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**Catholic Group Calls Upon DC Archbishop Gregory to Stand up Against Democrats’ Targeting Catholics (Democrats’ “Catholic Problem”):**

- Raises Issue of Catholics Facing Religious Test Prohibiting Them from Public Office***
- Persecution of The Little Sisters of the Poor by 14 State Attorneys General***
- Failure to Disavoy Abortion-on-Demand including Infanticide endorsement by Democrat VA Governor***

***Washington, DC*** - Sept 6, 2020 -- A group of Catholic activists has asked Archbishop Gregory to address the growing “Catholic Problem” facing Democrats due to the targeting of Catholics in public office, in public service (The Little Sisters of the Poor), and in the abortion extremism of abortion as endorsed by Governor Northam of Virginia.

Their letter is below and is the June letter to five Democate Senators. For more, please visit [www.PhyllisSchlafly.com/CatholicCoalition](http://www.PhyllisSchlafly.com/CatholicCoalition)

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September 7, 2020

Dear Archbishop Gregory,

As you remember, you were widely criticized last summer for what was considered a political attack on President Trump. At the time you responded that you had a duty to preach the Gospel to both sides of the political aisle.

Today, I am asking you to make good on that promise. I am asking you to address openly and publicly the “Catholic Problem” of the leadership of the Democratic Party. This problem involves 3 critical issues that I raised in a carefully argued, well documented letter addressed to five incumbent U.S. Senators a copy of which I sent to you at the time and am enclosing with this letter.

First, I raised the problem of the Democrat Party leadership **establishing a religious test that would prevent Catholics from holding public office**. Please be aware that this is no exaggerated or emotional accusation:

Five Senate leaders of the Democratic Party - - one of whom, Kamala Harris, is the Vice Presidential nominee - - were so clearly establishing an anti-Catholic religious test and a violation of Article 6 of the Constitution that it brought unsolicited objections from across the political spectrum:

- President of the University of Notre Dame
- President of Princeton University
- President of Anti-Defamation League
- And even a note in the Harvard Law Review

(Please see my recent letter and attachments which carry the statements of deep concern by these leaders.)

It is incumbent upon you as the voice of Catholic teaching in Washington, D.C. to call to account these Senators and Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates Biden and Harris.

There are two other issues, in addition to the religious test, that I believe you must also address concerning a growing anti-Catholic bigotry in the Democratic party.

In addition to the religious test, there is this issue: how is it possible, Archbishop Gregory, that you have not spoken out against **the fourteen Democratic state attorney generals who are maliciously persecuting and prosecuting** those wonderful women who care for others and have such a claim on the affections of millions of Catholic parishioners, **the Little Sisters of the Poor?**

Finally, the third issue can be stated simply: it a source of scandal and disbelief that the Democrat party is **not only in support of abortion up until the moment of birth** - - the positions of nominees Biden and Harris - - but **they have failed to condemn or even disavow the endorsement of infanticide** by a prominent Democrat governor (Northam of Virginia) who justified the killing of children who survived abortions.

Clearly, one of America's two major political parties is now targeting Catholics and their Church. History will record whether America's Catholic hierarchy was brave enough to speak out in defense of the faith.

Thank you for considering this. With this letter, I am enclosing copies of my recent letters to the U.S. Senators with all source materials

I look forward to hearing from you in reply to this letter.

All the best.



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Enclosures

