

# Do it for *Jacob*

## **An Appeal to Fr. John Jenkins and the University of Notre Dame Community**

Far too often the controversy over abortion is treated as though it were simply a conflict over differing opinions, a political or philosophical debate – a subject over which people of good will may disagree. Surely by now Fr. John Jenkins, Notre Dame students, faculty and staff feel as though they have heard every argument why President Obama should not give the 2009 commencement address and be granted an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. However, there is only one reason why Fr. Jenkins has a duty to rescind his invitation to Obama and one reason the Notre Dame community should call him to do so.

## **Abortion Is a Real Injustice With Real Victims**

When President Obama supports, advocates and facilitates legalized abortion he causes human beings to be put to death. These human beings, innocent unborn children, are not a philosophy or an idea. They are, in fact persons whose lives are destroyed with the sanction of law. We need to get in touch with this truth. For many, the victims of abortion are not real, they remain distant, remote and unseen. One such victim of abortion is Jacob. In 2008 members of our group found him and 23 other dismembered unborn children in a trash dumpster behind an abortion clinic in the Detroit Metro area. Obama proudly promotes the law that allowed Jacob to be killed.

To honor Obama is to turn our backs on the victims of injustice. If the president is permitted to deliver the commencement address Notre Dame will say to the world that the atrocity committed against Jacob, and the 50 million others whom he represents, is of no consequence.



## **Notre Dame Has a Duty to Promote Justice and Defend Civil Rights**

Notre Dame would never invite someone to deliver the commencement address who failed to recognize the humanity of another people-group and advocated that they be denied access to jobs, housing, education or health care. Yet Obama's support for legalized abortion is a far worse injustice. Unless Fr. Jenkins rescinds his invitation to Obama, not only will the millions of lives exterminated under Roe v. Wade be ignored, but the teachings of the Catholic Church will be ignored as well.

## **But it's Not to Late**

Fr. Jenkins – tell Obama he cannot give the commencement address. Tell him he will not receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Tell him that you and Notre Dame have taken a stand. This is not a matter of refusing to dialogue – it is simply a matter of giving the proper Christian witness. Tell him you have to stand with the outcast. Tell him you have decided to do it for an unknown, unwanted unborn child found at the bottom of a dumpster. Tell him you are doing it for Jacob.

Responses to this appeal are welcome: [prolifesociety@execpc.com](mailto:prolifesociety@execpc.com)

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