

PULPIT POLITICS



Bill Donohue comments as follows:

M. Alex Johnson of NBC News and the editorial board of the *Los Angeles Times* are quite upset with the pro-Romney clergy, yet they have absolutely nothing to say about the pro-Obama clergy.

Consider the facts. The Pew Research Center released its findings on this subject last week: “Black Protestants are twice as likely as churchgoers to be hearing about the candidates at church.” Moreover, “Nearly half (45%) of black Protestant churchgoers say the messages they hear at church favor a candidate, and *every one of those says the message favors Obama.*” [My italics.] I guess NBC News and the *Los Angeles Times* missed that report. I guess they also missed the news story by Rachel Zoll of the Associated Press; she did a fair job covering this subject, citing the Pew findings.

The evidence that black ministers have been using the pulpit to promote Obama is hardly new. Just recently, the *Charlotte Observer* and the *Washington Post* offered plenty of detail on this issue. Also of interest is California Governor Jerry Brown: he campaigned in black churches for his ballot initiative to soak the rich.

Top prize for hypocrisy, however, goes to Nicholas Cafardi, a law professor at Duquesne University. On November 2, in a column he wrote for a Catholic dissident newspaper, he attacked Bishop Daniel Jenky for a letter that the Peoria bishop asked his priests to read at Mass yesterday. The

letter, which Cafardi describes as a “non-endorsement endorsement,” amounted to “a partisan political rant.” Yet on that very same day, it was reported that Cafardi was one of over 60 “faith leaders and ministers” who signed a statement that *literally endorsed Obama*. Indeed, they raved about everything from ObamaCare to Head Start, both abject failures.

Different strokes for different folks? Or left-wing politics as usual? Both answers are correct.