OVER A THIRD OF THE MONEY COLLECTED BY THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT GOES TO ALINSKYIAN ORGANIZING NETWORKS — BUT SOCIALISM DOESN'T HELP THE POOR!

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ALINSKYIAN ORGANIZING ISN'T CATHOLIC ACTION

Relatively little money from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection goes to “help the poor.” Over one third, however, goes into funding Alinskyian networks. These networks are political. They work closely with politicians — such as Barak Obama — and other organizations that are fighting for abortion and homosexual “rights.” ACORN’s “People’s Platform” has nothing in common with Catholic social justice teaching and everything in common with socialism. Gamaliel and the Industrial Areas Foundation teach liberationism, a form of “Christianized” socialism, among their members. Despite good intentions and utopian hope, the hard lesson of history is that socialism doesn’t help the poor — quite the contrary.

Catholics, who ought to be a powerful, consistent voice for moral values in society, are fragmented and ineffective, speaking with many, contradictory voices. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development bears much of the responsibility for this problem.
Every November, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection is taken in Catholic parishes. Catholics are told the money is “to help the poor” and they give generously—millions of dollars each year for over 40 years.

Over a third of the money collected by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development goes to Alinskyian organizing networks—not to the poor. The Alinskyian organizing networks are pushing progressive politics - which means a lot of things, including abortion and same-sex marriage “rights”. Catholic money is being used to push laws that violate Catholic moral teaching.

**ALINSKYIAN ORGANIZING DOESN’T HELP THE POOR**

When people are desperate – like the woman whose car has broken down by the side of the road, late at night, and some fellow comes along, offering to help – it’s prudent to be cautious. Just because he says he’s going to help doesn’t mean he won’t take advantage of her vulnerability.

Where political self-interest is concerned, the same principle applies – times ten. The citizen had better ask questions - lots of deep, hard questions.

If people don’t ask questions before the organizer begins to organize, if all they know (or care) is that help has been promised, the outcome could be anything. “Change” can be good or bad. If the fellow who comes to “help” a stranded motorist changes her full purse to an empty one, it may be great for him but not so good for her.

To be “Alinskyian” – trained in the organization theories of Saul Alinsky - adds another dimension to the definition of a community organizer. It means having a fiercely left-wing political perspective. It means networking with those who support abortion and homosexual rights. It means spreading liberation theology (putting Christian labels on leftist substance).

To be “Alinskyian” means the community organizer is coming into the neighborhood with an agenda. For all the one-on-ones and house-meetings that are subsequently held, every local community organization in an Alinskyian community organizer’s network has the same program – the same solutions. This isn’t “power to the people”; it’s “power to the organizer, using the people.”

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**CCHD FUNDS ALINSKYIAN ORGANIZING**

Presidential nominee Barak Obama’s primary work experience has been as an Alinskyian community organizer. While he was lead organizer in Chicago for the Developing Communities Project, it received a $40,000 Catholic Campaign for Human Development grant in 1985 and a $33,000 grant in 1986.

While Obama was in Chicago, he was trained by the top Alinskyian organizers. One mentor was the lead organizer for Gamaliel, a network of Alinskyian organizations that receive 4-5% of all Catholic Campaign for Human Development grants each year.

Another Obama mentor, was trained by the Industrial Areas Foundation, founded by Saul Alinsky, which receives about 16% of all Catholic Campaign for Human Development grants annually.

After Obama went to Harvard Law School, he returned to Chicago and taught Alinskyian organizing to ACORN staff. ACORN has a extraordinary record of voter fraud (see www.rottenacorn.com/activityMap.html for a list).

Obama ran ACORN’s 1992 voter-registration drive, Project Vote, and in turn received ACORN’s endorsement for Illinois senator. ACORN annually receives about 5% of Catholic Campaign for Human Development grants.

Altogether, Alinskyian organizing networks receive over a third of all Campaign grants.—every year.