

October 10, 2004

Archbishop Timothy Dolan
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Archbishop Dolan:

Voice of the Faithful of Southeastern Wisconsin wishes to communicate to you our serious concern about the possible appointment of Sister Carol Keehan to the National Lay Review Board. Monsignor Francis Maniscalco has declined to confirm or deny this deviation by the bishops from the expected appointment process. We are not objecting to Sister Keehan personally. The issue is maintenance of the integrity and independence of the lay review board as established by the bishops. We do not accept the position that nuns are lay people because they are required to take vows of obedience to their religious superiors. The bishops' accountability, transparency, and credibility are at stake. We urge you to vote against such a move in November.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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