 newsletter promotes birth control and family planning through its working affiliation with the Downtown Women's Center (<http://www.cangress.org/archive-publications/connect-sept-oct06.pdf>):

For these reasons, Downtown Women's Center (DWC) has partnered with JWCH Institute to offer a new monthly women's health clinic. The clinic occurs at the Downtown Women's Center (325 S. Los Angeles St., between 3rd and 4th St.) every third Wednesday of the month. If you are reading the Community Connection right now, chances are you're not far from DWC!

This clinic aims to help women access health care in a setting that is comfortable and private, with as much individualized attention as possible. The clinic focuses on women's health needs by providing well-woman exams, along with basic primary care services.

What's a well-woman exam, you ask? This exam includes a Pap smear and breast exam, and, depending on your needs, can include contraceptive/family planning counseling and prescriptions, menopausal counseling, STD, HIV and pregnancy testing.

LA CAN has a strong working relationship with DWC, and in fact shares leadership in the Downtown Women's Action Coalition (DWAC). According to LA CAN's web site, under "women's issues" (<http://www.cangress.org/women.htm>) :

LA CAN provides the home organization and coordination of DWAC and shares leadership in the Coalition with Downtown Women's Center and SRO Housing.

The 2004 Needs Assessment Report, found on the same web site, reported LA CAN's role as follows (<http://www.cangress.org/archive-documents/2004CoverColumnFarRightCenteredYellow.pdf>):

As with the original Needs Assessment project in 2001, a sub-committee of DWAC, with representatives from the Downtown Women's Center, Los Angeles Community Action Network, and SRO Housing Corporation, was formed to plan and facilitate the 2004 updated and expanded needs assessment.

Under "Recommendations" for "Community Health and Violence" on page 6 (and repeated on page 39), the report says:

Identify new resources for health care in the Skid Row community and ensure that set-asides are created for specialty health services for women, including follow-up care for health issues identified through screenings, birth control, and sexual assault and domestic violence intervention and counseling.

Analysis: LA CAN's promotion of birth control is undeniable, and yet the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and CCHD insist, even after their own investigation of the group, "that the organization does not engage in any activity contrary to Church teaching." The only conclusion American Life League can come to in this regard is that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the CCHD do not regard this degree of promotion of birth control to be "activity contrary to Church teaching."

The Women's Community Revitalization Project (WCRP) – Pennsylvania - \$30,000

(UPDATE 11-16-2009) According to a recent document from the CCHD titled, "For the Record - The Truth about CCHD Funding": The Diocese of Philadelphia, along with CCHD, continue to gather the facts involving this organization. This grant has been placed on hold during this process. Once all pertinent information has been reviewed, a final determination will be made regarding this organization.

(http://www.usccb.org/cchd/for_the_record2009-11.pdf)

- Coalition Partner with Women Vote PA
(<http://bellarmineveritasministry.files.wordpress.com/2009/10/womens.jpg>)
 - Women Vote PA is advancing the "Progressive Pennsylvania Women's Agenda," which supports
 - same-sex marriage
 - "comprehensive" sex education
 - "reproductive health care" and "family planning"
 - emergency contraception
- Received a \$16,400 grant from Women's Way's Community Women's Fund for 2009
(<http://www.womensway.org/resources-community-fund.asp>)
 - According to the page explaining the fund,
 - "The following types of organizations and projects conflict with our values and funding philosophy and would not be considered."
 - "Organizations that consider themselves to be pro-life"
 - "Organizations and projects that do not support a woman's full range of reproductive choices"
 - "Organizations and projects promoting abstinence-only sex education"
 - "Organizations and projects opposing same-sex relationships or marriage"

Analysis: Shortly after the initial report investigating CCHD grantees came out, WCRP's name disappeared from Women Vote PA's list of coalition partners. However, it is the opinion of American Life League that in order to obtain a grant from the Women's Way Community Women's Fund, WCRP would have to have expressed support for the "full range of reproductive choices." As such, there is no way such an organization is worthy of Catholic funding, and yet, as of December 12, 2009, WCRP remains on the list of CCHD grantees.

The San Francisco Organizing Project (SFOP) – California - \$35,000

(UPDATE 11-16-2009) - According to a recent document from the CCHD titled, "For the Record - The Truth about CCHD Funding,(http://www.usccb.org/cchd/for_the_record2009-11.pdf)"

"Archdiocese of San Francisco strongly supports the work of the San Francisco Organizing Project (SFOP) to expand access to health care to children. Both Archbishop Levada and Archbishop Niederauer have spoken at SFOP events; SFOP has met regularly with Archdiocesan staff to coordinate work on health care access and other issues that affect the poor and immigrant families. "

- Provides major support for health clinics that provide "family planning" and emergency contraception for both adults and minors.

SFOP, on its own web site (<http://www.sfop.org/healthcare.html>), makes the following claims:

1. Won \$200,000 for Mission Neighborhood Health Center and Excelsior Clinic for Women and Children.
2. Won Healthy Kids program to provide universal healthcare for children regardless of documentation status (2001).
3. Saved Excelsior Clinic and the public pharmacy at SF General Hospital.
4. Won Healthy San Francisco – a first-in-the-country program to provide universal healthcare to all 82,000 uninsured San Franciscans.

In order to be clear, this report will expose each of these four points in order.

Re: Point 1 - As originally reported on our web site, the Mission Neighborhood Health Center (<http://www.mnhc.org/YouthServices.shtml>) and the Excelsior Clinic for Women and Children (<http://www.mnhc.org/ExcelsiorServices.shtml>) both provide family planning services, family planning counseling and emergency contraception. This has never been addressed or clarified by the CCHD or the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Re: Point 2 – SFOP mentions that it worked with San Francisco Health Plan in order to achieve passage of the Healthy Kids Program. In this 2005 report on SFOP is an explanation of its relationship with San Francisco Health Plan, specifically in regard to the Healthy Kids program. (http://gardnercenter.stanford.edu/docs/SFOP_0405.pdf) It said:

Relationships with other organizations and agencies have historically been on an as-needed basis depending on current campaigns, but over the past five years, SFOP has been developing longer-term partnerships with organizations such as San Francisco Health Plan and Council of Community Housing Organizations.

And

Health care became SFOP's primary citywide focus as it worked to launch the Healthy Kids insurance program and helped to enroll 2,000 children in the program through the San Francisco Health Plan over a two-year period.

There are two very serious problems with this. For one thing, San Francisco Health Plan is very active in promoting and covering family planning services, which includes:

http://www.sfhph.org/files/PDF/members/EOC/MC_EOC_ENG.pdf

If You Need An Abortion

SFHP covers abortions. You do not need to see your PCP first or get permission for an abortion. You may

obtain outpatient abortion services from an SFHP network provider or from a non-network provider. Prior authorization for outpatient abortions is not required. Inpatient hospitalization for abortions may be subject to prior authorization procedures as per our current policies and procedure specific to each medical group and hospital contract. You do not need the permission of your parents/guardian to get an abortion. If you need help finding someone to perform the abortion, you can call Member Services at **(415) 547-7800** (local) or **(800) 288-5555**. You can also call the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). DHCS can offer advice and give you a list of nearby family planning clinics. The DHCS number is **(800) 942-1054**.

And

Birth Control and Other Family Planning Services

SFHP covers birth control and other family planning services. If you need birth control or other family planning services, you can get them from any provider who is willing to take Medi-Cal. You do not need to check with your primary care provider first or get an approval. You do not need to see a provider who is with your medical group. You do not need the permission of your parents or guardian. If you need help finding a provider to help you with birth control or family planning, call Member Services at **(415) 547-7800** (local) or **(800) 288-5555**. You can also call the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). DHCS has people who can provide advice and give you a list of nearby family planning clinics. The DHCS number is **(800) 942-1054**.

Now that it has been established that San Francisco Health Plan is firmly rooted in the provision of abortion and birth control, it is possible to see this in action with the Healthy Kids Program. Bear in mind that SFOP helped to enroll over 2,000 children in the Healthy Kids program *through* SFHP, because according to the services provided through SFHP for the Healthy Kids program (http://www.sfhph.org/members/programs/healthy_kids/benefits_and_services.aspx):

Benefits and Services

The Healthy Kids program provides medical, dental, and vision coverage. San Francisco Health Plan offers members:

- Doctor Visits - over 2,500 providers to choose from
- Dental Care
- Vision Care (Glasses & Eye Exams) - over 200 vision service providers
- Hospital and Emergency Room Care - six of the best San Francisco hospitals
- Prescription Drugs - over 200 pharmacies throughout San Francisco
- Regular Check-ups and Immunizations (shots)
- OB/GYN Services and Pregnancy Care
- Family Planning
- Substance Abuse Programs
- Mental Health Services
- Specialty Care - over 2,000 specialists in our network

Re: Point 3 – See point 1.

Re: Point 4 – Not only did SFOP “win” Healthy San Francisco, but it was an integral part in its planning. According to Greg M. Schwartz, staff writer for *J Weekly* (<http://www.jweekly.com/article/full/35257/s-f-expands-health-care-plan-after-sha-ar-zahav-push/>):

The progressive Reform synagogue was a perfect place for the June 18 announcement, since its members played a significant role in the city's decision to expand the plan, called Healthy San Francisco.

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Sha'ar Zahav members saw a need for more inclusive health care after the initial HSF plan was passed unanimously by the board in 2006.

So they got the ball rolling by working with the San Francisco Organizing Project, a grassroots coalition of religious congregations and schools working to influence public policy.

And just to drive the point home, the SF Dept. of Public Health web site outlines SFOP's role in the Healthy San Francisco health plan (<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/reports/PolicyProcOfc/2006-07AnnIRpt/AnnIRpt0607iChapt7.pdf>):

Roles of Advisory Group and Departments Implementing a city-wide effort to expand access to health services to uninsured adults requires a collaborative planning process comprised of representatives from health care, business, labor, advocacy organizations, philanthropy, research and other disciplines. The HSF Advisory Council was formed to help guide the development, planning and implementation of Healthy San Francisco. The Advisory Council provides expert consultation on: implementation of employer spending mandate, membership, benefits, provider network, utilization, costs, and evaluation. With the approval of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, the following individuals were appointed to the Advisory Council are:

...

Julia Velson, San Francisco Organizing Project

A brochure about Healthy San Francisco indicates what it provides (http://www.healthysanfrancisco.org/files/PDF/1021HSF_Wellwoman_mailer.pdf):

Family Planning: Find out more about contraception (preventing pregnancy), emergency contraception or planning to have a baby.

And to make absolutely clear what those family planning services entail (<http://www.californiahealthline.org/articles/2009/11/23/national-health-reform-would-not-end-need-for-healthy-san-francisco.aspx>):

Healthy San Francisco also offers coverage for some services that would not be covered under a government-run public health insurance plan, such as elective abortion.

and (<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2009/11/23/MNC31ALDNM.DTL>):

But some services, such as elective abortions, may not be offered through a public option or by policies that are subsidized by federal funds because of the U.S. government's ban on paying for such procedures. San Francisco public health officials said elective abortions would continue to be provided through Healthy San Francisco.

However, all things considered, it should really come as no surprise that the Archdiocese of San Francisco would so strongly defend the SFOP, considering the Archdiocese lists Sarah Nolan (with an SFOP e-mail address) as Parish Organizer/Outreach Coordinator (<http://www.sfarchdiocese.org/ministries/social-justice-life/parish-organizing/?search=sarah%20nolan>):

And at least 20 parishes, in coordination with the Archdiocese of San Francisco, are working intimately with SFOP, its missions and goals. (<http://www.sfop.org/aboutus.html>)

SFOP Organizing Committees in Catholic Churches

- Church of the Epiphany Catholic – Excelsior/Crocker Amazon
- Corpus Christi Catholic Church - Excelsior
- Mission Dolores Catholic - Mission
- Star of the Sea Catholic Church - Richmond
- St. Anthony's Church - Mission
- St. Elizabeth's Catholic - Portola
- St. Kevin's Catholic – Bernal Heights (exploring membership)
- St. Patrick's Catholic Church - Downtown
- St. Peter's Catholic Church - Mission

Partnerships

- Archdiocese of San Francisco
- Church of the Visitation
- Holy Name of Jesus
- Notre Dame de Victories
- Old St. Mary's
- St. Brendan's Catholic Church
- St. Anne of the Sunset
- St. Cecilia
- St. Charles Catholic Church
- St. Dominic
- St. Ignatius
- St. Thomas Moore

Also, please note that the public record for the third reading of the Healthy Kids bill (http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/05-06/bill/asm/ab_0751-0800/ab_772_cfa_20050830_173734_sen_floor.html) contains a list of organizations supporting the bill, and those opposing. According to it, certain organizations presented arguments in favor and arguments against. Supporting the bill are the Alliance of Catholic Health Care, California Catholic Conference, Catholic Charities of California and Catholic Healthcare West. The lone opposition to the bill is the California Right to Life Committee. Supporting arguments in favor of the bill came from the California Catholic Conference (<http://www.cacatholic.org/index.php/about.html>), which represents the bishops (and their dioceses) of the state of California. Opposing the bill (and apparently the bishops as well), the California Right to Life Committee "argued that teenage girls will be brought into government-funded programs promoting birth control and abortion services," which means that the Catholic Conference of California possessed full knowledge of the pro-abortion and pro-birth control elements of the bill.

Analysis - SFOP supported and helped create Healthy San Francisco, which provides birth control and abortion. SFOP not only lobbied for it, but was on the advisory council, which helped "guide the development, planning and implementation of Healthy San Francisco. The Advisory Council provides expert consultation on: implementation of employer spending mandate, membership, benefits, provider network, utilization, costs, and evaluation." SFOP worked with the abortion and contraception-providing San Francisco Health Plan in Healthy San Francisco, and also worked with the same group on the Healthy Kids program, which ALSO covers birth control and elective abortions for children. Combining those facts with SFOP's active role in winning \$200,000

for the birth control-providing Mission Neighborhood Health Center and Excelsior Clinic for Women and Children, and as will be made clear below, is a member of Mobilize the Immigrant Vote California, it is perfectly clear and completely undeniable that SFOP is actively involved in promoting abortion and birth control, in direct violation of Catholic Church teaching and CCHD guidelines.

Preble Street - Maine - \$30,000

(UPDATE 11-16-2009) According to a recent document from the CCHD titled, "For the Record - The Truth about CCHD Funding": The Diocese of Portland, along with CCHD, continue to gather the facts involving this organization. This grant has been placed on hold during this process. Once all pertinent information has been reviewed, a final determination will be made regarding this organization.

(http://www.usccb.org/cchd/for_the_record2009-11.pdf)

(UPDATE 03-22-2010) Preble Street has been defunded for its participation in the "No on 1: Protect Maine Equality" coalition.

- Operates a day shelter where "family planning services" are made available by human service agencies. (<http://bellarmineveritasministry.files.wordpress.com/2009/11/preble1.jpg>)
- Joined the "No on 1: Protect Maine Equality" coalition in order to maintain same-sex marriage in the state of Maine. (<http://www.protectmaineequality.org/page.cfm?ID=136>)
- Listed as a Youth-Service Agency Participant in Reach Out's 2004-2006 Evaluation titled, "Enhancing Services to Out-of-Home Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning Youth" (<http://www.nenetwork.org/glbtc/REACHOUTEVAL.pdf>)

Analysis - According to Preble Street's web site, under Adults and Family Services, "21 human service agencies visit the Resource Center to offer services such as mental health and psychiatry, family planning, and transitional housing." Family planning is a direct reference to birth control, and sometimes also means abortion, though this is not made clear.

In addition to offering family planning services, Preble Street is heavily involved in promoting homosexuality. Preble Street is a member of the "No on 1: Protect Maine Equality" coalition, which was formed specifically to maintain same-sex marriage in the state of Maine. Also, Preble Street is active in Reach Out's advocacy for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgenders, queers and "questioning youth." Given these activities, Preble Street has no business receiving Catholic donations.

Voces de la Frontera – Wisconsin - \$50,000

(UPDATE - 11-18-2009) Recently removed itself from the Health Care for America Now coalition.

Commendable, but this still does not excuse the promotion of Gayneighbor.org.

- Promoted homosexual campaign “Gayneighbor.org” for ally group Equality Wisconsin in Oct. 2009 newsletter (<http://www.vdfl.org/userimages/pdfs/2009-10-newspaper.pdf>)

Analysis – Voces de la Frontera devoted an entire article titled, “Cream City Foundation announces the campaign GayNeighbor.org,” on page 9 of its October 2009 newsletter. This was in support of its ally group Equality Wisconsin, with which it began partnering in July of 2009

(<http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/50497507.html>). The article states:

The campaign shares real stories of gay and transgender families and neighbors. One of Voces de la Frontera's strong allies in the fight for immigration justice, Equality Wisconsin, is a community partner in the GayNeighbor.org campaign.

Given the strong support Voces de la Frontera has in its alliance with Equality Wisconsin, and its willingness to promote the Gay Neighbor campaign (which endorses homosexuality as a normal lifestyle), there is no reason it should be receiving Catholic donations.

Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO) – Illinois - \$40,000

- Youth program promoted birth control and homosexual lifestyles in its newsletter to teens.
(<http://www.lvejo.org/newsletter/newsletter0402.htm>)

Analysis: LVEJO's teen publication *El Cilantro*, issue 4, vol. 2, (<http://www.lvejo.org/newsletter/newsletter0402.htm>) boldly states that LVEJO conducted a survey regarding the sexual activity of teens, and decrying the fact that some are not using condoms. The article says:

In recent surveys taken by LVEJO... out of 40 surveyed, 25 people have had sex - and many do not even use condoms, but whose fault is it that these children are having babies? The girls? Or the guys? Or maybe the parent of these young adult not showing them the proper instruction for having sex? Hopefully for future generations to come we can fully stop this epidemic.

In the same newsletter is an article about teens "coming out" about their homosexuality. The article says:

It is all part of life and no one should be ashamed of his or her own sexual preference even though many openly object to the ideas of same sex couples. In a society that views same sex couples as being immoral and outrageous, it is up to the new generations of youth to stand up and voice their opinions. We need to adapt to new times and freedom to choices.

El Cilantro's issue 5, vol. 2, (<http://www.lvejo.org/newsletter/newsletter0502.htm>) contains a survey that asks teens about sexual activity, birth control, abortion and homosexuality. Even though these newsletters contain a disclaimer, disavowing the views of the authors in the newsletter, it is clear that the apathy regarding these topics is not conducive to a moral environment for teens. And as further evidence of this, LVEJO was an active participant in, and took children to the Midwest Social Teach-In, the U.S. Social Forum in Atlanta, and the Midwest Social Forum. (<http://www.lvejo.org/youth2.htm>)

These pictures are from the Midwest Social Teach-In that we attended in late March. Four YAOTL members attended: Juan Ramos, Raul Villalpando, Caira and Marcos Acosta. Juan Ramos facilitated an impromptu workshop on the prison industrial complex with a young man from Milwaukee's Urban Underground youth org[anization]. The LVEJO youth were all active participants at the event from MCing [*sic*] the youth event to participating in an intergenerational fish bowl discussion.

And:

LVEJO's youth group hosted a break dancing competition in June of 2007 to raise money to attend the U.S. Social Forum in Atlanta.

And

Midwest Social Forum was held July 6th to the 8th. LVEJO youth were awarded a scholarship to attend the Midwest Social Forum Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UWM). The Midwest Social Forum Conference (MSF) is an annual gathering of community activists, educators, students and others committed to sharing experiences and information, strengthening alliances and networks, and developing effective strategies for progressive social, economic and political change.

The Midwest Social Forum and the U.S. Social Forum are branches of the World Social Forum (<http://www.mwsocialforum.org/>), and what is particularly alarming is what these forums present.

Given that LVEJO has taken kids to such events, exposing them to all of the activities, we are compelled to ask why they are receiving Catholic donations? For instance, the following was a part of the Midwest Teach-In:

Teach in: Building a Queer Left in the Midwest [REDWOOD 3]
(<http://www.mwsocialforum.org/teachin>)

This workshop will serve as a follow-up to the Building the Queer Left event at the U.S. Social Forum. This space is open to anyone interested in building a stronger regional connection, coalition and movement toward an organized and powerful queer left. Some of the questions we will discuss are: How do we define the region we live in? What are some of the key issues in our region that should be addressed? Of these issues/areas, where do we need to build our analysis? How do we connect LGBT and queer organizing with broader racial and economic justice work? Where can we build coalitions to do multi-issue, multi-racial, multi-classed organizing within and across communities? How do we “get on the map” in terms of an organized queer left movement, one that is not solely rooted in and defined by the coasts. What is our vision for a Queer Left in the Midwest?

Facilitator: Brandon Lacy Campos, Liberty Tree Foundation for the Democratic Revolution

Also about the Teach-In: (<http://www.campusactivism.org/displayevent-2124.htm>)

Organizing across Multiple Issues

Facilitators: **Kimberly Wasserman**, Lorena Lopez, and Lili Molina, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO) As a ten year organization, LVEJO has been working on seven campaigns in the Little Village Community and across Chicago. We will share and hear from participants about best practices, linking issues, organizing, planning, and community involvement. This weekend-long organizing teach-in is a follow-up to the United States and Midwest Social Forums for Midwest-based grassroots organizations, activists, and students. The teach-in develops collaborative relationships and teaches organizing skills, strategies, and tactics needed to break out of the "silos" that segment the social justice movement. The event seeks to strengthen regional social and issue area networks and their interconnections. **Workshops provide valuable training in certain key aspects of organizing, focusing in particular on the challenges of building broad-based coalitions across race, gender, class, age, sexual orientation,** ability, issue area, and other sources of division within the movement. Organizers from novice to veteran are welcome, with different workshops geared to people with different levels of experience.

LVEJO also admitted to taking children to the U.S. Social Forum in Atlanta, which included the following speakers on “individual choices” and “sexual identity” (<http://www.radioproject.org/archive/2007/3807.html>):

It’s a well-worn path in human history. Non-traditional and marginalized communities attacked for their lifestyles and their individual choices ... whether it’s based on sexual identity, gender equity or the quest for collective empowerment. So how do we challenge and overcome gender and sexual oppression?

Dr. Andrea Smith, of “INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence” co-founder, Loretta Ross, SisterSong founder, and Imani Henry, International Action Center staff organizer spoke at the U.S. Social Forum in Atlanta, Georgia, this summer. They have some answers.

El Cilantró’s web site posted the following about the Allied Media Conference, illustrating that children are not sheltered from the seedier elements of these forums (<http://www.elcilantró.org/?paged=3>):

The 11th annual Allied Media Conference (AMC) was truly amazing. Basically, the AMC is a social gathering event. The purpose of the AMC is to give out to each other or just simply share what you know with the rest of the world.

At the allied media conference you will find a variety of workshops. Some will be based on education, women rights, environmental justice, gay rights, the economy, poverty, documentaries, youth activism and further topics. You can get a lot out of going to workshops at the AMC. You feel an increase of knowledge after each and every workshop.

LVEJO has been attending the Annual AMC for 2 years. The Allied Media Conference helps us share with other organizations and people.

LVEJO's *El Cilantro* also provides pictures of LVEJO's fundraiser to raise money for the Youth Group to attend the U.S. Social Forum in Atlanta, Georgia (<http://www.lvejo.org/youth2.htm>), which exposed kids to these:



American Life League was compelled to contact LVEJO for clarification on the youth activities at these forums,

and Kimberly Wasserman, executive director for LVEJO's answer was less than encouraging:

We don't send kids to the Social Forum, the[y] attend the Forum with the organization. Do they participate in all aspects of the conferences and learn about other areas of advocacy? The young people's participation depends on the conference and their interests. They attend workshops, lectures, events ... sometimes they attend all the events, sometimes only a few, it really depends on numerous factors.

In conclusion, it is absolutely clear that LVEJO and *El Cilantro* have a history of exposing kids to activities completely contrary to the Church's moral teachings and, as such, are unworthy of Catholic funds.

Massachusetts Community Labor United (MCLU) – Massachusetts - \$30,000

- Joined “Cure CVS Now” coalition to expand access to birth control (<http://curecvsnow.org/index.php?id=62>).

Analysis – The Cure CVS Now coalition web site states the following:

In June 2009, Cure CVS joined with over 200 community groups from across the country to call on CVS to unlock condom cases in its stores. From HIV/AIDS awareness groups to black community health centers to women's rights organizations, these groups came together to call on the country's largest retail pharmacy chain to stop locking condom cases in its stores.

Massachusetts Community Labor United is listed as a member of the coalition, in clear violation of Catholic moral teaching and the criteria of the CCHD. However, since the initial report, Cure CVS Now has removed MCLU from its members list. Fortunately, American Life League has an archived copy of the original webpage showing MCLU as a member, however a press release about the coalition and MCLU's membership can be read here (<http://thephoenix.com/BLOGS/phlog/archive/2008/12/04/has-cvs-met-its-match-is-it-you.aspx>). Regardless of whether or not MCLU discontinued membership in this coalition, it was well aware of the CCHD criteria, and should never have joined to begin with.

United Workers Association (UWA)– Maryland \$50,000

- Member of Equality Maryland coalition – UWA is listed as a “partner organization” that opposes “any amendment to the Maryland Constitution that would ban civil marriage and its vital protections for same-sex couples.”
(<http://www.equalitymaryland.org/issues/marriage/organizations.htm>)
- Current member of pro-abortion Health Care for America Now (HCAN) coalition – In November, the CCHD requested that all grantees disassociate themselves from HCAN due to HCAN taking a pro-abortion position regarding health care reform. UWA remained a member of this coalition.
(http://healthcareforamericanow.org/site/content/who_we_are/)

Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center – Ohio - \$25,000

(UPDATE – 11-17-2009) After we revealed IJPC's list of "friends and colleagues" on EWTN's *The World Over*, IJPC completely removed the list and removed the reference to "friends and colleagues." Instead, IJPC has an "under construction" statement and a notice that says, "Inclusion on this list is not an endorsement by IJPC of the activities of these organizations." The original list can be viewed here: "Friends and Colleagues" (<http://www.all.org/pdf/cchd/IJPC.pdf>).

- listed on its web site as "friends and colleagues" (http://www.ijpc-cincinnati.org/activist_guide/activist_guide.htm)
 - CINCINNATI NOW – (pro-abortion) National Organization for Woman
 - EQUALITY CINCINNATI (pro-homosexual, transgender organization)
 - GREATER CINCINNATI WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER (pro-homosexual)
 - INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST ORGANIZATION (self-styled Marxist organization)
 - P-FLAG - Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays

Analysis – This active promotion of homosexual, pro-abortion, pro-birth control, Marxist-Communist organizations is a complete violation of Catholic teaching, and there is no reason this organization should have ever received CCHD funds at all. It should be noted that Sr. Louise Akers established the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center in 1985, and while she is no longer with the IJPC, she was instructed by Archbishop Pilarczyk to "publicly disassociate herself from the issue of women's ordination if she wishes to continue making any presentations or teaching for credit in any archdiocesan-related institutions." (<http://ncronline.org/news/cincinnati-nun-given-ultimatum-over-ordination-views>)

The reason it is important to note is the simple fact that IJPC has a published video library list that is currently available (http://www.ijpc-cincinnati.org/video_1.htm).

In that library list is a video titled "Sexism in the Church." According to Laurene Conner of *The Wanderer* (<http://www.wandererforum.org/publications/focus013.html>):

In *Women-Church* Ruether wrote: "Constructing a church liberated from patriarchy will require the dismantling of clericalism." This may not have been well received in some quarters but for whatever reason, the fact remains Time Consultants in 1986 introduced a *Ministry in Review* series of conferences. Time Consultants, a Maryland-based private firm had for more than seventeen years "worked closely with the United States Catholic Conference, national organizations, dioceses and universities offering the finest Catholic ministerial conferences available in the area of religious education, liturgy, youth ministry and women in the church." The promotional brochure for its first conference "Women in the Church" hints at the reason behind its new Ministry in Review series: "Can we address today's sensitive issues in a manner that is moderate and constructive?"

This conference held in Washington, D.C., Oct. 1986 attracted 2500 of whom 97% were women. Joan Chittister, OSB, past president of LCWR and on the board of Directors of NCR (*National Catholic Reporter*), as keynoter spoke on "Sexism in the Church." Fr. Richard McBrien, then chairman of the Theology Department, Notre Dame, addressing "An Ecclesiology for Women and Men" said "he backed the ministry of qualified women not only as priests but as bishops and pope." Other speakers included Bishop Amedee Proulx, Portland, ME., who had been on the NCCB/WOC dialogue team and Bishop Ren De Roo, Victoria, Canada. Several bishops were among the registrants: Francis P. Murphy, Baltimore (also on the NCCB/WOC team); John Fitzpatrick Brownsville, TX; Joseph Breitenbeck, Grand Rapids, MI; Joseph Imesch, Joliet, IL., chairman of the bishops' committee preparing a pastoral on women in the Church. Throughout the three day conference there were repeated calls for women's ordination.

"At a midday 'feminist liturgy' Oct. 11 sponsored by Women-Church in conjunction with the conference, women participants were urged to 'claim your power' during the official conference Mass that evening by raising their arms at the consecration and symbolically concelebrating the Eucharist. At the evening Mass the priest-celebrant apologized that women could not preside, and the nun who delivered a reflection in place of the homily said the exclusion [*sic*] women from ordained ministry was a form of slavery. But only a small minority of the congregation stretched out their hands at the consecration." (NC by Jerry Filteau, *Times Review*, Oct. 16, 1986)

Clearly, Sr. Louise Akers' pro-woman's ordination activities are being carried on by IJPC. Completing the circle from Sr. Louise Akers establishing IJPC to IJPC posting a video featuring Sr. Joan Chittister that endorses priestly ordination for women is this article written by Joan Chittister (<http://ncronline.org/blogs/where-i-stand/louise-akers-silenced-or-louder-ever>) defending Sr. Louise Akers' beliefs on priestly ordination for women.

A video description for "Women in Society," says this:

Changes & Contributions, Future Directions and Gender Roles
University of Notre Dame: Today's Life Choices
Women's Ordination: The Hidden Tradition
Documentary
Reel Spirit
58 minutes

The videos "Messages from the Bario," "Liberation Theology" and "Liberation Theology Teleconference (1988)" all promote liberation theology, which has been condemned by the Church. But the most despicable video on that list is:

Gender Justice: Women's Rights are Human Rights (1996)
Elizabeth Fisher, Linda Gray MacKay
UUSC
Based on Beijing Platform for Action
40 minutes

According to the book of the same name (http://www.riseupandcallhername.com/images/Gender_Justice_Pages_Combined.pdf), a good bit of attention was given to "lesbian rights" and "reproductive rights," which means abortion and birth control.

While IJPC has removed its "friends and colleagues" list, and posted a disclaimer, it is clear from the videos it promotes that it does indeed share a similar vision to these groups, not to mention the fact that these videos in and of themselves violate Catholic teaching and CCHD guidelines.

CCHD grantees listed as partners with Mobilize the Immigrant Vote California:

- Mobilize the Immigrant Vote California's platform states, "Reproductive health needs to be an integral part of our state's safety net."
(http://go2.wordpress.com/?id=725X1342&site=bellarmineveritasministry.wordpress.com&url=http%3A%2F%2Fmivcalifornia.org%2Fdocs%2FMain_Page) MIV's 2008 voter guide called for individuals to vote against abortion restrictions and for same-sex marriage.
(<http://go2.wordpress.com/?id=725X1342&site=bellarmineveritasministry.wordpress.com&url=http%3A%2F%2Fmivcalifornia.org%2Fwiki%2Fimages%2Fa%2Faf%2FMiv-guide-2008-11-en.pdf>)
 - **Faith in Community** – California - **\$25,000**
 - **People Organized for Westside Renewal** – California - **\$50,000**
 - **Coalition LA** – California - **\$40,000**
 - **Justice Overcoming Boundaries in San Diego County** – California - **\$25,000**
 - **Nuestra Casa** – California - **\$35,000**
 - **San Francisco Organizing Project** – California - **\$35,000**

Mobilize the Immigrant Vote (MIV) (http://mivcalifornia.org/docs/Main_Page) is a coalition of like-minded organizations who have developed an immigrant voter mobilization strategy which goes far beyond voter registration. In their own words:

It is important to note that policy change is one of the longest term goals of MIV. (Source: [An Evaluation of the California Collaborative Mobilize the Immigrant Vote Pg. 12](http://mivcalifornia.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/MIV-08-Evaluation-Report.pdf))
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The MIV explains its theory of producing social “change” as follows:

Over time, and when conducted at a sufficient scale, MIV's partner organizations' successful movement-building electoral organizing will cause a marked shift in the consciousness of the electorate within a region, the credibility of organizations' message, and the overall political power that these organizations hold with elected officials and policy-makers. (Source: Ibid, pg. 7)
(<http://mivcalifornia.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/MIV-08-Evaluation-Report.pdf>)

And more simply stated:

We spend a lot of time on political education. We want to make sure that our communities know why their voting, what their [*sic*] voting for, that they are informed on the issues, that are critical in their communities, so their votes really count and make a difference in their communities. We don't think it's responsible or very good organizing to just get people out to vote. What we're interested in is what we call a movement building electoral organizing. Yes, we want our communities to register to vote. Yes, we want them to get out and vote. But we want to go beyond that. We want to make sure that the work that we do is linked to the broader missions of our community organizations and fosters the work that they are already doing.” (Nancy Berlin, Executive Committee Chair MIV, taken from: <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/topics/pubs/Vegas%20Eng.pdf>)

What is MIV's vision of social change and is it compatible with the Catholic Church's teachings on social justice? Decidedly not. For example, the MIV policy platform states the following under its health care section:

Provide low-income immigrant women and girls with access to culturally-appropriate information necessary to make informed decisions about their reproductive health and rights. Reproductive health

needs to be an integral part of our state's safety net. (Source: [MIV Immigrant Voices Platform](http://mivcalifornia.org/docs/MIV_2008_Immigrant_Voices_Platform))
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This statement is somewhat ambiguous, so it is helpful to look at how MIV has interpreted its own platform. For the 2008 California elections, MIV produced a voter's guide that urged voters to vote against Proposition 4, which required parental notification for minors seeking an abortion.
(<http://mivcalifornia.org/wiki/images/a/af/Miv-guide-2008-11-en.pdf>)



Also included in this voter's guide is the recommendation to vote against Proposition 8 which would amend the California Constitution to prevent homosexual marriage.

MIV was both enthusiastic and proud while evaluating their efforts to promote abortion and homosexual marriage among the immigrant populations. In their own words:

Two statewide propositions opposed by MIV (Prop. 4 and 6) were defeated at the polls. It is important to note that MIV was one of many organizations within California to take a stand against these propositions. Nevertheless, MIV's work certainly contributed to the defeat of these propositions, which were both seen by the organization as jeopardizing immigrant communities. Proposition 8, which sought to ban gay marriage, passed in 2008. Despite the defeat, MIV partners acknowledged that it won by a smaller margin as compared to a similar measure in 2000, and they remained proud of the education they had done in low-income immigrant communities of color on this issue. One niche of MIV is its work to engage low-income immigrant communities of color on "wedge issues" – such as gay marriage, immigration and criminalization – that are used to divide communities. (Source: An Evaluation of the California Collaborative Mobilize the Immigrant Vote Pg. 13)
(<http://mivcalifornia.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/MIV-08-Evaluation-Report.pdf>)

The video at the following link, produced by the MIV, corroborates our claims:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N51MS0JvcMQ>

One might expect organizations such as Planned Parenthood or the pro-abortion Khmer Girls in Action to be participating members of Mobilize the Immigrant Vote, and they are. More surprisingly, however, is that Catholic Charities, the John XXIII Multi-services Center and six CCHD grantees are also on the MIV membership roll (http://mivcalifornia.org/docs/Mobilize_the_Immigrant_Vote%21) as campaign partners. The grantees listed are:

- Faith in Community
- People Organized for Westside Renewal – POWER
- Coalition LA
- Justice Overcoming Boundaries in San Diego County
- Nuestra Casa

- San Francisco Organizing Project

These Catholic-run or Catholic-funded groups may make the claim that they were unaware of the stance MIV has taken on abortion and homosexual marriage, but this in actuality cannot be the case. The MIV developed its platform and voter guide in coordination with all its member organizations. According to MIV:

... What our groups also told us is they didn't want to just go out and be part of MIV for informational purpose but they wanted us to say what we stood for. So we took a draft platform with our six regions. We hashed it out with people. **We sent it to our ally organizations.** And we wrote up a platform that covers everything from immigration, worker justice, healthcare, worker rights, and more. To really try to give more of a base to who we are. (emphasis added. Source: Nancy Berlin, Executive Committee Chair MIV, taken from : <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/topics/pubs/Vegas%20Eng.pdf>)

Also, according to an MIV survey, 130 out of 133 member organizations endorsed their Immigrants Voice Platform (<http://mivcalifornia.org/blog/13>). The explicitly pro-abortion voter's guide was also developed with input from the member organizations:

We produce pros and cons information and then we take that out to the communities. We do these issue analysis forums. At the forums we invite everybody, **all of our groups**, all of our neighbors. The community debates it, what do we think, back and forth. We take a straw-poll vote, how do you feel about this. We do them in our six regions. We bring it back. We compile all that information and go, Ok, what do we want to put in the voter guide? And we use what the people told us out in these forums as the basis of the pros and cons that we write up. (emphasis added. Source: Nancy Berlin, Executive Committee Chair MIV, taken from : <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/topics/pubs/Vegas%20Eng.pdf>)

Even if we were to assume out of charity that the Catholic Charities groups did not support the pro-abortion language in the 2008 voter's guides, the question remains: Why continue working with such an organization and expose Catholic immigrants to pro-abortion indoctrination?

The same question holds for the CCHD grantees.

After our initial report on MIV and the CCHD grantees listed as ally organizations, CCHD posted a response, stating:

For each of the six funded groups, CCHD received specific approval from the bishop of each local diocese in which the organizations are located to fund them. All six groups confirmed to CCHD they were never consulted about MIV taking positions on ballot initiatives contrary to Catholic social teaching. (Source: "**For the Record**") (http://www.usccb.org/cchd/for_the_record2009-11.pdf)

We find it rather startling that the CCHD is relying on the word of spokesmen from accused organizations as testimony worthy of clearing their names. If the American justice system worked this way, our prisons would be empty because no criminal would ever admit to having committed a crime. But even more to the point, this contradicts the statements we posted from Nancy Berlin, Executive Committee Chair of MIV, **which stated that the voter's guide was produced in consultation with MIV's coalition partners.** Furthermore, several of the CCHD grantees listed were not only general campaign members of MIV, but more closely related to MIV through its MOVE program. The MOVE program, according to MIV, provides a "higher level of support to approximately thirty grassroots groups." (source: pg. 12) (<http://mivcalifornia.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/MIV-08-Evaluation-Report.pdf>)

Also, according to an evaluation of MIV posted on its own web site:

MOVE partners come together in five local tables throughout California to learn together and discuss the specific needs of their regions. MOVE partners have underscored the value of these convenings and feel they hold potential for increased collaboration on civic engagement and policy campaigns. (Source: [An Evaluation of Mobilize the Immigrant Vote California Collaborative, pg. 14](#)) (<http://mivcalifornia.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/MIV-08-Evaluation-Report.pdf>)

The CCHD grantees involved in the MIV MOVE program are: **Justice Overcoming Boundaries (JOB)**, **Coalition LA** and **Faith in Community**. (http://mivcalifornia.org/docs/MIV_Post-elections_Reflections_%28November_2008%29) Due to their higher level of involvement, we find it difficult to believe that these grantees were in the dark about the MIV ballot initiatives.

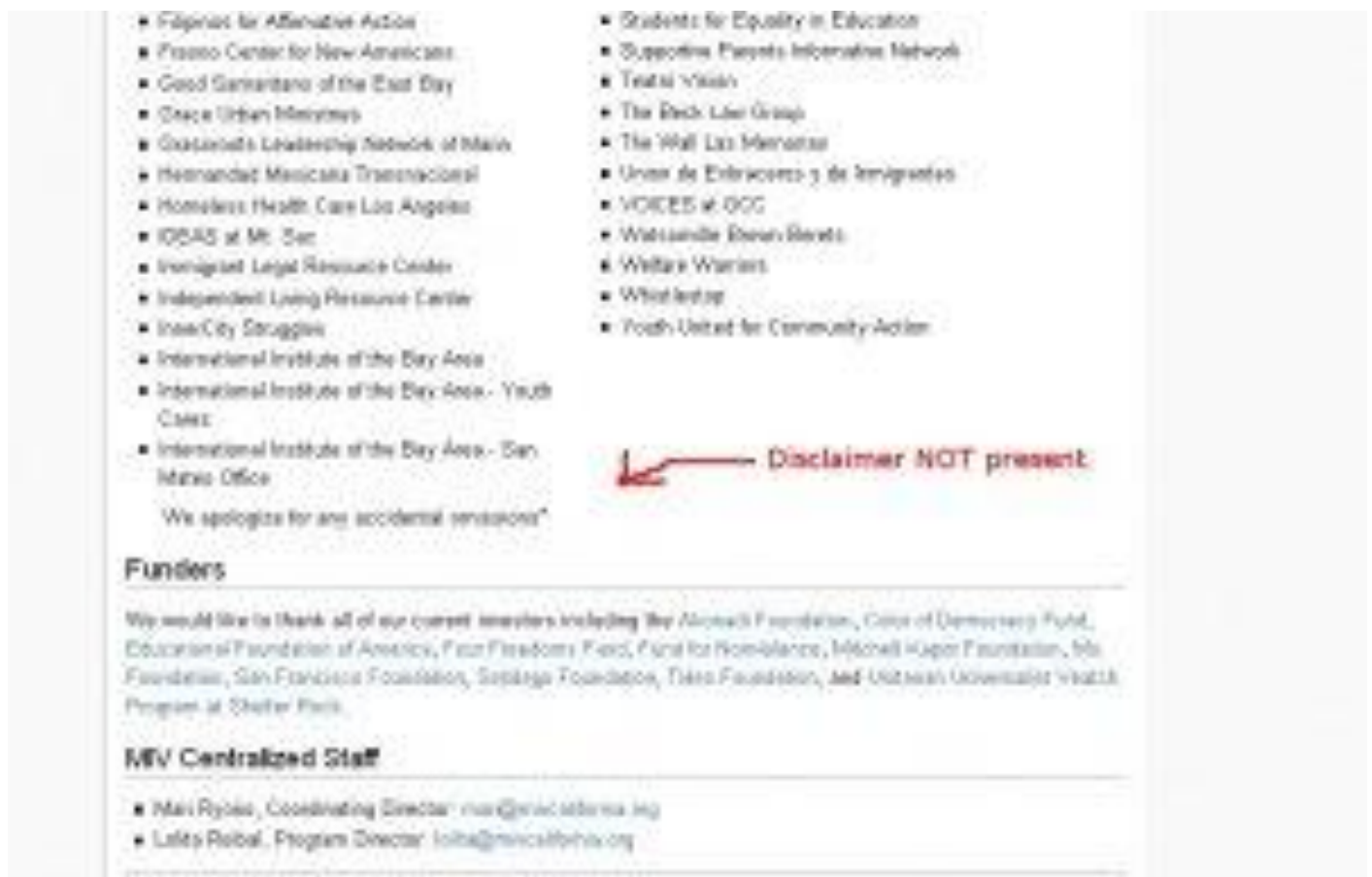
MIV publicly posted the dates, times and locations of their Issue Analysis Forums, and invited all members to attend. (<http://mivcalifornia.org/blog/5>) Based on photos we have obtained from these forums, we know they were well attended and both Proposition 4 and Proposition 8 were discussed:

	YES	NO
4 = parental notification	1	41 5
8 = Eliminates Right of Same-sex Couples to Marry	12	3 5
9 = Criminal Justice System Victim's Rights Act		
5 = Non-violent offenders entering parole & rehab		
6 = Criminal Penalties and Laws		
3 = Children's Hospital Bill Act		
7 = Renewable Energy		

Continuing on with CCHD's "For the Record":

Additionally, the Mobilize the Immigrant Vote web site includes this statement: "The partner organizations listed above do not necessarily endorse MIV's formal positions on ballot measures or policy proposals." (Source: [For the Record](#)) (http://www.usccb.org/cchd/for_the_record2009-11.pdf)

Yes, MIV's member page (http://mivcalifornia.org/docs/Mobilize_the_Immigrant_Vote%21) now includes that disclaimer. However, this disclaimer was added only after our report was published. The following is a screen shot taken October 9, 2009:



Finally, in regards to MIV, the CCHD offers the following:

In fact, Coalition LA, one of the six groups, produces its own voter's guide that is approved by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles prior to publication. (Source: [For the Record](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/for_the_record2009-11.pdf)) (http://www.usccb.org/cchd/for_the_record2009-11.pdf)

Regardless of whether Coalition LA produced its own voter's guide or not, we still question why Coalition LA is highly involved with MIV. Also, it should be noted that Coalition LA's voter's guide from 2000 specifically calls for votes against Proposition 22.

**VOTE
TUESDAY, MARCH 7**

Coalition L.A. & Californians For Youth

progressive, non-partisan

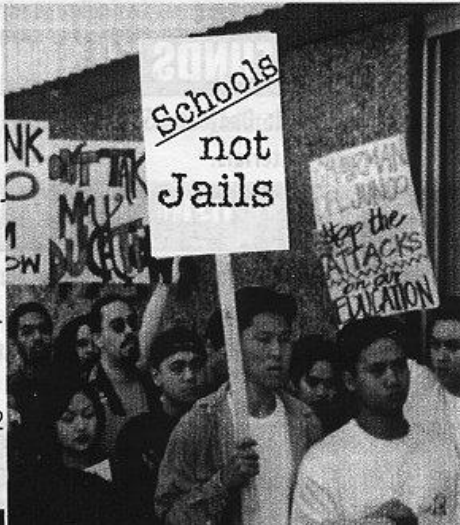
VOTER GUIDE

protect our rights...

No On Prop. 21 and 22

Politicians play on fear. Former Governor Pete Wilson and State Senator Pete Knight are attempting to spread fear and hatred through Propositions 21 and 22. At a time when California needs to tackle new challenges and opportunities TOGETHER - the two Petes behind Props. 21 and 22 are trying to tear people apart.

We cannot afford to let politicians scapegoat our communities for their own personal gain. Instead of using the initiative process to further political ambition - California needs to build bridges into the next millennium joining people together through common cause and purpose. Propositions 21 and 22 will build nothing but walls to further divide us against each other. Stop this attack and **Vote No On Propositions 21 and 22.**



Proposition 22 is described by the vote guide as follows:

OPPOSE DISCRIMINATION

No on Prop 22: Prop 22 seeks to deny basic rights to gays and lesbians by defining marriage as only the union of a man and a woman. This will be used to deny gay and lesbian couples the housing, medical, financial and legal rights enjoyed by heterosexual couples. Say no to discrimination and hatred.

OPPOSE A COSTLY ATTACK ON CALIFORNIA'S CHILDREN

Analysis: MIV formed a platform in concert with its ally members, three of which did not endorse it. This platform specifically called for a pro-abortion, pro-homosexual position, which was incorporated into the MIV voter's guide. Regardless of whether or not the CCHD members endorsed the MIV platform, they did not publicly renounce it, nor did they disassociate from the coalition after it stated an immoral position. There is no

reason for any Catholic organization (such as Catholic Charities or the John XXIII Multi-services Center) to be in any way connected with MIV, and even less for Catholic organizations to be granting money to those listed as members.

CCHD Grantees Listed as Partnership Members with The California Partnership (CAP)

- CAP took pro-abortion and pro-homosexual marriage positions in the 2008 Elections (http://www.california-partnership.org/artman/publish/2008_California_Ballot_Propositions.shtml)
 - **Coalition LA** - California - **\$40,000**
 - **Justice Overcoming Boundaries** - California - **\$25,000**
 - **Parents Organized for Westside Renewal** - California - **\$50,000**

The California Partnership is a coalition group with CCHD grantees listed as members serving on the steering committee of MIV. And it gives its members access to MIV's pro-abortion voter's guide and training programs.

(Members list - <http://web.archive.org/web/20080512053425/http://www.california-partnership.org/artman/publish/members.shtml>)

(Steering Committee - <http://www.california-partnership.org/artman/publish/links.shtml>)

(Voter Guide - <http://www.california-partnership.org/artman/publish/publications.shtml>)

In 2005, CAP teamed up with Planned Parenthood and others in a MIV Voter Education Forum:

As part of our civic engagement work, members from our San Bernardino chapter held a Voter Education Forum to highlight the initiatives by providing voter education materials, register new voters and educate and mobilize the community to get out to the polls. Members and allies including Liberia del Pueblo, Time for Change, and staff from Planned Parenthood and CAP, presented on the issues and engaged an audience of community leaders and residents making this event a huge success.

(Source: [California Partnership Fall/Winter 2005 Newsletter](#))

(http://www.california-partnership.org/artman/uploads/fallwinter_1_05_rvedits.pdf)

During the 2008 election, the California Partnership took pro-abortion and pro-homosexual marriage positions. Its "On the Issues" page states clear opposition to Prop. 4 and Prop. 8, setting it firmly against Church teaching. (http://www.california-partnership.org/artman/publish/2008_California_Ballot_Propositions.shtml)



Analysis – The connections are simple; CAP is a pro-abortion and pro-homosexual coalition. Members of CAP clearly do not take issue with CAP's positions on abortion and homosexuality, at least tacitly approving of them. CCHD granted money to three members of CAP, meaning Catholic donations went to three groups whose memberships in MIV and CAP corroborate their acceptance of stated pro-abortion and pro-homosexual

positions. As such, it is reasonable to believe that the three organizations profiled under CAP are comfortable with positions contrary to Catholic teaching and do not deserve Catholic money.

CCHD grantees are listed as members with the Center for Community Change (CCC)

The Center for Community Change, while not a CCHD grantee, is partnered with 31 CCHD grantees (listed at the end). The CCC coordinates and trains its partners (<http://www.communitychange.org/who-we-are/who-we-are>) (including those receiving CCHD funds) with the goal of advancing its “progressive” vision of society. The culture of death is pervasive throughout the CCC, from its board members to the grants it receives, to its projects and its promoted literature. Any group partnering with this organization is directly involved with this pervasive attitude. The following are just some of the aspects of the CCC that are completely incompatible with Catholic teaching.

- **Introduction to CCC’s Movement Vision Project**

- Embraces “abortion rights” and “reproductive freedom” (http://www.tides.org/fileadmin/pdfs/Vision_and_ValuesBriefing.pdf)
 - *The challenge posed by the lessons from the right is not just for individual, single-issue movements to articulate a shared vision but for those visions to add up to something even larger: a broader, multi-issue progressive movement.*

*If related single-issue organizations working toward the same long-term goals would be more powerful, imagine the power of even more organizations, working across issues for the same ends. Certainly the issues are intersectional foreign policy is inextricably intertwined with economic development policy; **abortion rights and reproductive freedom intersect with criminal justice. Our solutions must intersect as well** --*
Introduction to the Movement Vision Project of The Center for Community Change

- **Board of Advisors Member for Generation Change (a project of Center for Community Change) promotes homosexual agenda**

- **Russell Roybal** is director of movement building for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, where he oversees the organization's capacity building and leadership development efforts.
 - The Generation Change Advisory Committee is comprised of talented leaders from across the country. The Advisory Committee draws on expertise from individuals who specialize in community organizing, program development, sustainable funding, training and leadership development, and offer inter-generational and diverse perspectives. The Advisory Committee meets twice per year. (<http://www.communitychange.org/our-projects/generationchange/our-team/advisory-committee>)
 - Russell Roybal is the Task Force’s deputy executive director of external relations, where he oversees the organization’s fundraising and communications work, including ensuring the Task Force is using its resources strategically to increase the visibility of issues of importance to the LGBT community. He is also the director of movement building for the Task Force, where he oversees the organization's capacity building and leadership development efforts. (http://www.thetaskforce.org/about_us/staff_directory/sort_by_name/Russell_Roybal)

- **Board Member for the Center for Community Change promotes abortion agenda**

- **Heather Booth**, former consultant for the National Organization for Women (NOW), in 1965 organized a group called “Jane” that helped women find illegal abortion providers in the years

preceding 1973 (<http://jwa.org/feminism/html/JWA004.htm>).

- In 1965, a friend of mine was pregnant and needed an abortion. Upon being told there was someone with a problem, my reaction was to try to do something to resolve it. I called doctors in the civil rights movement and found someone who could help my friend. A few months later, someone else had heard about it and asked for help. I made another contact. And someone else called, then another, then another. I told people when they called they should ask for Jane. I would counsel the women, preparing them for the abortion and doing follow-up with them and with the doctor afterward.

Many of the women who called me were students. Some were housewives. At least a couple of women were related to the Chicago police. It made me believe that the police department knew about it, and might even be referring people. The law did not change until 1973, and until then abortion was illegal; I didn't want to go to jail. I was willing to take the risks because I thought I was fulfilling the Golden Rule.

In 1966, I met my husband, a leader of the student movement, at a sit-in against the war, and we decided we'd get married when I graduated in 1967. Then I was trying to get a doctorate, working full-time, had a Movement life full-time, and I was expecting a child. And the number of people calling upon Jane was increasing. I decided to recruit other women to take over the project and turned Jane over to the collective in 1968. Jane ultimately served over 10,000 women before *Roe v. Wade* made abortion legal in 1973.

- **Board Member for the Center for Community Change**

- **Sara Gould**, President and CEO of pro-abortion Ms. Foundation for Women_ (http://ms.foundation.org/about_us/our_staff/sara%E2%80%93k_%E2%80%93gould).
- Sara K. Gould is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Ms. Foundation for Women, the women's foundation engaged nationally to build women's power to drive social change in the United States. Her presidency began July 1, 2004, after serving four years as the foundation's Executive Director.
 - Ms. Foundation is solidly pro-abortion (<http://ms.foundation.org/blog?blogUrl=http://ignitingchange08.blogspot.com/2010/01/sherrybaby-and-reproductive-justice.html>)
 - The reproductive justice framework focuses on **justice**, encompassing, but not limited to **choice**. The growing reproductive justice movement responds to the lack of economic, social and political power low-income women have to make healthy choices. It recognizes the need to provide resources to women who do have children or who wish to have children as well as those who do not.

Discussion will highlight the ground-breaking work of Ms. Foundation grantee partners including: **Spark! Reproductive Justice Now**, (<http://sparkrj.org/content/>) **Migrant Health Promotion** (<http://www.migranthealth.org/>) and **National Advocates for Pregnant Women**. (<http://advocatesforpregnantwomen.org/>) **Ms. Foundation for Women Reproductive Rights, Health and Justice**. (http://ms.foundation.org/our_work/broad-change-areas/womens-health/reproductive-rights-health-and-justice/reproductive-rights-health-and-justice)

- **Received \$75,000 in 2007 from the Arcus Foundation for homosexual activism**
 - Funds donated for the project Generation Change, an initiative to recruit, support and train the next generation of community organizers and emerging social justice leaders through paid internships, fellowships and mentorships for activists from communities of color and from the GLBT community. (http://www.arcusfoundation.org/assets/pdf/arcus_ar07.pdf)
- **Held training seminar for homosexual groups**
 - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, National Center for Transgender Equality, National Center for Lesbian Rights and Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) National are hosting a training on grassroots organizing to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) as part of this weekend's National Equality March in Washington, D.C. ENDA is federal legislation that will ban workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

“Your Role in Passing ENDA: Grassroots Organizing Training” will take place Saturday, Oct. 10, from noon until 2 p.m. at the Center for Community Change, located at 1536 U Street NW. The training will feature experts in lobbying and grassroots organizing. Participants will get an update on ENDA, learn about “local action teams” and how they are critical to passing this legislation, and get the tools necessary to join the grassroots mobilization to pass an inclusive ENDA. For more information: (<http://nem.gaycities.com/events/738-your-rolein-passing-enda-grassroots-organizing-training>) and (<http://community.pflag.org/Document.Doc?id=289>)
- **Produced a Tool Kit celebrating homosexual lifestyles**
 - (http://www.communitychange.org/library/CCVToolkit.pdf/at_download/file)
 - “This conservative strategy also fostered hostility toward those struggling for equal opportunity—people of color, women, immigrants, gays and lesbians, and poor people. Individualism, in this context, has meant ignoring and refusing to recognize that barriers to opportunity still exist. It then demonized those of us who would tear down those barriers.”
 - But the old days in the form of 1950s America was also home to racism, segregation, limited opportunity for women, and hostile to gays and lesbians.
 - Calendar of Community Values News Hooks

Use this 2008 calendar as a planning tool. It can help you identify opportunities to get out your message about community values. Connecting your press release or op-ed to a holiday or notable/historic date in a unique way can help it get better coverage.

 - May 20 - 1996: *Romer v. Evans* decided by the Supreme Court, ruling against an amendment to the Colorado Constitution that allowed discrimination against gays and lesbians
 - June: Gay Pride Month
 - June 28 - 1969: Stonewall Rebellion helps to spark the gay rights movement
 - October 11: - National Coming Out Day, commemorating 2nd March on Washington for LGBT Rights
- **Homosexual activist runs CCC's Taproots Program and is an associate of the CCC's Movement Vision Lab** (<http://www.communitychange.org/our-projects/movementvisionlab/blog/contradictions-elections-and-movement-s/view>)
 - “I found it hard to clap my hands as the election results came in on November 4th. One hand wanted to celebrate the election of a biracial black man (like myself) and former community organizer to the office of the presidency. But the other hand wanted to mourn the passage of constitutional bans against marriage rights for same sex couples (like myself and my partner) in

two states that went for Senator Barack Obama. I **fully support economic and racial justice and am devoted to continue to work on those issues, but I am left wondering when my concerns as a gay man will be fully included in this progressive movement I'm committed to.**"

- **Resource library contains a book supporting so-called abortion rights**
(<http://www.communitychange.org/library/reproductive-justice-briefing-book/?searchterm=None>)
 - "Reproductive Justice Briefing Book: A Primer on Reproductive Justice and Social Change" by Sistersong is an activists' guide to promoting abortion rights
(<http://www.sistersong.net/documents/RJBriefingBook.pdf>)
 - "Need a one-stop shop for information on reproductive justice? Well, SisterSong has got the right tool for you. This series of articles documents the struggle for reproductive justice and bridges this struggle with other issues within the social justice movement such as immigration and queer rights. Additionally, the series touches upon the future of the women's movement in relation to reproductive justice."
- **List of CCHD Grantees who are partners with CCC** (<http://www.communitychange.org/who-we-are/our-partners>)
 - **Gamaliel of Michigan** (listed as Michigan Interfaith Voice) – Michigan - **\$25,000**
 - **Chicago Workers Collaborative** - Illinois - **\$30,000**
 - **Central IL Organizing Project** – Illinois - **\$25,000**
 - **Sunflower Community Action** – Kansas - **\$45,000**
 - **Michigan Gamliel (MOSES)** – Michigan - **\$30,000**
 - **AMOS** – Ohio - **\$35,000**
 - **Voces de la Frontera** – Wisconsin - **\$50,000**
 - **Alliance to Develop Power** – (listed by CCHD as Anti-Displacement Project) – Massachusetts - **\$30,000**
 - **Kennebec Valley Organization** – Maine - **\$30,000**
 - **Merrimack Valley Project** – Massachusetts - **\$30,000**
 - **Pioneer Valley Project** – Massachusetts - **\$30,000**
 - **United Valley Interfaith Project** – New Hampshire - **\$30,000**
 - **Brockton Interfaith Community** - Massachusetts - **\$30,000**
 - **Essex County Community Organization** – Massachusetts - **\$25,000**
 - **Metropolitan Interfaith Congregations Acting for Hope (MICAHA)** – Massachusetts - **\$30,000**
 - **Worcester Interfaith** – Massachusetts - **\$25,000**
 - **State-wide Education Organizing Committee** – New Jersey - **\$30,000**
 - **New labor** - New Jersey - **\$30,000**
 - **FUREE** – New York - **\$25,000**
 - **Queens Congregations United for Action** – New York - **\$35,000**
 - **Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition** – New York - **\$35,000**
 - **Metropolitan Organization for People** – Colorado - **\$40,000**
 - **Idaho Community Action Network** – Idaho - **\$35,000**
 - **Northern Plains Resource Council** – Montana - **\$35,000**
 - **Nashville Homeless Power Project** – Tennessee - **\$25,000**
 - **TN Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition** – Tennessee - **\$25,000**
 - **Empower Hampton Roads** – Virginia - **\$25,000**
 - **Justice Overcoming Boundaries** – California - **\$25,000**
 - **POWER** – California - **\$50,000**
 - **Coalition Los Angeles** – California - **\$40,000**
 - **Workers' Defense Project** – Texas - **\$35,000**

Analysis - CCC is a politically radical, anti-life, pro-homosexualist organization whose board members include a who's-who of the culture of death. Through their "Generation Change" program, CCC trains and develops staff as "community organizers" for their partner groups, including those receiving CCHD funds. CCC provides a resource library with books promoting "reproductive freedom" and its "Movement Vision Lab" equates access to abortion and "reproductive justice" with seeking criminal justice. This project aims to build a "progressive movement" with a "coherent, compelling, shared vision -- one that represents our values and dreams for society" according to the group.

Given the CCC's stated objective of cross-supporting initiatives among its member organizations, the fact that pro-abortion and pro-homosexual activists and materials are pervasive throughout the organization, and given that the training provided by the CCC will reflect the stated goals and materials, there is no way for a grantee professing to abstain from activities contrary to Catholic teaching to be involved with the CCC while maintaining this promise.

In addition to the list of 31 grantees, we have discovered direct cooperation with the Center for Community Change by CCHD staff. The USCCB's Executive Director of the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development served and chaired the board of the CCC. John Carr, who oversees the entire CCHD, served in both top executive positions at the same time.

Carr, whose work with the CCC goes back [at least as far as 1983](#) (http://www.archive.org/stream/administrationpr00unit/administrationpr00unit_djvu.txt), was hired by the USCCB in 1987 as the next secretary for social development and world peace. Annual reports from the CCC reveal that Carr was on the CCC's board of directors in **1999** (<http://www.guidestar.org/FinDocuments/2000/520/888/2000-520888113-1-9.pdf>), **2000** (<http://www.guidestar.org/FinDocuments/2001/520/888/2001-520888113-1-9.pdf>), **2001** (<http://www.guidestar.org/FinDocuments/2002/520/888/2002-520888113-1-9.pdf>), **2002** (<http://www.guidestar.org/FinDocuments/2003/520/888/2003-520888113-1-9.pdf>), **2003** (<http://www.cccfiles.org/shared/publications/downloads/CCCNewsWinter03-04.pdf>), **2004** (<http://www.cccfiles.org/shared/publications/downloads/CCCNews0520b.pdf>), and **2005** (http://www.communitychange.org/library/CCCAnnualRpt2006.pdf/at_download/file), serving on the executive committee from 1999-2001.

But the findings don't end there. In 2000, while Carr was serving both organizations, the CCHD funneled \$150,000 to the CCC (<http://www.usccb.org/cchd/annrpt.pdf>). In 2001, the CCHD hosted the Executive Director from the CCC (<http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/socminagenda.shtml>) for a presentation at a three-day conference and, in 2006, when Carr left the CCC's board of directors, he was replaced by Tom Chabolla, who worked for Carr as associate director of programs for the CCHD until 2008. In December of 2008, the CCC co-sponsored an event called the "Realizing the Promise Forum," rallying around the election of Barack Obama. Ralph McCloud, the current Director of the CCHD joined the celebration (<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/282685-1>), proclaiming that "very soon we will see a New Jerusalem."

The most peculiar aspect of this investigation, however, is the mysterious omission of Carr's membership and chairmanship of the CCC's board on his USCCB bio (<http://www.usccb.org/comm/source/background.shtml#carr>). **With great consistency, several brochures** (<http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/utis/getcmalfile.aspx?id=6a027c47-d2bd-473c-8f16-b418fdda5aed&ext=.pdf>), **event announcements** (<http://www.paxjoliet.org/events/peaceday2008.htm>), **forums** (<http://pewforum.org/events/0605/carrbio.htm>) and **bios for other organizations he is involved with** (http://www.nrpe.org/whatisthepartnership/board_intro01.htm) give nearly word-for-word copies of his USCCB bio, with the exception that they mention his involvement with CCC and the USCCB bio does not. Figuring that perhaps his USCCB bio maintained only current positions, coalition members searched the

internet archives going back to 2004, and found that his bio has NEVER mentioned the CCC.
(http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://www.usccb.org/comm/source/background.shtml)

After we released our report on the Center for Community Change and John Carr, Tom Chabolla and Ralph McCloud's involvement with it, the CCHD's web site immediately removed its endorsement for the CCC. Also, the CCC immediately severed ties with the Movement Vision Lab and the CCHD's only response to the findings was that we were attacking John Carr's pro-life convictions.

Open Letter to Tom Grenchik Regarding USCCB Cooperation With and Support for Pro-Abortion and Radical Homosexual Groups

(The following letter was written in response to an e-mail dated February 2, 2010, sent to all diocesan pro-life offices and state Catholic conference directors by Tom Grenchik, executive director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pro-Life Secretariat. We are responding publicly because we do not have access to Mr. Grenchik's e-mail list.)

Dear Mr. Grenchik,

Your February 2 letter to diocesan pro-life and Catholic conference directors incorrectly claims we are accusing the executive director of the USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development of supporting abortion and the radical homosexual agenda.

There is no doubt that John Carr (who, as head of this department, has oversight of Catholic Campaign for Human Development) has spoken often about the need to defend the preborn; moreover, this is not the issue. As we have stated repeatedly, we are not calling into question John Carr's pro-life convictions.

The issue is a serious lack of prudence displayed by the USCCB's social justice arm in its dealings with organizations whose aims directly contradict Church teaching. We have provided carefully verified and detailed factual evidence to support this charge.

I tried to meet and speak with John Carr several months ago, when American Life League joined the Reform CCHD Now coalition (<http://www.reformcchdnow.com/>), but he refused. Thus, his claim that we never contacted him is false.

I have reported on nearly 50 CCHD grantees engaged in activities contrary to Church teaching—and which continue to receive CCHD funds. I disproved the CCHD's claim that there is nothing wrong with the San Francisco Organizing Project (<http://bellarmineveritasministry.org/2009/12/22/new-information-regarding-the-san-francisco-organizing-project/>) by providing evidence that it helped to create and promote pro-abortion "health care" legislation, but the CCHD was silent. We reported on the 31 CCHD grantees partnered with the Center for Community Change, which embraces a radical pro-abortion, pro-homosexual agenda, but again, the CCHD was silent.

So, when we reported on John Carr's chairmanship of the Board of Directors for the Center for Community Change (<http://www.communitychange.org/>), we suggested that the CCHD's silence and apparent lack of response might be the result of his cozy relationship with this organization.

Our charge of serious imprudence was further validated by the following findings:

- We released our report on the morning of February 1. At that time, we had verified that the CCC was endorsed on the CCHD's web site, but later that same day, the reference to the CCC had mysteriously disappeared.
- Tom Chabolla (http://www.all.org/newsroom_judieblog.php?id=2917), who worked under Carr at the CCHD until 2008, served on the CCC board while working for the CCHD.
- Ralph McCloud (http://www.all.org/newsroom_judieblog.php?id=2917), the CCHD's current director, spoke at a CCC-sponsored event that praised the election of Barack Obama, the most pro-abortion president in U.S. history.

This is only a small piece of a much larger picture. The CCHD has a long history of funding and collaborating with organizations that promote abortion and the radical homosexual agenda, and this history continues to this day.

In fact, it recently came to our attention that John Carr will be presenting this weekend at the USCCB-sponsored 2010 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (<http://www.catholiclabor.org/C-L%20Gath/2010%20Gathering%20Files/2010-reg-book.pdf>). There are several problems with this conference, but we will mention just a few here.

[Diana Hayes](http://explore.georgetown.edu/people/hayesd/) (<http://explore.georgetown.edu/people/hayesd/>) is a professor of systematic theology at Georgetown University and noted speaker for Call to Action (<http://www.cta-usa.org/>), the radical “Catholic” dissident group. Hayes is a radical homosexual activist (<http://www.welcomingresources.org/hayes1005.htm>) who wrote a book espousing liberation theology (<http://www.amazon.com/Still-We-Rise-Introduction-Liberation/dp/0809136228>), calls for women’s ordination (<http://www.womensordination.org/content/view/8/59/1/10/>) and promotes same-sex “marriage.” (<http://thewildreed.blogspot.com/2008/11/same-premise.html>)

Mind you, these are not mere incidental associations; these speakers were invited as authorities to address our Church’s supposed defenders of the poor, and workers for peace and justice. Can anyone look at this speaker lineup and think that the USCCB is thinking clearly about Catholic social teaching? Why are those who represent openly anti-life and pro-homosexualist organizations treated as experts in the field of peace and justice by Catholics who should know better?

How many of our bishops know that these representatives of anti-Catholic organizations and philosophies are being treated—by the USCCB, no less—as experts on Catholic teaching?

Page 6 (<http://www.usccb.org/jphd/csmg/docs/2010-program-book.pdf>) of the conference program book provides a schedule for the Catholic Labor Network gathering. (click here for the Catholic Labor Network schedule http://www.catholiclabor.org/C-L%20Gath/2010%20Gathering%20Files/2010%20CLN_Gathering_schedule.pdf)

John Carr is scheduled to join Paul Booth (a founder of the radical Students for a Democratic Society) in a panel discussion. Paul Booth’s wife is Heather Booth, who currently sits on the board of the Center for Community Change. Paul and Heather Booth founded the Midwest Academy (<http://www.midwestacademy.com/>), a training institute for left-wing community organizers.

Heather Booth (<http://www.communitychange.org/who-we-are/our-board>) is also a former consultant for the National Organization for Women and, in 1965, organized a group called JANE, which helped young women obtain illegal abortions (<http://jwa.org/feminism/html/JWA004.htm>). More directly, Paul Booth joins his wife as a member of the host committee for the National Organization for Women’s Intrepid Awards Gala (http://www.now.org/organization/gala/2005/host_committees.html). Currently, Paul Booth (<http://www.afscme.org/publications/27654.cfm>) is executive assistant to the president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. The AFSCME endorsed the pro-abortion March for Freedom of Choice, held in Washington, D.C. in 2004.

Also presenting at the Catholic Labor Network gathering is Father Thomas Reese, SJ (<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=6827&CFID=5874027&CFTOKEN=12962217>), who resigned as editor of *America* magazine, reportedly under pressure by the Vatican (http://www.americamagazine.org/content/article.cfm?article_id=4197), for his refusal to stop publishing articles that questioned Church teachings on issues such as contraception, embryonic stem-cell research, same-sex marriage, homosexual priests, mandatory clerical celibacy and whether pro-abortion “Catholic” politicians should be given Holy Communion.

As Catholics, we are hurt, we are scandalized and we are horrified that the USCCB continues to cavort with the

enemies of the body of Christ, even to the point of inviting them to speak as authorities on the Catholic view of social justice, which they most certainly are not. The primary purpose of the Catholic Church is the salvation of souls, not to “develop economic strength and political power” as professed in the CCHD’s mission statement (<http://www.usccb.org/cchd/inbrief.shtml>).

We have simply presented the facts about CCHD funding for these radical organizations; yet other than defunding a very few organizations, the CCHD has thus far refused to take appropriate action and, so far, John Carr has refused to speak with us.

Again, our report is not about his pro-life credentials, but about his and others’ continued cooperation with those who openly oppose the Church and do all they can to undermine her moral authority.

We ask you, with all due respect, to stop misrepresenting our claims and ignoring the thrust of our reports by recasting them as a personal attack on John Carr. Both honesty and charity require you set the record straight with the directors of state Catholic conferences and diocesan pro-life offices.

Michael Hichborn
American Life League

CCHD and the Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is an ancient Christian devotion centered on the Passion of Jesus. Its origins date back to the fourth century. As pilgrims headed to the Holy Land, they actually retraced Jesus' steps from Pontius Pilate's court to the place of the Crucifixion. Various forms of the Stations of the Cross, different prayers, reflections and contemplations have existed throughout the ages. The focus of these prayers has always been on the Passion of Christ and the thoughtful reminder that we are all sinners in need of redemption; that is until this year.

This year, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) released [its own version](http://www.realcatholic.net/cia/stations.pdf) (now cached here <http://www.realcatholic.net/cia/stations.pdf>) of this ancient devotion. This self-promotion offers a few scriptural passages relevant to each of the 14 Stations of the Cross (Jesus is Condemned to Death, Jesus Takes up His Cross, Jesus Falls the First Time, etc.), which are followed by commercial commentaries on groups receiving grant money from the CCHD. Even the prayers at the end of each station are tainted with these commercial insertions.

But the most horrifying aspect of this “prayerful reflection” is that several of the grantees that are given equal attention as Our Lord in His Dolorous Passion are involved in the promotion of abortion and/or same-sex marriage.

The Second Station – Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition

The second station, which is “Jesus Takes up His Cross,” focuses on the Ohio Valley Environmental

CCHD Helps Carry the Cross

With funding assistance from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, disgusted residents teamed up through the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition and brought their concerns to state officials. They won access to an emergency water supply and are now working to protect community health by urging coal companies to clean up their coal removal practices.

We Pray

Jesus, may the work of OVEC inspire us to support the efforts of all whose crosses become heavy due to environmental threats that affect their health and well-being.

Coalition. OVEC's news archive is littered with articles on various progressive agendas, including abortion and same-sex marriage. While linking to articles is not itself an endorsement, the OVEC-inserted commentary on one of the headlines is. Next to the article headline “Democratic Leaders Want Party to Move Right on Abortion Choice” is the parenthetical comment from OVEC itself, which says, “Can Democratic Leaders Say ‘Coat hanger’? Oh, Who Cares, It's Only Women.”

(http://www.ohvec.org/links/news/archive/2004/news_gen_12.html)

But that's not all. OVEC's newsletter “Winds of Change” from December 2007 decries candidates against abortion and homosexuality, where it said, “In the past, we have voiced concern that a large fundamentalist church could recruit a dozen members to be candidates against abortion, gays and the like.” (http://ohvec.org/newsletters/woc_2007_12/woc.pdf)

OVEC is also a coalition partner of the West Virginia Citizen Action Group(<http://www.wvcag.org/newsletters/2005/10.pdf>) , whose “Action Alert” from March 27, 2009, said (http://www.wvcag.org/action_alerts/2009/03_27.htm):

The conservative movement to legislate morality never quits. This year's mover is HB 3159, which prohibits Medicaid from offering abortion services to women who qualify for the program. I know this is a hot-button topic and we have members on both sides of this issue. However, this same piece of legislation was enacted over a decade ago and found by our WV

Supreme Court to be unconstitutional. www.WVFREE.org is leading the opposition to this one.

And WV-CAG's mention of WV FREE as the organization fighting to include abortion coverage into Medicaid is not incidental. WV FREE, whose motto reads, "freedom in education, in choice, in access," calls itself a

reproductive justice organization that works every day for West Virginia families [sic] to improve education on reproductive options, increase access to affordable birth control, and protect personal decision-making, including decisions about whether or when to have child.

WV Free was promoted by OVEC in a 2007 Action Alert (http://www.ohvec.org/action_alerts/2007/01_11.htm), and a Free Citizen Lobbyist Training seminar (http://www.ohvec.org/action_alerts/2008/01_09.htm) sponsored by WV Free was promoted by OVEC in a 2008 Action Alert.

The CCHD's prayer for the second Station reads, "Jesus, may the work of OVEC inspire us to support the efforts of all whose crosses become heavy due to environmental threats that affect their health and well-being." Given OVEC's overt support for abortion, we fail to see how OVEC can inspire ANY good Catholic with a conscience.

The Third Station – United Workers Association

We Pray

Jesus, may the work of the United Workers challenge us to support workers who ask to be treated with dignity and respect.

Third Station: Jesus Falls the First Time

So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha (Jn 19:16-17).

Jesus is Still Falling

As Jesus carries his cross, the load becomes too heavy to bear. The cross crashes down. Today, many day laborers bear heavy loads, teetering on the edge of survival. In Baltimore, day laborers at the Orioles' and Ravens' stadiums were for many years paid only a few dollars an hour for their difficult work cleaning up trash after games. With such low wages, many could not afford housing and were homeless.

Words of Jesus

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me (Mt 5:11).

CCHD helps those who are falling

Hoping to achieve conditions that better respected human dignity and the dignity of work, workers formed the **United Workers** organization. They began a major effort to educate the public and the media about the conditions they faced. The workers succeeded in gaining the first ever raise for day laborers, doubling pay to \$11.30 an hour. They also implemented a worker's code of conduct.

The third station is "Jesus falls the first time." The prayer at the end of this CCHD Station of the Cross reads, "Jesus, may the work of the United Workers challenge us to support workers who ask to be treated with dignity and respect." However, the United Workers Association challenges us to support more than just workers' dignity. UWA is also a public supporter of same-sex marriage (through its membership in the Equality Maryland coalition) and is also a current member of the pro-abortion health care reform coalition, Health Care for America NOW.

Equality Maryland

(http://www.equalitymaryland.org/about_us/abouteqmd.htm) "works to secure and protect the rights of LGBT Marylanders by promoting legislative initiatives on the state, county and municipal levels." Equality Maryland's site lists partner organizations (<http://www.equalitymaryland.org/issues/marriage/organizations.htm>) which "oppose any amendment to the Maryland Constitution that would ban civil marriage and its vital protections for same-sex couples." UWA is on this list, and not by accident. To be included, an organization has to actually sign

(<http://www.equalitymaryland.org/issues/marriage/addorg.htm>) with Equality Maryland.

UWA is still listed as a member of Health Care for America NOW

(http://healthcareforamericanow.org/site/content/who_we_are/) despite the exodus of a number of CCHD grantees back in November after HCAN took a public position in favor of abortion funding in health reform legislation (<http://blog.healthcareforamericanow.org/2009/11/07/call-today-to-defeat-the-stupak-anti-abortion-amendment/>).

Seventh Station: Jesus Falls a Second Time

My foes all whisper against me;
they imagine the worst about me:
I have a deadly disease, they say;
I will never rise from my sickbed....
But you, Lord, have mercy and raise me up
that I may repay them as they deserve (Ps 41 :8-9, 11).

Jesus Falls Again and Again

In the past 14 years, Iowa's rural communities have seen a proliferation of large, industrial hog farms, or "factory farms," which have caused over 600 manure spills. This has threatened the lives and well-being of children and adults, due to asthma caused by air pollution. It has also caused road damage from heavy trucks, and the closing of small family farms.

Words of Jesus

They will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name (Lk 21:12).

CCHD Responds to Jesus Falling

Local farmers and community members have responded by working in solidarity through **Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (or Iowa CCI)**. Their efforts have led to new restrictions on the proximity of factory farms to houses and

The Seventh Station – Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

The seventh station is "Jesus Falls a Second Time." The CCHD gives us the following prayer for this station, "Jesus, many of your children still continue to fall. May the work of Iowa CCI help us to stand with all who fall, especially poor and low income people living in rural communities." However, Iowa CCI is also an active participant of the radically progressive Midwest Social Forum, which promotes homosexual activism.

In 2008, Iowa CCI participated and taught at the Midwest Social Forum's "Organizing Communities Across Boundaries Teach-In."

(<http://www.mwsocialforum.org/teachin>) The stated purpose of this event (<http://www.mwsocialforum.org/teachin>), according to the Midwest Social forum, was the following:

This weekend-long organizing teach-in will develop collaborative relationships and teach organizing skills,

strategies, and tactics needed to break out of the "silos" that segment the social justice movement. The Teach-in is a follow-up to the United States and Midwest Social Forums for Midwest-based grassroots organizations, activists and students. The event seeks to strengthen regional organizing networks and their interconnections and to provide valuable training in certain key aspects of organizing. A primary focus will be on the challenges of building broad-based coalitions across race, gender, class, age, sexual orientation, ability, issues and other sources of division within the movement.

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Notable among the workshops at this teach-in was "Building a Queer Left in the Midwest." The syllabus for this workshop states:

Some of the questions we will discuss are: How do we define the region we live in? What are some of the key issues in our region that should be addressed? Of these issues/areas, where do we need to build our analysis? How do we connect LGBT and queer organizing with broader racial and economic justice work? Where can we build coalitions to do multi-issue, multi-racial, multi-classed organizing within and across communities? How do we "get on the map" in terms of an organized queer left movement, one that is not solely rooted in and defined by the coasts. What is our vision for a Queer Left in the Midwest?

One has to wonder what building a “queer left in the Midwest” has to do with helping the “poor and low income people living in rural communities.” Whatever the answer, it is clear that CCI’s comfort with such endeavors makes their inclusion questionable at best when being spotlighted with Our Lord on the Cross.

The Eighth Station – People Organized for Westside Renewal

CCHD Comforts Those Who Weep

Recognizing that hungry kids can’t concentrate, parents from 10 schools involved in **POWER**, or **People Organized for Westside Renewal**, decided to write their own cafeteria reform motion. The motion passed, mandating healthier foods in school cafeterias and involving parents in a tightened cafeteria inspection process for all 800 schools in the LA school district. In addition to improving nutrition so young people can learn better, parents also developed a three-year initiative to increase students’ test scores. The initiative connects teachers and parents with training programs and support networks to bolster student achievement.

We Pray

Jesus, may the work of POWER inspire us to take action that ensures that the rights to adequate nutrition and education are fulfilled for all.

The eighth station of the Cross is “Jesus Speaks to the Women of Jerusalem.” This station would have been a perfect opportunity for the CCHD to point out what Mother Teresa called the “poverty” of abortion. Instead, however, the CCHD chose to highlight a group that is a member of three coalitions that promote abortion and same-sex marriage.

POWER is a member of the group called Mobilize the Immigrant Vote

(http://mivcalifornia.org/docs/Mobilize_the_Immigrant_Vote). MIV is a coalition of like-minded organizations who have developed an immigrant voter mobilization strategy which goes far beyond voter registration. For

the 2008 California elections, MIV produced a voter’s guide (<http://mivcalifornia.org/wiki/images/a/af/Miv-guide-2008-11-en.pdf>) that urged voters to vote against Proposition 4, which required parental notification for minors seeking an abortion. Also included in this voter’s guide is the recommendation to vote against Proposition 8, which would amend the California Constitution to prevent homosexual marriage. In fact, MIV’s very platform (which was created with the knowledge and consent of its member organizations) specifically states (http://mivcalifornia.org/docs/MIV_2008_Immigrant_Voices_Platform):

Provide low-income immigrant women and girls with access to culturally-appropriate information necessary to make informed decisions about their reproductive health and rights. Reproductive health needs to be an integral part of our state’s safety net.

The second pro-abortion and same-sex marriage coalition POWER is a member of is California Partnership (CAP) (<http://www.cccfiles.org/issues/cvp/california/>). California Partnership states that (http://www.california-partnership.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=36&Itemid=61) it “is a statewide coalition of community-based groups, organizing and advocating for the programs and policies that reduce and end poverty.” Included in its advocacy is a formal, stated position on several ballot initiatives from 2008. As with MIV, CAP formally stood against Prop 4. And against Prop. 8 (<http://bellarmineveritasministry.files.wordpress.com/2009/11/capprops.jpg>).

And in conjunction with those two coalition memberships, POWER is also a member of the Center for Community Change (<http://www.communitychange.org/who-we-are/our-partners/southwest>). As the Reform CCHD Now Coalition has pointed out in several reports (“31 CCHD-Funded Groups Supported, Trained by Pro-Abortion, Homosexual Marriage Activists” <http://www.all.org/article.php?id=12362>, “Revisiting the Center for Community Change”

<http://bellarmineveritasministry.org/2010/02/01/revisiting-the-center-for-community-change/>), the Center for Community Change is engaged in pro-abortion and pro-same-sex marriage advocacy on several levels.

CCHD's prayer for this station says, "Jesus, may the work of POWER inspire us to take action that ensures that the rights to adequate nutrition and education are fulfilled for all." Considering that POWER has no regard for the rights and nutrition of children in danger of being violently torn from their mothers' wombs, we fail to see how this is appropriate.

The 12th Station: New Mexico Acequia Association

Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. (Jn. 19:28-30)

Jesus Still Dies on the Cross Each Day

Family farmers and ranchers in New Mexico share scarce water resources using communal irrigation systems called "acequias" which were developed more than 400 years ago. Over 1,000 acequias throughout the state are shared and maintained by the families who use them. But over the past few decades, new vacation resorts, industry, and development have begun transferring water without local approval, leaving communities dry and devastated.

Words of Jesus

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Lk. 23:46)

CCHD Helps Those Who Die on the Cross Each Day

The dry communities came together through the **New Mexico Acequia Association** to challenge the transfer of water rights without local approval. With some 4,000 members, the group has helped local communities publish previously unwritten rules and regulations governing water usage so they can be recognized by the state. With the Association's help,

The New Mexico Acequia Association has the distinction of being quite possibly the most bizarre organization to be promoted in the middle of a Catholic prayer. Aside from being a member of the pro-abortion "The Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign" and a supporter of the pro-abortion Tewa Women United organization, NMAA helped draft the "Women's Declaration"

(<http://www.lasacequias.org/2007/03/18/womens-declaration/>) in 2007.

The Women's Declaration is filled with odd spiritual references to "Mother Earth" and other forms of pagan mysticism. For instance, the preamble states, "The earth community stands at a defining moment in time. Injustices, poverty, ignorance, corruption, crime and violence have deepened and our Earth Mother is suffering." In addition to that, the beginning of the declaration makes decidedly non-Catholic theological statements, such as:

Humanity is part of a vast evolving multiverse. Earth is our home and our mother is alive with a unique community of life givers. The life givers are Women. The

protection of Women, their vitality and their well-being is the sacred fluid of love.

The 32nd resolution of the declaration states, "32. Be it further resolved that we will support the work of Tewa Women United." Tewa Women United promotes "reproductive justice" (http://www.tewawomenunited.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=50&Itemid=56), which is progressive-speak for abortion rights. If there is any doubt about its meaning in regard to "reproductive justice," it should be noted that Tewa is a member of the radically pro-abortion group Sister Song (http://www.sistersong.net/member_affiliate_orgs_list.html).

Also, NMAA is a member of the Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign (http://www.nmhealthsecurity.org/documents/2009/Members_orgs12_20_09.pdf). In the minutes of the State of New Mexico Health Policy Commission meeting of January 14, 2005, the executive director for the Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign called for "family planning" to be covered in the New Mexico Health Security Act (<http://www.hpc.state.nm.us/documents/meetingminutes/January%2014%202005%20Minutes.pdf>).

The prayer offered for the 12th station is, “Jesus, move us, in the example of New Mexico Acequia Association to love, support and strengthen local communities.” Given its devotion to “Mother Earth,” and its promotion of pro-abortion legislation and Tewa Women United, it is highly inappropriate for this group to be highlighted in a devotional prayer intended to remind sinners of their own iniquities, while reflecting on the suffering of Jesus Christ.

In all, this prayer booklet put out by the CCHD is a disgrace to the Catholic Church. It turned a beautiful devotion into a commercial that minimizes Christ and promotes CCHD, while at least one-third of the groups highlighted are completely unworthy of Catholic support. Who wrote this? Who gave it the stamp of approval?

This is yet another reason why the Catholic bishops of the United States must conduct a complete reform of the CCHD.