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CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS SUPPORT BISHOP D'ARCY OF INDIANA

ALEXANDRIA, VA, MARCH 26, 2009: On March 24, 2009 Bishop John M. D'Arcy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne - South Bend, Indiana issued a statement proclaiming his opposition to the University of Notre Dame's desire to award President Barack Obama with an honorary law degree and to give him the platform to address the university's graduates during their upcoming commencement ceremonies.

The CWV today wishes to voice our strong support for Bishop D'Arcy and to reaffirm along with him the 2004 message of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops who have declared that, "The Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions."

In voicing our support for Bishop D'Arcy on this issue we want to remind all Catholic Citizens of our great country that to remain

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silent in the marketplace of ideas and in the arena of public opinion is to invite a continuance and further erosion of our country's foundational morals and values. If Catholic institutions and the Catholic community at large who are charged by our faith in our Lord Jesus do not actively and visibly voice opposition to anti-Catholic movements and policies, then who will?

We invite all the faithful who currently support the institution with your time, talents, and treasure, as well as the distinguished alumni, to join with us.

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