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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Mr. Esposito,

I write to express my concern over the Cardinal Newman Society's apparent application of a double standard concerning political candidates' and surrogates' worthiness to speak at Catholic colleges and universities. On March 14, 2008 your organization excoriated Villanova University for hosting Michelle Obama, whose husband Barack Obama, you write, supports "Roe v. Wade, partial-birth abortion and embryonic stem cell research."

However, when Senator John McCain, himself a supporter of embryonic stem cell research, spoke at Villanova on April 15, 2008, your organization failed to issue a similar response.

I urge you to correct this discrepancy immediately, so as to avoid any appearance that your organization is applying Church teaching and its own policies selectively in the service of certain political candidates.

Sincerely,

Chris Korzen  
Executive Director