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DIOCESE	BISHOP(S)	SOURCE MATERIAL:	ISSUED STATEMENT	QUOTED	FORMAL STATEMENT OR QUOTE	EXTERNAL SOURCE	CFFC CONTACT
Albany, NY	Bishop Howard J. Hubbard		Y	Y	Reverened Kenneth Doyle, Chancellor: " I don't think, nor does Bishop Hubbard, that refusing Communion is a helpful tactic. It distracts from the discussion."	Article on file: Michele Morgan Boltan, " No ban on rite in Albany Diocese," 5/8/2004.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Alexandria, LA	Apostolic Administrator		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Allentown, PA	Bishop Edward P. Cullen		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Altoona-Johnstown, PA	Bishop Joseph V. Adamec		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Amarillo, TX	Bishop John W. Yanta		N	N	None	none	No Reply
Anchorage, AK	Bishop Roger L. Schwietz, OMI		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 5/10/04.
Arlington, VA	Bishop Paul S. Loverde		Y	N	Bishop Paul S. Loverde: "Catholics in politics must reflect the moral values of our faith with clear and consistent priority for the life and dignity of the human person."	Letter from bishop: <a href="http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bishop/20031027-ltr-faithfulcitizenship.html">http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bishop/20031027-ltr-faithfulcitizenship.html</a> .	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Atlanta, GA	Bishop John F. Donoghue		N	Y	Bishop John F. Donoghue: "No one should receive Communion who is in a state of serious sin, and to promote abortion is a serious sin as far as the church is concerned."	Article on file: Gayle White, "Catholics debate Communion for backers of abortion rights," <i>The Atlanta Journal-Constitution</i> , 5/22/04.	No Response to Inquiry
Austin, TX	Bishop Gregory M. Aymond		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Baker, OR	Bishop Robert F. Vasa		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Baltimore, MD	Archbishop William Cardinal Keeler; Bishop Gordon D. Bennett, SJ ; Bishop William Francis Malooly		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.

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Baton Rouge, LA	Bishop Robert W. Muench		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Beaumont, TX	Bishop Curtis J. Guillory, SVD		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Belleville, IL	Bishop Wilton D. Gregory		Y	Y	Bishop Wilton D. Gregory: "In the nature of the church, the imposition of sanctions is always the final response, not the first response, nor the second nor maybe even the tenth."	Article on file: Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, "Gregory: Denying Communion Over Abortion is Last Resort," <i>America</i> , 5/10/2004.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Biloxi, MS	Bishop Thomas J. Rodi		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Birmingham, AL	Bishop David E. Foley		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Bismark, ND	Bishop Paul A. Zipfel		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Boise, ID	Bishop Michael P. Driscoll		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Boston, MA	<b>Archbishop Seán Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap</b> ; Auxiliary Bishop Emilio Allué, SDB; Auxiliary Bishop John P. Boles, VF; Auxiliary Bishop Walter J. Edyvean; Auxiliary Bishop Francis X. Irwin; Vicar General and Auxiliary Bishop Richard G. Lennon		Y	Y	Bishop O'Malley: "A Catholic politician who holds a public, pro-choice position should not be receiving Communion....The Church presumes that each person is receiving in good faith. It is not our policy to deny Communion. It is up to the individual."	Bishop O'Malley, CNN, 10/23/03.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.

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Bridgeport, CT	Bishop William E. Lori		N	N	None	none	No Response to Inquiry
Brooklyn, NY	<b>Bishop Nicholas A. DiMarzio</b> ; Auxiliary Bishop Ignatius A. Catanello; Bishop Emeritus Thomas V. Daily; Auxiliary Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan; Auxiliary Bishop René A. Valero		N	Y	"I am always troubled when a church institution or group grants a place of prominence, or accords an honor, to an individual in public life whose record shows opposition to the church's clear and consistent teaching on human life and other moral issues. In order to avoid confusion...as to the church's commitment to these issues, an obligation which I as Bishop view profoundly, I ask parishes, schools, agencies, and organizations in our Diocese to respect this concern and review carefully the records of public officials, especially Catholics, before extending invitations to them to	Article on file: Bishop Di Marzio, "Put out into the Deep, Catholics' Role in Political Life," <i>The Tablet</i> , 3/6/04.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Brownsville, TX	Bishop Raymundo J. Peña		N	N	None	none	No Response to Inquiry
Buffalo, NY	Bishop Edward M. Grosz		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Burlington, VT	Bishop Kenneth A. Angell		N	Y	Bishop Kenneth A. Angell: [I want to] "establish and maintain open lines of communication" with politicians who may hold positions that differ with the church's. No religion is allowed to dictate the policies of the United States."	Article on file: Claude R. Marx, "Vermont bishop avoids a hard line on Sen. Leahy," <i>Times Argus/Vermont Press Bureau</i> , 5/5/04. USCCB Guidelines: on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Camden, NJ	Bishop Joseph Galante		N	Y	Bishop Joseph Galante: "If [Governor Jim McGreevey] "comes to Communion, I'd give him a blessing...In his case, he can't go to communion."	Article on file: David O'Reilly, "Bishop Joseph Galante...", <i>Philadelphia Inquirer</i> , 4/30/04	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Charleston, SC	Bishop Robert J. Baker		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Charlotte, NC	Bishop Peter J. Jugis		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.

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Cheyenne, WY	Bishop David L. Ricken		Y	N	Bishop David L. Ricken: "It is resolved by the fact that the abortion question is not only contrary to Catholic doctrine, it is also contrary to the Constitution of the United States, and if this is so, there is no violation of the Catholic politician's oath to uphold the Constitution and his opposition to abortion is not only a Catholic matter, but a legal matter as well. ...And so I would suggest to the Catholic politician to at least look into the constitutional principles involved in the abortion issue and see for himself whether it is merely a religious issue."	Bishop Ricken, "A helpful word to Catholic politicians," Wyoming Catholic Register, May 2004.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Chicago, IL	Archbishop Francis Cardinal George, OMI, Vicar General and Auxiliary Bishop Edwin M. Conway; Auxiliary Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS; Auxiliary Bishop Francis J. Kane; Auxiliary Bishop Jerome E. ListECKi; Auxiliary Bishop John R. Manz; Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki; Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry		N	Y	Francis Cardinal George, when asked if he would deny Communion to politicians who back abortion rights: "No, not at this point. No...I'm loath to say we should take too many public positions on that at this point."	Article on file: Hal Dardick, "No Communion Ban for Local Politicians," Chicago Tribune, 4/8/2004.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Cincinnati, OH	Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk; Bishop Carl K. Moeddel		N	Y	Bishop Pilarczyk: "We need to be very cautious about denying people the sacraments on the basis of what they say they believe, especially when those are political beliefs. "	Article on file: Kevin Eckstrom, "Colorado bishop issues edict on Communion," Religion News Service, 5/14/04. USCCB Guidelines: on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.

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Cleveland, OH	Bishop Anthony M. Pilla		Y	Y	"We abide by the principle that the church does not oppose or endorse particular candidates but does inform the faithful on authentic Catholic teaching on the issues."	Statement on file. USCCB guidelines on file.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Colorado Springs, CO	Bishop Michael J. Sheridan		Y	Y	Bishop Michael Sheridan: "Any politicians who advocate for abortion, stem cell research or for any form of euthanasia <i>ipso facto</i> place themselves outside full communion with the Church and so jeopardize their salvation. Any Catholics who vote for candidates who stand for abortion,,,stand the same consequences. It is for this reason that these Catholics, whether candidates for office or those who would vote for them, may not receive holy Communion until they have recanted their positions and been reconciled with God and the Church in the Sacrament of Penance."	Pastoral letter on file.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Columbus, OH	Bishop James A. Griffin		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Corpus Christi, TX	Bishop Edmond Carmody		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Covington, KY	Bishop Roger J. Foys		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Crookston, MN	Bishop Victor Balke		N	N	None	USCCB Guidelines: on file	Personal contact with dioceses week of 4/12/04.
Dallas, TX	Bishop Charles V. Grahmann		N	N	None	none	No Response to Inquiry
Davenport, IA	Bishop William E. Franklin		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.

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Denver, CO	Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM; Cap; Auxiliary Bishop Jose H. Gomez		Y	Y	Archbishop Charles J. Chaput: "The current media turmoil over "denying Catholic politicians Communion" is filled with ignorance about the Church and the real meaning of the Eucharist. Denying anyone Communion is a very grave matter. It should be reserved for extraordinary cases of public scandal. But the Church always expects Catholics who are living in serious sin or who deny the teachings of the Church — whether they're highly visible officials or anonymous parishioners — to have the integrity to respect both the Eucharist and the faithful, and to refrain from receiving Communion."	Statement on file: Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, "It's a matter of honesty: to receive Communion, we need to be in communion," Denver Catholic Register, 5/26/04	No Reply
Des Moines, IA	Bishop Joseph L. Charron, CPPS		N	Y	Spokesperson Anne Marie Cox: "We want to see what they have to say with regard to lawmakers and the issue of Communion."	Article on file: Associated Press, "Diocese waits for Communion Study," 5/17/04.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Detroit, MI	Archbishop Adam Cardinal Maida; Auxiliary Bishop Moses B. Anderson; Auxiliary Bishop Earl Boyea; Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton; Auxiliary Bishop Walter A. Hurley; Auxiliary Bishop John M. Quinn; Auxiliary Bishop Francis R. Reiss		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Dodge City, KS	Bishop Ronald M. Gilmore		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Dubuque, IA	Bishop Jerome G. Hanus, OSB		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Duluth, MN	Bishop Dennis M. Schnurr		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.

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El Paso, TX	Bishop Armando X. Ochoa		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Erie, PA	Bishop Donald W. Trautman		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Evansville, IN	Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Fairbanks, AK	Bishop Donald J. Kettler		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Fall River, MA	Bishop George W. Coleman		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Fargo, ND	Bishop Samuel J. Aquila		Y	Y	Bishop Aquila: "No one may share the Eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ. I would remind Catholic politicians, clergy and all of the faithful of the words of St. Paul when he reminds the people who are not living their lives according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and yet still receive the Eucharist that they bring judgment on themselves," he said. "They bring judgment on themselves. Let those words sink in."	Homily on file: Bishop Samuel J. Aquila, 5/5/04. USCCB guidelines on file.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN	Bishop John M. D'Arcy		N	Y	Bishop John M. D'Arcy: "I am in full agreement with these teachers." (regarding withdrawal of commencement speaking invitation to pro-choice governor.)	Article on file: Associated Press, "Gov, Kernan Uninvired from Speaking Engagement," 5/3/04.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.

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Fort Worth, TX	Bishop Joseph P. Delaney		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Fresno, CA	Bishop John T. Steinbock		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Gallup, NM	Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, SSS		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Galveston-Houston, TX	<b>Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza</b> ; Auxiliary Bishop Daniel N. DiNardo; Auxiliary Bishop Vincent M. Rizzotto; Auxiliary Bishop Jose S. Vasquez		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Gary, IN	Bishop Dale J. Melczek		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Gaylord, MI	Bishop Patrick R. Cooney		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Grand Island, NE	Bishop Lawrence J. McNamara		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Grand Rapids, MI	Bishop Kevin M. Britt		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Great Falls-Billings, MT	Bishop Anthony M. Milone		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Green Bay, WI	Bishop David A. Zubik		Y	Y	Bishop David A. Zubik: "It is imperative that we as a Church be faithful to the celebration of the Eucharist in spirit and practice. It is my responsibility as Bishop to ensure such--and I take this responsibility seriously."	Statement on file: Bishop David Zubik, "Bishop comments," Compass, Official newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, 4/30/04.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.



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Greensburg, PA	Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Harrisburg, PA	(Deceased) Bishop Nicholas C. Dattilo		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Hartford, CT	<b>Archbishop Henry J. Mansell</b> ; Bishop Christie A. Macaluso; Bishop Peter A. Rosazza		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Helena, MT	Monsignor Kevin S. O'Neill, Apostolic Administrator; Bishop George L. Thomas (takes over as Apostolic Administrator June 4, 2004)		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Honolulu, HI	Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Houma, Thibodeaux, LA	Bishop Sam G. Jacobs		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Indianapolis, IN	Bishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Jackson, MS	Bishop Joseph N. Latino		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Jefferson City, MO	Bishop John R. Gaydos		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Joilet, IL	<b>Bishop Joseph L. Imesch</b> ; Auxiliary Bishop Roger L. Kaffer		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Juneau, AK	Most Reverend Michael Warfel		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry

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Kalamazoo, MI	Bishop James A. Murray		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Kansas City, KS	Archbishop James P. Keleher; Coadjutor Archbishop-elect Joseph F. Naumann		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Kansas City, St. Joseph, MO	Bishop Raymond J. Boland		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Knoxville, TN	Bishop Joseph E. Kurtz		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
La Crosse, WI	Formerly Bishop Raymond Burke; currently vacant		Y	Y	Bishop Raymond Burke: "...In accord with the norm of can. 915, Catholic legislators, who are members of the faithful of the Diocese of LaCrosse and who continue to support procured abortion or euthanasia may not present themselves to receive Holy Communion."	Statement on file: Notification from Bishop Raymond Burke, 11/23/2003. Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04. Info on Canon law decision on www.diocesesoflacrosse.com	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04. Info on Canon law decision on www.diocesesoflacrosse.com
Lafayette, IN	Bishop William L. Higi		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Lafayette, LA	Bishop Michael Jarrell		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Lake Charles, LA	Bishop Edward K. Braxton		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Lansing, MI	Bishop Carl F. Mengeling		N	Y	Bishop Carl F. Mengeling: "We assume that (people) are in good standing with the law in terms of their own conscience," Mengeling said. "The Lord knows that. I don't."	Article on file: James Curtis, Jr., "Lansing Diocese leaves Eucharist up to the Individuals," <i>Lansing State Journal</i> , 5/2/04.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Laredo, TX	Bishop James A. Tamayo		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Las Cruces, NM	Bishop Ricardo Ramírez, C.S.B.	N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry	

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Las Vegas, NV	Bishop Joseph A. Pepe		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Lexington, KY	Bishop Ronald W. Gainer		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Lincoln, NE	Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz		N	Y	Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz: "We agree completely with Archbishop Raymond Burke in the action he has taken and we would take the same action in the diocese of Lincoln with regard to manifest, persistent, obstinate sinners, including politicians, regardless of which diocese they are from."	Article on file: Barbara Kralis, " Bishop Bruskewitz Would Deny Pro-Abort Poles the Eucharist," The Wanderer, 4/15/04. Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04. USCCB Guidelines: on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Little Rock, AR	Bishop J. Peter Sartain		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 5/10/04.
Los Angeles, CA	Archbishop Roger Cardinal Mahony		N	Y	Cardinal Roger Mahony: "Since Roe v. Wade, there have been a lot of Catholic politicians doing and saying things that would not be in line with the church's teaching. Over that period of time there was very little action taken. I personally believe, as church law sets out, that sanctions are an absolute last resort, particularly penal sanctions of depriving people of the sacraments. In fact, cardonically, somebody has to be publicly found guilty of something that merits excommunication, or interdict, or some public crime."	Article on file: John L. Allen, Jr., "Interview with Cardinal Roger Mahony," <i>National Catholic Reporter</i> , 5/13/04.	none
Louisville, KY	Bishop Thomas C. Kelly, OP		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Lubbock, TX	Bishop Placido Rodríguez, CMF		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.

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Madison, WI	Bishop Robert C. Morlino; Auxiliary Bishop George O. Wirz		N	Y	Bishop Robert Morlino: "Archbishop Burke is on target as he spells out the principles of the church's teaching, and his brother bishops stand behind him in episcopal communion and collegiality.... The fact that a bishop has not acted identically to Archbishop Burke as of this date should never be taken to indicate any less of a commitment to the principles."	Article on file: Pat Schinder, "Bishop Here Supports Burke Ban," <i>Capital Times</i> , 1/22/04.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Manchester, NH	Bishop John B. McCormack; Auxiliary Bishop Francis J. Christian		Y	N	None	Statement on file. USCCB guidelines on file.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Marquette, MI	Bishop Reverend James H. Garland		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Memphis, TN	Bishop J. Terry Steib, SVD		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Metuchen, NJ	Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Miami, FL	Archbishop John Clemont Favalora; Most Reverend Felipe de Jesus Estevez		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Military Services, DC	Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien; Auxiliary Bishop John J. Kaising; Auxiliary Bishop Joseph J. Madera, MSpS; Auxiliary Bishop Francis X. Roque		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 5/03/04.
Milwaukee, WI	Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan; Vicar General Richard J. Sklba		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.

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Mobile, AL	Bishop Oscar H. Lipscomb		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Monterey, CA	Bishop Sylvester D. Ryan		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Nashville, TN	Bishop Edward U. Kmiec		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
New Orleans, LA	Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes		Y	Y	Archbishop Alfred Hughes: "When Catholic politicians openly support the taking of human life in abortion, euthanasia or the destruction of human embryos, they are no longer faithful members in the Church and should not partake of Holy Communion."	Article on file: "New Orleans Archbishop Alfred Huges on Anti-Life Politicians and Holy Communion," Archbishop Alfred C. Huges, LifeSite Daily News, 1/16/04.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
New Ulm, MN	Bishop John C. Nienstedt		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
New York, NY	His Eminence Edward M. Egan		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Newark, NJ	<b>Archbishop John J. Myers</b> ; Auxiliary Bishop David Arias, OAR; Auxiliary Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, SDV; Auxiliary Bishop Charles J. McDonnell		Y	Y	Archbishop John Meyers: "There is no right more fundamental than the right to be born and reared with all the dignity the human person deserves. On this grave issue, public officials cannot hold themselves excused from their duties, especially if they claim to be Catholic. Every faithful Catholic must be not only "personally opposed" to abortion, but also must live that opposition in his or her actions. .... For such a person to express 'communion' with Christ and His Church by the reception of the Sacrament of the Eucharist is objectively dishonest."	Pastoral Statement: Archbishop John J. Meyers, "A Time for Honesty," <i>Your Catholic Voice</i> , 5/13/04, on file. USCCB Guidelines: on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Norwich, CT	Bishop Michael R. Cote		Y	N	None	Statement on file. USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.

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Oakland, CA	Bishop Allen H. Vigneron		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Odensburg, NY	Bishop Robert J. Cunningham		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Oklahoma City	Bishop Eusebius J. Beltran		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Omaha, NE	Bishop Elden F. Curtiss		Y	Y	Bishop Elden Curtiss: "If a Catholic politician in this archdiocese is reported to me as being publicly supportive of abortion (or not supportive of other human life issues) then I will visit with that person and explain the position of the church.... Hopefully, through dialogue, we could come to some agreement about avoiding public statements and public stands contrary to Church teaching. It may be that I or one of our pastors will have to inform a certain person that such continuing public dissent will be incompatible with continuing to receive the Eucharist. This will remain a private matter between that person and me or one of our pastors. I will not make a public statement about refusing Holy Communion to certain Catholics in this archdiocese.... If full communion with the church on all matters of faith is the only criterion for Catholics to be able to receive the Eucharist, then I would have to challenge a considerable number of people in the archdiocese about receiving the Eucharist regularly."	Op-ed on file: Archbishop Elden Francis Curtiss, "The candidacy of John Kerry: A dilemma for Catholics in Nebraska and the nation," <i>The Catholic Voice</i> Omaha Diocese, 5/7/04.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Orange, CA	Bishop Tod D. Brown; Auxiliary Bishop Dominic Dinh Mai Luong; Auxiliary Bishop Jaime Soto		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.

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Orlando, FL	Bishop Norbert M. Dorsey, CP; Bishop Thomas G. Wenski		Y	Y	Bishop Thomas Wenski: "You cannot have your "waffle" and your "wafer," too. Those pro-abortion politicians who insist on calling themselves Catholics without seeing the contradiction between what they say they believe and their anti-life stance have to do a lot more "practicing." They need to get it right before they approach the Eucharistic table. "	Bishop Wenski's Statement/Article on file: "No `Wafer' if you `Waffle,'" Thomas G. Wenski, <i>Orlando Sentinel</i> , 5/11/04.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Owensboro, KY	Bishop John J. McRaith		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Palm Beach, FL	Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Paterson, NJ	Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli		N	Y	Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli: "I have a sense, and it's only a personal sense, that most bishops are not thinking of making the altar a place of confrontation."	Article on file: Robert Hanley, "New Jersey Native Named to Lead Diocese, Saying Altar Isn't a 'Place of Confrontation,'" <i>New York Times</i> , 6/02/04.	No Response to Inquiry
Pensacola-Tallahassee, FL	Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Peoria, IL	Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, CSC		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
Philadelphia, PA	Cardinal Justin F. Rigali; Auxiliary Bishop Michael F. Burbidge; Auxiliary Bishop Robert P. Maginnis		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.

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Phoenix, AZ	Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted		N	Y	Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted: "My job is to get to know the key people in the state and appeal to their consciences."	Article on file: Michael Clancy, "Bishops won't link politics, Communion," The Arizona Republic, 5/21/04.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Pittsburgh, PA	Bishop Donald W. Wuerl; Auxiliary Bishop William J. Winter		Y	Y	Bishop Donald Wuerl: "Given the long-standing practice of not making a public judgment about the state of the soul of those who present themselves for holy Communion, it does not seem that it is sufficiently clear that in the matter of voting for legislation that supports abortion such a judgment necessarily follows...The pastoral tradition of the church places the responsibility of such a judgment first on those presenting themselves for holy Communion."	Article on file: "Catholics who dissent with Church teachings should refrain from receiving Communion, Bishop Wuerl," Catholic News Agency, 5/27/04	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Portland in Oregon	Archbishop John G. Vlazny; Most Reverend Kenneth Steiner		Y	Y	Archbishop John Vlazny: "Catholics who publicly disagree with serious church teaching on such matters as abortion or same-sex marriage should refrain from receiving Holy Communion...".	Article on file: Nancy Haught, "Archbishop sets Eucharist rule," Oregonian, 5/13/04. USCCB Guidelines: on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Portland, ME	Bishop Richard J. Malone; Vicar General, Rev. Monsignor Michael J. Henchal		N	N	None	USCCB Guidelines: on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Providence, RI	Bishop Robert E. Mulvee		Y	Y	Bishop Robert Mulvee refers to the document: "The Sacrament of Redemption", as approved by the Holy Father, does not specifically address any criteria for excluding Catholic politicians from the reception of the Eucharist based upon their position on life issues.	Article on file: Richard Dujardin and Scott MacKay, " Pro-choice politicians 'unfit' for Communion?" The Providence Journal, 4/24/04.	No Response to Inquiry



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Pueblo, CO	Bishop Arthur N. Tafoya		Y	N	Bishop Arthur N. Tafoya: "As Catholics, we believe that life is sacred from conception to death. Abortion is an affront to life. In today's social climate, facing important election year decisions, Catholics and people of good will can easily feel politically homeless. In the Diocese of Pueblo we are presenting Catholic teaching through the document, "Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility. I encourage anyone looking for guidance to read, discern, and reflect on this document, as they prepare to carry out the important responsibility of a faithful citizen in this election year."	Statement on file by Bishop Arthur N. Tafoya, 5/14/04. "Faithful Citizenship" on file.	none
Raleigh, NC	Bishop F. Joseph Gossman		N	N	None	USCCB Guidelines: on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Rapid City, SD	Bishop Blase J. Cupich		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 5/10/04
Reno, NV	Bishop Phillip F. Straling		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Richmond, VA	Bishop Walter F. Sullivan		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Rochester, NY	Bishop Matthew H. Clark		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Rockford, IL	Bishop Thomas G. Doran		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Rockville Centre, NY	Bishop William F. Murphy; Vicar General Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Brennan		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.

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<b>Sacramento, CA</b>	<b>Bishop William K. Weigand;</b> Auxiliary Bishop Richard J. Garcia		Y	Y	Bishop William Weigand: "As your bishop, I have to say clearly that anyone — politician or otherwise — who thinks it is acceptable for a Catholic to be pro-abortion is in very great error, puts his or her soul at risk, and is not in good standing with the Church. Such a person should have the integrity to acknowledge this and choose of his own volition to abstain from receiving Holy Communion until he has a change of heart."	Pastoral Statement on file: Bishop William K. Weigand, Annual Pro-life Mass, 1/22/03.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
<b>Saginaw, MI</b>	Bishop Kenneth E. Untener		N	N	None	USCCB Guidelines: on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
<b>Salina, KS</b>	Bishop George K. Fitzsimons		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/12/04.
<b>Salt Lake City, UT</b>	Bishop George H. Niederauer		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
<b>San Angelo, TX</b>	Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
<b>San Antonio, TX</b>	<b>Archbishop Patrick F. Flores;</b> Auxiliary Bishop Patrick J. Zurek		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
<b>San Bernadino, CA</b>	Bishop Gerald R. Barnes		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
<b>San Diego, CA</b>	<b>Bishop Robert H. Brom;</b> Bishop Gilbert E. Chávez; Bishop Salvatore Cordileone		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry

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San Francisco, CA	Archbishop William J. Levada; Auxiliary Bishop Ignatius Wang; Auxiliary Bishop John C. Wester		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
San Jose, CA	Bishop Patrick J. McGrath		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Santa Fe, NM	Bishop Michael J. Sheehan		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Santa Rosa, CA	Bishop Daniel F. Walsh		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Savannah, GA	Bishop J. Kevin Boland		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Scranton, PA	Bishop Joseph F. Martino; Auxiliary Bishop John M. Dougherty		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Seattle, WA	Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett; Bishop-designate George L. Thomas		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Shreveport, LA	Bishop William B. Friend		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Sioux City, IA	Bishop Daniel N. DiNardo		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Sioux Falls, SD	Bishop Robert J. Carlson		N	Y	Bishop Robert Carlson on Senator Tom Daschle: "NARAL claims him as one of their number one supporters. I don't understand how he can be in touch with South Dakotans as much as he is, and yet consistently have a pro-abortion record."	J. Bottum, "Tom Daschle's Duty to Be Morally Coherent," The Weekly Standard, 4/17/03. Bishop's statement on file.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.

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Spokane, WA	Bishop William S. Skylstad		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Springfield in Illinois	Bishop George J. Lucas		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Springfield in Massachusetts	Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell; Chancellor Rev. Daniel P. Liston, J.C.L. Vice-Chancellor, Msgr. Richard S. Sniezyk, V.G.		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO	Bishop John J. Leibrecht		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
St. Augustine, FL	Bishop Victor B. Galeone		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
St. Cloud, MN	Bishop John F. Kinney		Y	Y	Bishop John F. Kinney: "You may be wondering about my position on the question of denying Communion to various categories of people. I want you to know that I refuse to allow the Eucharistic liturgy to become politicized. What I mean is that I will not allow Holy Communion to be used as a weapon in ongoing political and ideological battles. For this reason, it is not my intention to reject anyone who comes forward in a respectful manner to receive the Body and Blood of Christ."	Statement on file: Bishop John F. Kinney, "Holy Communion Must Not Be Used As A Weapon," pastoral letter, 5/27/04	No Response to Inquiry

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St. Louis, MO	Archbishop Raymond Leo Burke		Y	Y	Archbishop Raymond Burke: " Any legislator who is publicly supporting laws which favor abortion or euthanasia may ot present himself or herself for holy Communion."	Article on file: Bob Abernethy, "Catholic Politicians under Pressure to conform to Church stand on Politican Issues," Religion and Ethics Newsweekly, 5/14/2004.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
St. Paul-Minneapolis	Archbishop Reverend Harry J. Flynn; Bishop Frederick F. Campbell; Bishop Richard E. Pates		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
St. Petersburg, FL	Bishop Robert N. Lynch		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
St. Thomas, VI	Bishop George V. Murry, SJ		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Steubenville, OH	Bishop R. Daniel Conlon		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Stockton, CA	Bishop Stephen E. Blaire		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Superior, WI	Bishop Raphael M. Fliss		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Syracuse, NY	Bishop James M. Moynihan		N	Y	Bishop James Moynihan on denying Communion to prochoice Catholic politicians: "You just cannot pass judgment on someone coming up to you," Moynihan said. "I don't believe it's enforceable. I do not believe I should make a law I cannot enforce."	Renee K. Gadoua, Bishop won't Deny Politicians Communion; but Anyone who Supports Abortion Rights is Banned from Being a Lay Minister," The Post-Standard (Syracuse, NY),	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.

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Toledo, OH	Bishop Leonard P. Blair; Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General, Robert W. Donnelly; Episcopal Vicar Michael R. Billian, VE		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Trenton, NJ	Bishop John M. Smith		Y	Y	Bishop John M. Smith: "It would be misleading to assist pro-choice politicians with a platform to promote their views for fear that others would falsely conclude that the Church at least tolerates their position."	Guidelines on file: Bishop John M. Smith, "Diocese of Trenton Policy statement on Pro-Abortion Politicians," reaffirmed July, 2001. USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Tulsa, OK	Bishop Edward James Slattery		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Tuscon, AZ	Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas; Bishop Emeritus, Manuel D. Moreno		N	Y	Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas: Called sanctions against politicians "premature."	Article on file: Michael Clancy, "Bishops won't link politics, Communion," The Arizona Republic, 5/21/04.	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Tyler, TX	Bishop Alvaro Corrada del Rio, SJ		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Venice, FL	Bishop John J. Nevins		N	Y	Spokesperson for Bishop John J. Nevins, Gail McGrath: "They (bishops) do not want to see the Eucharist used as a sanction for any political issue."	Article on file: "Bishop Nevins won't allow communion to be used as political ploy," The Herald Tribune, 5/20/04. USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Victoria, TX	Bishop David E. Fellhauer		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.

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Washington, DC	Archbishop/ Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick Ph.D., D.D; Auxiliary Bishop Kevin J. Farrell; Auxiliary Bishop Francisco Gonzalez. S.F; Auxiliary Bishop Leonard J. Olivier, SVD		N	Y	Archbishop Theodore McCarrick: " I think every archbishop has the right to make his own decision in his own area. I think that there are many of us who would feel that there are certain restrictions that we might put on people, that there are certain sanctions that we may put on people. But I think many of us would not like to use the Eucharist as part of the sanction. ... I think I would want to get to talk to him,,before I would make a decision like that."	Transcript: Archbishop of Washington on Fox News Sunday, April 11, 2004	No Response to Inquiry
Wheeling-Charleston, WV	Bishop Bernard W. Schmitt		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Wichita, KS	Bishop Eugene J. Gerber		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Wilmington, DE	Bishop Michael A. Saltarelli		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Winona, MN	Bishop Bernard J. Harrington		N	N	None	none	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Worcester, MA	Bishop Robert McManus		Y	Y	Bishop Robert McManus: "The most fundamental human right is the right to life, and it is most obviously attacked by abortion, you become complicit in doing evil, and that's a very serious matter."	Article on file: Matt O'Brien, "Bishop-elect Knocks Politicians," Sentinel & Enterprise," 5/8/04	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.
Yakima, WA	Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla, SJ		N	N	None	None	No Response to Inquiry
Youngstown, OH	Bishop Thomas J. Tobin		N	N	None	USCCB guidelines on file	Personal contact with diocese week of 4/19/04.