

PULPIT POLITICS

M. Alex Johnson of NBC News and the editorial board of the *Los Angeles Times* were quite upset with the pro-Romney clergy leading up to the election. Yet, they had absolutely nothing to say about pro-Obama clergy members.

Consider the facts. The Pew Research Center recently released its findings on this: "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.*" [Our italics.] Apparently NBC News and the *Los Angeles Times* missed that report. They must have 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, went 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 recently asked his priests to read at Mass regarding the election. 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 President 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.