

Albuquerque Interfaith

(a local affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation)

Is a BAD Idea for the Catholic Church

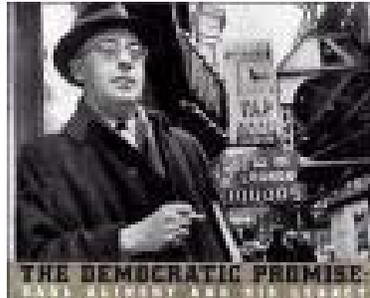
**Alinskyian organizing is a
direct assault against
decades of authentic
Catholic social justice
teaching and
authentic Catholic Action.**

**Albuquerque Interfaith
is an Alinskyian
organization.**

Albuquerque Interfaith is part of the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) network.

Saul Alinsky founded the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), of which Albuquerque Interfaith is an affiliate.

Both Albuquerque Interfaith and the IAF are grounded on Alinsky's diabolical and unethical organizational



Alinsky's book *Rules for Radicals* is "dedicated" to Lucifer:

"Lest we forget at least an over-the-shoulder acknowledgment to the very first radical; from all our legends, mythology, and history (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins - or which is which), the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom - Lucifer."

- Saul Alinsky,
"dedication" of *Rules for Radicals*

The “principles” in Alinsky’s *Rules for Radicals* are unethical:

- *“The third rule of the ethics of means and ends is that in war [and politics] the end justifies almost any means.” [pp 24-47]*
- *“The seventh rule of the ethics of means and ends is that generally success or failure is a mighty determinant of ethics....There can be no such thing as a successful traitor, for if one succeeds, he becomes a founding father.” [p. 34]*
- *“The tenth rule of the ethics of means and ends is that you do what you can with what you have and clothe it with moral garments.” [p. 36]*
- *“Moral rationalization is indispensable at all times of action whether to justify the selection or the use of ends or means.” [p. 43]*
- *All effective actions require the passport of morality. [p. 44]*
- *“In a fight almost anything goes. It almost reaches the point where you stop to apologize if a chance blow lands above the belt.” [p. 129-130]*

Authentic Catholic Action is always ethical.

Albuquerque Interfaith promotes Alinsky's book and its principles:

- *Rules for Radicals* is still recommended reading on the IAF website
- Albuquerque Interfaith organizers recommended *Rules for Radicals* to Catholics asking for more information about community organizing.

The IAF has not repudiated Alinsky's unethical principles:

- *"All participants in the Industrial Areas Foundation national training programs are given a reprint of a 1933 article by John H. Randall, Jr. titled 'The Importance of Being Unprincipled' ...The thesis is that because politics is nothing but the 'practical method of compromise,' only two kinds of people can afford the luxury of acting on principle...everyone else who wants to be effective in politics has to learn to be 'unprincipled' enough to compromise in order to see their principles succeed."* (Mary Beth Rogers, *Cold Anger*, p. 210)
- *"The Industrial Areas Foundation (Alinsky Institute) has been in the field of organizing for nearly forty years. We believe that the best hope for change and social justice is the Church (The Judeo-Christian tradition). The churches have the networks, the relationship of loyalty and trust, the money, the values and the untapped talent of the people... [The organization] is a commitment to process and empowerment rather than task or service. It's grounded in the real world rather than the world as it should be (self-interest vs. altruism). It's pragmatic with aimed, calculated, deliberate action. It does not wallow in conferences, resolutions or ideological refinements. It acts to win...It initiates fights on those issues that are immediate, specific and winnable. The developing leaders learn to personalize and polarize. They learn to analyze, evaluate and judge what they are doing and how they are acting..."* (Address by Edward Chambers, present executive director IAF)
- *One of the worst things you can be is overly principled. Everybody has got to compromise, adapt, change.* (Ernesto Cortes, SW Regional Director IAF, "Organizing the Community")

Authentic Catholic Action is always principled.

The IAF has long-standing ties with Call to Action, which opposes Church teaching.

- The first Call to Action Conference in 1976 was orchestrated by Alinskyian organizers.
- Msgr. Jack Egan was a board member of the Industrial Areas Foundation from its earliest days, was a trained, IAF organizer, and a promoter of IAF expansion until his death in 2001 also promoted the first Call to Action in 1976 and actively supported its goals for the rest of his life.
- The original Call to Action demanded that every American Catholic parish support Alinskyian organizing. (Thanks to the annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection, that goal is almost realized.)
- Alinskyian organizations and Call to Action organizations work in the same progressive political networks, fighting for the same social changes—particularly abortion and homosexual “rights.”

**Authentic Catholic Action cherishes
Church teaching.**

Albuquerque Interfaith has ties with Call to Action

Albuquerque Interfaith— a local affiliate of the Industrial Aras Foundation —has ties with Call to Action through individuals at the Newman Center, at the Center for Action and Contemplation, and through the Faith in Public Life network in New Mexico, among others.

Call to Action goals:

- & abortion rights
- & homosexual rights
- & women priests
- & married priests
- & liberation theology
- & “creation spirituality”
- & politicized parishes

Authentic Catholic Action has Catholic goals—defending the sanctity of life and moral and doctrinal truth.

Alinskyian organizing promotes liberation theology.

- Alinskyian organizing has established liberationist base communities in a number of its well-established local affiliates.
- Alinskyian organizing has produced and promoted liberationist distortions of scripture.
- Alinskyian organizations have hosted (and trained with) prominent liberationists.
- Members of Albuquerque Interfaith have promoted liberation theology.



Authentic Catholic Action and Church teaching are contradicted by Liberation Theology. (See, Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *The Instruction on Certain Aspects of the Theology of Liberation*, 1984.)

IAF “Magnificat”

(C.O.P.S. Manifesto)

Written by Communities Organized for Public
Service (COPS)

Adapted from Luke 1:46-55

*46. Our community speaks; We proclaim the love
of God and*

*47. Our hearts are filled with joy; Because God
has been with us in our struggles and*

*48. the powerful will call us a joyful people for
they will recognize our freedom and blessings;*

*49. He brings justice and peace (Shalom) to the
oppressed;*

*50. Our ancestors have known Him as Holy, as
we know Him and our people honor Him;*

*51. He stretches His powerful arms and liberates
us from the clutches and snares of the power bro-
kers – those who rob the afflicted and needy;*

*52. He brings down bankers, developers, oil bar-
ons, and raises our barrios and ghettos;*

*53. He fills our hungry with good things and the
rich, He sends away empty;*

*54. He keeps His promise to Juan Diego, Eleonor
[sic] Roosevelt, Martin Luther King and*

55. will be with us forever:

Authentic Catholic Action does not blaspheme.

Alinskyian community organizing uses a Marxist analysis

“The Prince was written by Machiavelli for the Haves on how to hold power. Rules for Radicals is written by the Have-Nots on how to take it away.”

- Saul Alinsky, *Rules for Radicals*, p 3

“In this book I propose certain general observations, propositions, and concepts of the mechanics of mass movements and the various stages of the cycle of action and reaction in revolution.”

- Saul Alinsky, *Rules for Radicals*, p 4.

“Our rebels have contemptuously rejected the values and way of life of the middle class. They have stigmatized it as materialistic, decadent, bourgeois, degenerate, imperialistic, war-mongering, brutalized, and corrupt. They are right but we must begin from where we are if we are to build power for change and the power and the people are in the big middle-class majority.”

- Saul Alinsky, *Rules for Radicals*, p 185.

**Authentic Catholic Action is not compatible
with ideas of “class warfare.” Catholic
Action promotes cooperation and respect
among all members of society.**

Alinskyian community organizations network with progressive groups opposed to moral principles and Catholic teachings.

Faith in Public Life, a progressive media machine, has identified other progressive organizations and has listed them by state. There, with Catholic institutions, are dissent Catholic groups, Alinskyian organizations, and issue based organizations—including those promoting abortion and homosexual “rights.” Below is New Mexico’s list:

Catholic Organizations:

Catholic Relief Services: Gallup; Las Cruces
Catholic Social Services: Albuquerque
Catholic Charities: Albuquerque- Immigration and Legalization Services; Santa Fe
Diocese of Las Cruces Social Ministry
Archdiocese of Santa Fe - Office of Social Justice, Santa Fe
Good Shepherd Center – Albuquerque
New Mexico Community Foundation - Albuquerque

Dissident Catholic Organizations:

Call To Action: Las Cruces, Rio Rancho
Dignity NM
Pax Christi: Cimarron - Eagle Nest, Dixon, Farmington, Holy Rosary (Albuquerque), Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Taos - Ranchos de Taos, Gallup, Newman Center & St. Charles Borromeo (Albuquerque), Silver City, Gila

Other Religious Bodies:

Buddhist Peace Fellowship
Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch
First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque
Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry
Mt. Olive Baptist State Convention
American Friends Service Committee
New Mexico Conference of Churches

Alinskyian Community Organizations:

ACORN: Albuquerque, Las Cruces
IAF: Albuquerque Interfaith, Northern New Mexico Interfaith Sponsoring Committee

Issue Based Organizations

Anti-Defamation League
New Mexico Human Needs Coordinating Committee
Abortion: NM Religious Campaign for Reproductive Choice
Environmental: NM Interfaith Power and Light, St. Thomas of Canterbury Church
Service: Central Dallas Ministries, The Wilkinson Center
Progressive Politics: Church World Service/ CROP, Dallas Area Christian Progressive Alliance, Liberal Religious Educators' Association, Tikkun, Christ in You Fellowship, Interfaith Alliance of NM, NM Faith Network, NM Freedom Network, NM Impact, The Upper Room Community
Homosexual Activism: *Soulforce* Albuquerque

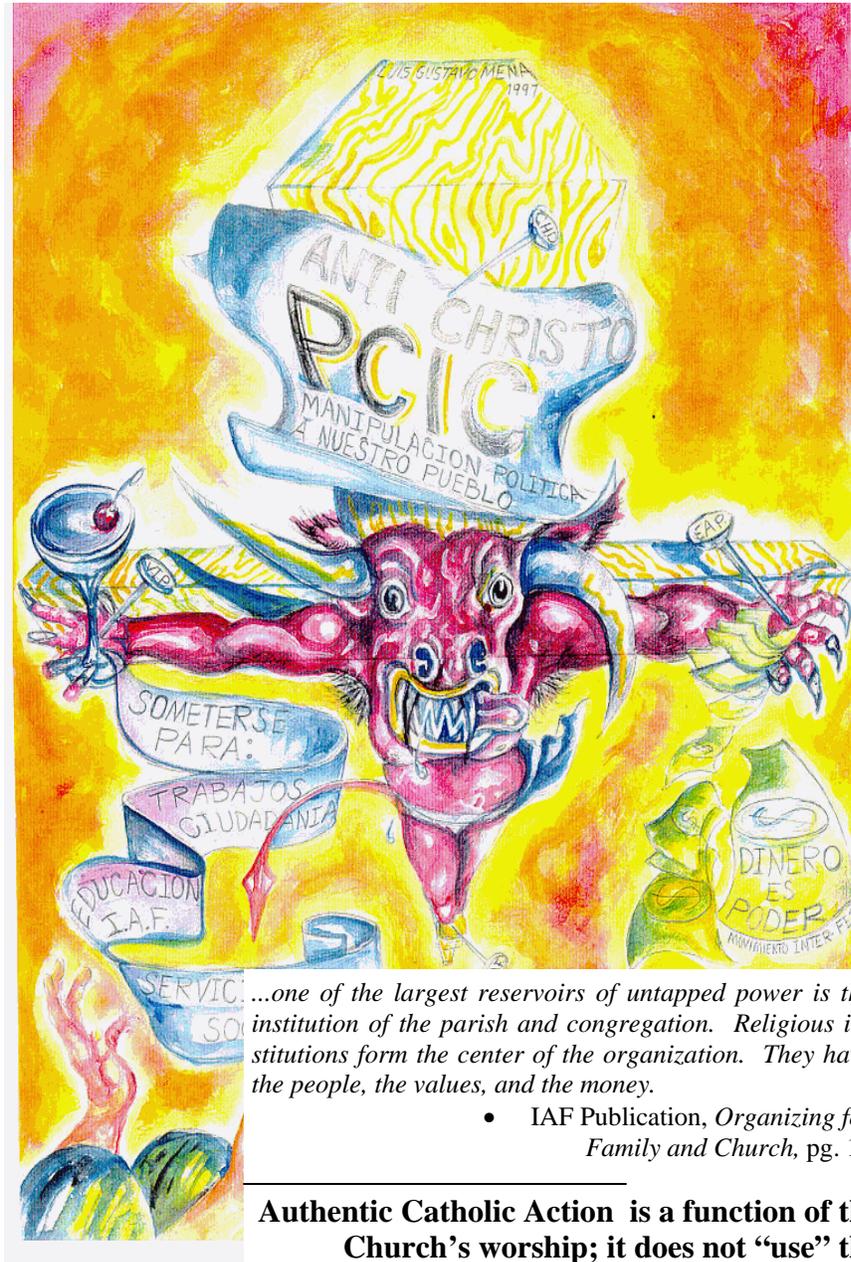
Authentic Catholic Action does not work against moral truth.

Alinskyian organizing replaces the mandate to serve the poor with government programs that often harm the poor.

- The education reform promoted by Alinskyian organizing for the past 20 years has harmed education. Most adversely affected by “**dumbed down**” educational programs are the poor.
- The programs promoted by Alinskyian organizing networks are often *comprehensive* (involving all aspects of a citizen’s life: housing, healthcare, job training, job placement, social service, education reform, etc.) – and often use religious institutions as implementors. Historically, state control *to this degree* is oppressive and, ironically, **impoverishing**.
- The universal health care supported by Alinskyian organizing networks contain **pro-abortion** elements.

Progressive social programs do not serve the common good. In some cases, these programs are deadly.

Authentic Catholic Action does not engage in ecumenical political activity with social progressives whose beliefs about basic moral issues are fundamentally opposed to Catholic moral teaching.



...one of the largest reservoirs of untapped power is the institution of the parish and congregation. Religious institutions form the center of the organization. They have the people, the values, and the money.

- IAF Publication, *Organizing for Family and Church*, pg. 18

Authentic Catholic Action is a function of the Church’s worship; it does not “use” the Church for power, money, or “social capital.”

“Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it. (...By this I mean that in a complex...society it becomes increasingly difficult to single out who is to blame for a particular evil. ...One of the criteria for picking the target is the target's vulnerability...as you zero in and freeze your target and carry out your attack, all the "others" come out of the woodwork very soon...the other important point in the choosing of a target is that it must be a personification, not something general and abstract...Many liberals, during our attack on the then-school superintendent, pointing out that he wasn't 100% devil, he was a regular churchgoer, he was a good family man, and he was generous in his contributions to charity. Can you imagine in the arena of conflict charging that so-and-so is a racist bastard and then diluting the impact of the attack with qualifying remarks...this becomes political idiocy.”

- Saul Alinsky, *Rules for Radicals*, p. 130, 133

**Authentic Catholic Action teaches us to love
our enemies.**

“An organizer working for change...does not have a fixed truth - truth to him is relative and changing.”

- Saul Alinsky, *Rules for Radicals*, p. 10-11

**Authentic Catholic Action is predicated
on moral truth.**

I have always believed that abortion and birth control are personal rights to be exercised by the individual.

- Saul Alinsky, *Rules for Radicals*

**Authentic Catholic Action doesn't discard
unpopular moral truth.**



Los Pequeños de Cristo

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Pertinent articles include:

- “Parish Social Justice” - comparing Alinskyian organizing to authentic Catholic Action as typified by the pro-life movement.
- “Communitarian Riddle” - a look at the form of socialism Alinskyian organizing has adopted.
- “Alinskyian Organizing” - the fundamentals...and some objections.
- “Albuquerque Interfaith 2007” - a particularly interesting article in the light of where we are in 2009.
- List of Albuquerque Interfaith member institutions.
- Transcript of Father Mitch Pacwa’s radio comments about Alinskyian organizing.