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Dear Fr. Hartman:

We were disappointed to see from your parish Bulletin that you were providing the facilities of your church to a pro-abortion speaker, Nick Clooney. Mr. Clooney's support of the abominable crime of abortion (words of John Paul II) was made public in the secular press during the last election cycle when he sought the office of U.S. Congressman from Northern Kentucky.

The longstanding policy in New York, and in many dioceses in the United States, to deny church facilities to such speakers for the reason that such action would confuse the faithful into believing that abortion is simply one among many issues, and one upon which reasonable Catholics may differ, was finally adopted nationwide by formal declaration of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on June 18, 2004, which held that Catholic facilities should not be made available to such individuals whose views are "in defiance of our fundamental moral principles."

We all know that if Mr. Clooney's election pronouncements had included an anti-Semitic position, or a racist position, that he would not have been invited to your premises.

We await your response to those questions.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the NKRTL Board of Directors
by its Executive Committee,

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