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Excellency:

We are compelled to write because of a recent Facebook post you wrote concerning the Industrial Areas Foundation and its efforts in Oklahoma City. We must disagree with you first and foremost as Jesus Christ Himself calls His Church ***not to political action but to corporal and spiritual acts of mercy through charity.***

Bishop Taylor, ***everything about the IAF/OSC is political.*** You make no mention of this throughout your entire post. You fail to mention that membership in the IAF and Oklahoma Sponsoring Committee is ***all-inclusive***, reminiscent of labor unions. You are considered a member whether you agree with the agenda or not.

You also make a subjective summary judgment that “many of those who most oppose it do not intend to actively pursue any alternate approach.” How do you know the hearts of the opposition, unless you have heard their confessions? How do you know how much they tithe or give to the poor? Jesus admonishes us not to be like the Pharisees. What we give, where and how often we pray, are all to be done in private, between God and us.

If we wanted to avoid conflict as you say in your post, we would have remained silent and allowed the OSC/IAF to go about their political agenda. That is not the case. The Oklahoma Sponsoring Committee and its affiliate, the Industrial Areas Foundation, are evil threats to Catholicism and our country as a constitutional republic under which we were founded. Their “sins of omission” are causing division within and without of our Church, which is part of their master plan to undermine Christian values, overthrow our constitutional republic and replace it with neo-Marxism.

In your post, you discount Alinsky influence and Alinskian tactics saying “Some have picked up on troubling language in some of Saul Alinsky’s writings that reflect tactics that we could never endorse...” Why should we be involved with such a group in the first place? Their tactics, including intimidation, coercion,

deceit – brow-beating people into submission with innuendo, insult, and hubris, continue to be taught and used by IAF sponsored organizations (such as the infamous actions of ACORN) across the country.

They are very much like Planned Parenthood, who externally appears to be a benevolent, innocuous, non-profit organization formed to help with so-called “family planning” when in fact Planned Parenthood was founded by Malthusian Eugenicist Margaret Sanger, to “eliminate the undesirables, the poor, the unwanted, the handicapped, the mentally ill, the minorities, the Catholics and the Jews” and promote White Supremacy. The IAF/Oklahoma Sponsoring Committee purports itself to help the “poor and disenfranchised” when its real mission is to organize for power and political might, ***without charity and with political “strings” attached.***

Alinsky’s world view was that mankind is divided into three parts: The “Haves/Have-Nots;” the “Have-a-Littles;” and the “Want Mores.” His purpose was to teach the Have-Nots how to *take* power and money from the Haves (that’s Upper and Middle Classes) *by creating mass organizations trained to seize power.* He was very candid in his goals, for instance, “seizing power through massive organizational efforts at the grass roots level.” When he mentions “organizational efforts; he really means “revolution.”

Alinsky craved *a radical change in America’s social and economic structure.* He planned to achieve the latter by creating public discontent and abject moral confusion. Alinsky developed strategies that achieved power through mass organization; and, once again, ***organizing*** was ***code for revolution.***

He wanted ***to move the United States from capitalism to pure socialism*** where the means of all production would be owned by all the people – just as it was in the Plymouth colony in the seventeenth century. If you recall, the first experiment in socialism on these shores was conducted in Massachusetts, the Plymouth colony beginning November, A.D.1620. The commune nearly died-out without so much as a whimper. Enter Bradford, Carver, Standish, Winslow, the Tilly Brothers, John Howland, Richard Warren, and Stephen Hopkins. They established capitalism on these shores. Basically, if you didn’t work, you didn’t eat, yet “love thy neighbor as thy self” was married to their ethics. As you know, New Englanders became very prosperous. Not perfect... just prosperous.

Alinsky, on the other hand, was a committed believer in economic *determinism*, the doctrine that everything, especially one’s choice of action, is determined by a sequence of causes independent of one’s will. He viewed unemployment, disease, crime, and bigotry as *byproducts of capitalism, not human nature.* (Obviously, he didn’t study Stalin’s motives for a “sterile” commune of desirables).

“Change” was Alinsky’s favorite word. “I will argue,” he wrote, “that man’s hopes lie in the acceptance of the great law of change.” Yes, and with that “great law” we see that change, like transparency, is so ever-changing as to make everything appear to be the same – as is human nature. The whole point of seeing through something is to see something through it. Yes? It is a good thing that windows are transparent, because, well . . . the street beyond, the garden, the front lawn, the neighborhood, the parish church is opaque. How if you saw through the garden, the front lawn, the neighborhood, and the parish Church, too? It is no use trying to see through first principles -- like the Commandments, the Gospels. If you see through everything, then everything is transparent. But a wholly transparent world is an invisible world. **To see through all things is the same as not to see.** And *that’s what the IAF and its subs like ACORN and the OSC do best: **obstruct, obfuscate, and obliterate; especially first principles, and the truth.***

Alinsky used what he called “great concepts of change” to move us toward the science of revolution. What he meant by change was actually confrontational politics of third kind – subterfuge. Alinsky taught Have-Nots to hate the establishment of HAVES because, after all, they have all the power, money, food, security, and luxury. (Yeah, sure we do...) His gospel is: **“justice, morality, law and order are mere words used by the HAVES to justify and secure their status quo.”** Yet what Alinsky and his minions demand is a status quo so stagnant that no one would know the difference, except for the ones who profit by it – **the new establishment**, the former Have-Not’s who are now the Haves. This is power politics.

Alinsky did not ignore, nor sanction against traditional moral standards. No! Like a good martial artist, he blended into the line of the status quo (the establishment in this case) then caused it to fall where it will. He was pretty devious – he taught his followers that “moral rationalization is indispensable at all times of action whether to justify the selection or the use of ends to means.” Truly, a Machiavellian tune if we ever heard one.

To achieve his goals, he sought local community organizers who projected confidence and “vision” as well as change. O.B.A.M.A. fits the profile! The IAF fits the profile, too. This is the former’s shtick!

Alinsky didn’t want just talkers; no, **he wanted radicals** who were prepared to do anything to get the outcomes they needed and wanted – to organize the discontented among us; to precipitate a crisis; burglarize ballot boxes; grab power, thereby transforming society. (Where there’s greatness, there’s jealousy, disgruntlement, and anger. Just ask the Sanhedrin.) O.B.A.M.A...the transformational Alinsky-ite did it best! Alinsky taught his followers how to infiltrate institutions such as the Roman Catholic Church (the most vulnerable yet most influential, in his opinion), unions, and political parties – especially the Republican Party – gain influence in them then effect change.

Disease also effects change – it’s never good. But treating poverty and other social diseases as if they were in need of a vaccine to prevent the IAF, OSC, ACORN or the like, from infecting mankind is wrong-headed. Such poison is not in need of vaccination, but of an antidote. The doctrine of competing evils only applies to compromises made with the Prince of the Dark Place, not Catholic teaching on faith, hope, charity, and the holocaust of abortion. The Christ would never compromise on percentages gained, especially eye-balling the scales of abortion; for, to do so, would condemn a soul—or many souls--to perdition. Some might say, “Well, that’s **their** problem.” Such apathy is not Christ-like; and as you know, apathy is the opposite of love. “It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man [Jesus] die than the people.” (John 18: 14) After all, in the matters of the soul, it really **is** an “All or nothing at all!” proposition!

You see, that’s what salvation is all about: what we **do** and what we **fail to do**. We can never countenance anything less than what Jesus would expect: love thy neighbor as thy Self. And sometimes that means enforcing God’s law in spite of the perversions perpetrated upon the Constitution, that would convince every man, woman, and child that our country is the nexus of evil throughout the world, but most especially the sins of our fathers inflicted upon our own. These perversions—abortion, birth control under the guise of non-existent privacy rights, haranguing people to ignore immigration laws, destruction of the middle class, taxation without representation, de facto laws sans the legislative process, all of these wrongs are wrought by pagans who are all too happy to ignore God’s law, and to get the rest of us to do it, too.

They ignore the goodness and bounty of our people, especially that of the Catholic Church. They’re all too ready to have us fall. Their cynical mentality is all too apparent when they can get Churches to follow their lead. Understand: Alinsky hated the United States. He hated the Catholic Church. He wanted to bring both of them down. The most expedient method was to attack the Church from within. **That**, is what he has done, and continues to do, though he is past caring. You shouldn’t be surprised if come of us pay attention to this history. We can’t ignore it. Those who do will repeat history once again; but in the meantime...

The qualities Alinsky looked for in a good organizer were ego (“reaching for the highest level for which man can reach—to create, ‘to be a great creator,’ to play GOD “), curiosity (raising questions that agitate, i.e., creates violence, that breaks through the accepted pattern—sullen rebellion), irreverence (“nothing is sacred”; detests dogma, defies any finite definition of morality”), a sense of humor (“the most potent of weapons known to mankind are satire and ridicule”) and an organized personality with confidence in presenting the so-called correct reason for his actions only “as a moral rationalization after the right end has been achieved.”

The organizer must “**rub raw the resentments of the people of the community**” – whatever that community is; “**fan the latent hostilities of people to overt expression – an organizer must stir dissatisfaction and discontent.**” Yes, let’s prey on resentments so that we may promote world peace! Not! **Alinsky trained his community organizers to adopt a “middle-class identity” and to assume familiarity with their “values and problems.”** In other words, *prey on the weaknesses of human nature, softly, sonorously, and mellifluously...from the tree of knowledge.*

Therein lies the goal and the lie: the middle class must be destroyed in order to bring about parity for those who do not care; for those who have become a burden to their society; for those who would rather tear-down than build-up; for those who would keep a man down than give him a hand up; for those who worship at the altar of sloth and ignorance.

The snake is patient. He waits. He seasons people with discontent, unjustified rebellion, and rank envy. The master organizer is a master manipulator. He tweaks, as it were, the eroding evolutionary life lines of Homo evolutius grabus maxiumus, thanks for nothingness.

It’s real simple. Just follow O.B.A.M.A.’s rules, IAF rules, ACORN’s rules, and, by all means – Green Rules; that way, morality, in any guise, will become totally irrelevant. *There will be no need for sustaining grace. **No need for God!*** We can do as we please, *until that last crisis comes.* You know the one we’re talking about. Nice touch, huh? What a sell-out! Organizations such as the IAF, ACORN, and the DNC (who will never come out and tell you what they’re all about), simply **lame a man’s will to succeed**, much less hold “thy will be done” with any esteem, in order to keep the cash flow going. **They keep him enslaved so that they can maintain a fairly lucrative job. They prey. They pander. They lie!**

When they do that to one man (or woman) they inflict that sin upon all men. Are they naïve dupes, or real power mongers? Naïveté, once dashed upon the rocks of reality is *supposed* to hurt; for those who learn, practical wisdom becomes a gift – to be shared. You know: self-correcting problems; but apathetic ignorance? That’s fatal.

We all suffer. The same purveyors of disgruntlement, class consciousness and personal animosity – who pander to those discontent with their own lot in life -- are the same organizers who spew apathy, the very opposite of “God’s love.” (Whatever you do to the least of Me, you do to Me, too!) And that’s the irony of

their proposals: once the “proletariat” and leftist “intelligentsia” organize the neighborhoods, *they turn out to be much more savage than the capitalists they displaced, snatching up all rights and privileges within reach, enslaving a good part of the population for the “good of the revolution, and **eliminating thousands or millions of those whose anti-revolutionary tendencies are deemed incurable.***

Jesus teaches that we are our brother’s keeper, *not for political purposes, or for obtaining political power and influence, but **through charity toward our fellow man, perhaps to even** gain a portion of heaven.* St. Paul reminds us that we are only strong through our weaknesses; “When I am weak, then I am strong” shows Paul’s (and our) complete dependency upon Jesus. If Jesus’ agenda had included power politics through other means – war, revolutions and other paroxysms, then Judas, the Zealot would have been absolutely correct in his assumption that Jesus had come to free the Jews from Roman tyranny with His own brand of **subjugation**; His own kind of **pay-back**; His own kind of arrogance; and, arrogance, as you know, is nothing more than what a devil possesses on the surface to defend the fact that *he hasn’t got what he pretends to have.* And what is that? How about the truth? How about sustaining grace? That might be the IAF, ACORN, the Statist/Socialist-Democratic party, but it “ain’t” the Gospels! Had it been so, history, as we human beings have come to experience it, from then till now, would have been very different! Arguably, there would never have been life, much less a world; no great “bang,” no $E=MC^2$, just a nothing of nothingness that trumps life over death; turns away from what is right and good; the word that is filled with corruption; the word that has no right or wrong; the word that suggests God is wrong-headed, obstinate, unreasonable, stubborn, peevish and petulant – a pervert; or worse – “God is dead,” so sayeth Friedrich Nietzsche. (But at least Nietzsche was up front about his beliefs.)

The IAF, like the Marxist Left occupying Capital Hill want to do what Friedrich Nietzsche did in the eighteenth century: declare to one and all that “God is dead, and we killed him. We are all murderers.” Why? If they can convince the lame of mind and weak of spirit that God is a Fig Newton of our collective imagination, then they can ram it down our throats that man’s “natural” state is not that of freedom, but to do what he is told by those who know better: “You don’t have an opinion until I give it to you.” Sounds familiar doesn’t it?

It’s all too Machiavellian: “A successful Prince must concentrate not on being good, but **appearing** to be good.” As we all know, appearances can be deceiving, and for a Prince, as Machiavelli so aptly puts it, deception is a good thing, an art to be perfected. “**A Prince, therefore, must be a great pretender and dissembler.**” Perhaps you’ve read *The Prince*? If so, you will remember Cardinal Borgia. Draw your own conclusions.

Despite their claims to the contrary, make no mistake about it – *the OSC/IAF is all about politics – power through political manipulation and Machiavellian tactics where the end justifies the means.* According to their own website, www.industrialareasfoundation.org, they are “non-ideological and strictly non-partisan, **but proudly, publicly, and persistently political** (emphasis added)... ***The IAF develops organizations that use power – organized people and organized money – in effective ways.***” We are not buying the “non-partisan” declaration, as we have yet to see any conservative issue addressed by this organization. We have been assured by many that **abortion** will not be addressed as it is “too controversial, too divisive.”

Why not? Abortion, birth control and the resultant escalation of divorce in our nation is the underlying root problem of many social ills in our country. If we really want to help the poor and disenfranchised, why would we not address the evils of abortion, birth control, chastity, modesty, industry, honesty, fortitude, prudence, and courage instead of entitlements through political power? Since when did Caesar’s political machine supersede giving onto God, that which is God’s?

And if it were true that abortion and birth control are avoided by the IAF and/or their affiliates, then there would be no affiliate that promoted either. That is also not true. There are Catholic churches that belong to the affiliates that promote “reproductive health care” for women. Bishop Taylor, this is just a euphemism for abortion and birth control. Additionally, there are several primary “Alinskyian” community organizing networks sponsoring universal health care, including abortion, such as PICO, the IAF, Gamaliel, and DART.

Although you have discounted the writings and influence of Saul Alinsky, we have not. To do so would be like ignoring what Adolph Hitler wrote in *Mein Kampf*, or what unknowns wrote about Sura 9:29 of the Qu’ran, or what Luther meant by Reformation (Reform means to improve, yes? But he didn’t.) We do not understand why any Christian church would involve itself with this organization, *most especially Catholic churches.* Saul Alinsky’s book “Rules for Radicals,” (sold on their website to this day, by the way) cites Satan as the first radical, who, as Alinsky says, was so successful in his rebellion that “he at least won his own kingdom...” Was the latter tongue-in-cheek, jest, the unbridled truth, or “all of the above”? ***Alinsky was most proud of the fact that he always meant what he said – without exception.*** This so-called “community organization” and its partner here in Oklahoma, the OSC, *are not compatible with the teachings of Jesus Christ and/or any of His Churches.* They are not tongue-in-cheek, jesting, or do they speak the unbridled truth. They are “all of the above.” ***How could any organization that exalts Satan be compatible with The Church of Jesus Christ?***

You also suggest that those of us who oppose this organization propose no alternatives to help with the many social ills of the world. That's not true. The problem is often due to *those in position of influence who will not hear!* With all due respect, you are either terribly misinformed, or tragically naïve. There are many charitable organizations with which to get involved; organizations that *truly minister to those they serve through love of fellow man, not by political power and manipulation.* We're talking about real love. Not some sweet, cloying, do-gooder confection that becomes so sickening after a while, one gets sick at the mere thought of it, but a meat-and-potatoes kind of love – love born of action. These charities allow one to spontaneously give of God's gifts of time, talent and treasure, not because of something mandated, but out of love, out of faith. When the government, and/or other extra-political forces are out of the loop, works and contributions flow like a healthy river; the fish thrive, though they swim against the currents. Surely you remember that?

As in Sunday's readings from St. James, "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?" But when the government and extra-political forces (IAF, ACORN, ACLU, et al) have their hands on our resources, they choke the living life out of giving. The river becomes a pond de facto. Fish die. Coercion never works in a constitutional republic based on God's law and His Church, because some of us will always speak out when danger approaches.

The Catholic Church has been the champion of innumerable "works." As you well know, our family has been long involved in Birth Choice, changing hearts one at a time by loving the woman who walks in the door, wherever she is on her journey, no strings attached; no conversion required. Government mandated social programs or so-called "social service agencies" do nothing to help the poor and disenfranchised. Note the verbiage – **service –they are not social charity agencies.** In fact, **government mandated social programs keep the poor and disenfranchised dependent upon the government and stuck in their poverty.**

Granted the philosophical assaults from the IAF/OSC are daunting. The slippery slope that has everyone, with the exception of a few, on the littoral, has been in the making for some thirty or forty years. Where's the "*breastplate of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil [?]*" as it says in Ephesians 6:11. That particular verse is followed by, "*For our struggle is not with the flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the [IAF, ACORN, O.B.A.M.A., i.e. "evil spirits"] in the heavens (Bama in the Hebrew).* **Therefore put on the armor of God that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground. So stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate, and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all [the] flaming**

arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of Salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.”

In conclusion, we would like to quote from Pope Benedict XVI’s Encyclical Letter, *DEUS CARITAS EST*:

“The State which would provide everything, absorbing everything into itself *would ultimately become a mere bureaucracy incapable of guaranteeing the very thing which the suffering person – every person needs: namely, a loving personal concern.*

We do not need a State which regulates and controls everything, but a State which, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, generously acknowledges and supports initiatives arising from the different social forces and combines spontaneity with closeness to those in need. The Church is one of those living forces: she is alive with the love enkindled by the Spirit of Christ. **This love does not simply offer people material help, but refreshment and care for their souls, something which often is even more necessary than material support...**

We have seen that the **formation of just structures** is not directly the duty of the Church, but **belongs to the world of politics**, the sphere of the autonomous use of reason...there will never be a situation where the charity of each individual Christian is unnecessary, because in addition to justice **man needs and will always need, love**...Christian charitable activity must be independent of parties and ideologies.

It is not a means of changing the world ideologically, and it is not at the service of worldly stratagems, but **it is a way of making present here and now the love which man always needs.** The modern age, particularly from the nineteenth century on, has been dominated by various versions of a philosophy of progress whose most radical form is Marxism. Part of Marxist strategy is the theory of impoverishment: in a situation of unjust power, it is claimed, anyone who engages in charitable initiatives is actually serving that unjust system, making it appear at least to some extent tolerable...Seen in this way, charity is rejected and attacked as a means of preserving the status quo. **What we have here, though, is really an inhuman philosophy.** People of the present are sacrificed to the Moloch of the future – a future whose effective realization is at best doubtful. **One does not make the world more human by refusing to act humanely here and now...**

The Christian programme – **the programme of the Good Samaritan, the programme of Jesus – is ‘a heart which sees.’** This heart sees where love is needed and acts accordingly...**Love is free; it is not practiced as a way of achieving other ends.** But this does not mean that charitable activity must somehow leave God and Christ aside. For it is always concerned with the whole

man. Often the deepest cause of suffering is the very absence of God...a pure and generous love is the best witness to the God in whom we believe..."(our emphasis added in bold, italics and underscoring)

The Pope declared in this encyclical that Marxism and all of its off-shoots are ***not compatible*** with Christianity. After all, Pope Benedict XVI and his predecessor, Pope John Paul II had ***first hand experience fighting against and dealing with communism***, the ***godless society*** during and post World War II Germany and Poland. Pope John Paul II was instrumental in the final fall of communism in his native land.

While we have no idea whether this information will change your heart and mind, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers; that the wisdom of God, which is the truth by which we live, will pour out upon you the gift of true discernment in this and all matters of faith.

In Christ,
With the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Mary and
With fervent prayers for you, our priests and all our bishops,
Our allies and our enemies,
May St. Michael and his legions of angels surround us and protect us with the
Armor of God as we battle against *this present darkness*,

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