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## [BOYCOTT THE CCHD COLLECTION](#)

On Sunday, November 23, 2008, the second collection will be taken for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development* (CCHD). The stated mission of the CCHD is “to address the root causes of poverty in America”. Its stated strategy is “empowerment of the poor through a methodology of participation.” It states itself to be “the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the U.S. Catholic bishops.” Since its web page is an offshoot of that of the USCCB, we believe that last line. In its various annual lists of grantees, we see numerous local chapters of Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now – in short, ACORN.

One of ACORN's biggest initiatives is its voter registration drives. Ostensibly they are done to increase political participation of the poor and marginalized. However, in several cities they have recently come under investigation for voter fraud: Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico – and more localities are under Federal investigation. Voter registration irregularities include registering dead and nonexistent people. Some registrants who completed multiple forms told officials that ACORN canvassers claimed that they would be fired if they didn't meet registration quotas.

Saul Alinsky, a major inspiration for this group, advocated a viewpoint that “the ends justify the means”. Such is stated quite clearly in his “Rules for Radicals”, written to train protégés in his morally questionable practices. One of his protégés who got his feet wet in “community organizing” in Chicago was none other than Barak Hussein Obama, Jr – the Democratic nominee for President of the United States. While Obama has been trying frantically to distance himself from Alinsky, we hear David Alinsky (Saul's son) say, “Obama learned his lesson well.”

This past June, the news came out that Dale Rathke, the brother of ACORN founder Wade Rathke, embezzled almost \$1 million from ACORN. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, the CCHD announced that it is suspending all funding of ACORN and local affiliates solely on account of this embezzlement report. This statement of the CCHD raises some questions. First, for years now, concerns have been brought to the CCHD about the socialistic bent of not only ACORN, but other organizations that have (and continue to receive) CCHD funding; the Industrial Areas Foundation is one such example. Second, is the sole cause of concern the embezzlement? What about ACORN's ties to Obama, a stridently pro-abortion politician? Does it not concern CCHD in the least that its grants (and our donations) may well have helped launch the deadly political career of one of the most pro-abortion politicians? Moreover, when the CCHD says it is “suspending” funding, does that mean that they see resumption of funding as an option?

For these and other reasons, *we urge all Catholics to **BOYCOTT THE CCHD COLLECTION***. Take the money that you would have donated to CCHD and donate it instead to a truly Catholic and/or pro-life cause. Please visit our site (listed at bottom) to learn more details and for a letter that you may put in your CCHD envelope on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please copy this and distribute widely. Thank you.