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Dear Father Horak,

Over the Associated Press internet sources, we read that Joseph Biden (the Vice President when you receive this) attended the 11:30 am Mass at your parish yesterday. During the Mass, a lector pointed him out and the congregation gave him a standing ovation. Moreover, we read that Mr. Biden received Holy Communion there.

Can this be true? Surely you and Father Madden are aware that Biden, as US Senator, was a strident promoter of abortion. He is the running mate of one of the most rabid pro-abortion politicians in US history – Barack Hussein Obama. Mr. Biden is not a man who should be celebrated in a Catholic church, during Holy Mass no less.

More troubling is his sacrilegious reception of Holy Communion during that Mass. Canon 915 is very direct about this matter. We quote the canon in its entirety: “Those upon whom the penalty of excommunication or interdict has been imposed or declared, and **others who obstinately persist in manifest grave sin, are not to be admitted to Holy Communion.**” There is nothing confusing about this. The onus is upon the minister of Holy Communion not to admit one who persists in grave manifest sin. Clearly the support and promotion of abortion on demand constitutes grave sin. Clearly Mr. Biden understands that; if nothing else, he is aware of the controversy that surrounds those of his ilk receiving Holy Communion, so no one can plead ignorance on his behalf. Father Madden offered him no charity that day; in fact, he confirmed Mr. Biden in yet another commission of mortal sin, that of sacrilegious reception of Holy Communion.

Father Horak, charity does demand that we all pray for Mr. Biden. But this same charity demands also that his pastor point out to him the errors of his ways, lest he persist in mortal sin and endanger his salvation. His obvious authority and influence is no excuse to treat him with deference, and please – please! – do not neglect your sacerdotal duty in order to curry his favor.

We also ask that you and your fellow priests at Holy Trinity abide by Canon 915; in fact, that is your duty. Again, show no favoritism, as such is an abomination to Our Lord. We understand that Senator Patrick Leahy also attends your Church; as he too supports the sin of abortion, any neglect of Canon 915 in his case also endangers his immortal soul.

Because of the importance of this matter, a copy of this letter appears on our website (listed at the footer of this letter). Any reply, or lack thereof, will also be posted on that site.

You and your parish are in our prayers, as are the Biden and Leahy families.