

## Faithful Catholics of MD/DC, Inc.



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Reverend Peter J. Sweeney  
Our Lady of Grace Church  
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Dear Father Sweeney,

On December 26<sup>th</sup>, we sent to you a letter informing you of the support of your parish accountant, John Kobank, for Barack Obama. This past week, we received a reply to that letter – from Mr. Kobank! We addressed our concerns with *you*, since you are his pastor. We had assumed that you would take seriously your responsibilities as Mr. Kobank's pastor to advise him of the spiritual peril in which he was placing his immortal soul. Sadly we were mistaken. You apparently dismissed our concern and your responsibility when you simply handed to him our letter. Perhaps we're wrong and you did warn him of the error of his way – truly we'd like to hope that such is the case, but we realize that's a slim possibility at best.

As you are well aware, the Church is mobilizing to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act, a bill that Obama promised to Planned Parenthood et al he will sign as soon as it's placed on his desk. This is a struggle that faces us thanks in no small measure to the 54% of Catholics (such as Mr. Kobank) who lent their support and votes for Obama. Such a dismal voting pattern is due in turn to the abysmal dereliction of duty of too many bishops and priests who have refused to drive home to the Catholics in their charge the necessity of placing the babies above all other issues. In the few localities where there were conscientious and courageous clergy, the Catholics voted their pro-life convictions. Had all bishops and priests been mindful of their pastoral duties, we may well not have the specter of FOCA and other atrocities hanging over our heads and threatening millions of unborn children.

This matter deserves better than the dismissive treatment that you have rendered so far. We again urge you, for the sake of Mr. Kobank's soul – and your own – to urge him to publicly recant his pro-abortion support. This letter, and all preceding correspondence, is posted on our website.