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U.S. House of Representatives - Arizona District 10

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Ronald M. Johnson, Jr.
Arizona Catholic Conference
400 E. Monroe St.
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Dear Mr. Johnson:

As a candidate for the Arizona State Legislature in District 26 I did receive your organization's 2008 Candidate Survey.

I will not be completing the survey, and I wish to offer you and your readers the courtesy of an explanation. If indeed you will be publishing the results of your survey, then I ask that you publish my comment as well.

As a life-long Catholic myself (My wife and I attend St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Tucson), I cannot support the deliberate involvement of the Catholic Church - via your organization - in political activism.

Although I do support many of the positions clearly addressed in your survey (and disagree with a few), I can no more support blurring the line of separation of church and state than I could support the state taking an active role in determining church doctrine.

I attend Mass to seek spiritual guidance, not political direction. As such, many of the values which shape my decision-making stem from my Catholic upbringing. My religious education taught me to respect and care for all of God's children, to help to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and help the poor, the hopeless and the helpless.

I invite your readers to learn about my beliefs and my positions through my website: www.donjorgensen2008.com or to contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


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