



CATHOLICS UNITED

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John McCain 2008
P.O. Box 16118
Arlington, VA 22215

Dear Senator McCain:

It has come to our attention that this past Wednesday you were endorsed by Pastor John Hagee, an outspoken critic of the Catholic Church. Instead of distancing yourself from this endorsement, you stated that you were honored to receive it. Catholics United realizes that you were probably unaware of Pastor Hagee's long standing derision of the Catholic Church and your acceptance of this endorsement is in all likelihood an oversight.

In his book, *Jerusalem Countdown*, Hagee has a chapter entitled "Centuries of Mistreatment" where he makes derisive claims against the Catholic Church. In one alarming and unsubstantiated passage, Hagee suggests that Hitler's attendance in a Catholic grade school produced Hitler's anti-Semitic world view. This rhetoric is part of a pattern of behavior employed by Pastor Hagee to discredit the Catholic faith.

To help set the record straight, Catholics United asks that you distance yourself from Pastor Hagee's anti-Catholic rhetoric and reject the endorsement. We suggest that you do this publicly and in unequivocal terms. By publicly addressing this issue, you will reaffirm to the American public and to Catholics that intolerance and bigotry have no place in American Presidential campaigns.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. You can contact me at ckorzen@catholics-united.org.

Sincerely,

Chris Korzen
Executive Director, Catholics United.