



CATHOLICS UNITED

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The Honorable Senator John McCain
John McCain 2008, Inc.
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SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Senator McCain,

I am writing to urge you to remove Deal Hudson from your Catholics for McCain National Steering Committee. As you are most likely unaware, Mr. Hudson was forced to resign as the chair of the Republican National Committee's Catholic outreach effort in 2004 after allegations surfaced that he had solicited an improper sexual encounter with an 18-year old student while teaching at Fordham University. According to published accounts, the incident happened in Hudson's campus office after a night of heavy drinking,

In addition to his questionable moral judgment, Hudson is a divisive figure within the Catholic community. In 2000 he worked with Karl Rove to create a White House Catholic Working Group, which, as he stated in his recent book *Onward Christian Soldiers*, deliberately shut the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops out of high-level policy discussions. Just last year Hudson attacked the Vatican for its position on climate change, claiming that our Church was simply "jumping on the global warming wagon."

Deal Hudson is not the type of Catholic leader that you want publicly associated with your campaign. We respectfully ask that you remove him from the Catholics for McCain National Steering Committee immediately.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-903-0856 or ckorzen@catholics-united.org.

Sincerely,

Chris Korzen
Executive Director