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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

July 31, 1974

Dear Mr. Welch,

By my letter of July 15, 1974 I resigned from membership in The John Birch Society. I wish at this time to advise you of the reason for my decision.

"There is but one universal Church of the faithful, outside of which no one at all can be saved." (Ex Cathedra, i.e. infallible statement of Pope Innocent III, in 1215).

I am a Catholic. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven; sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of body; and life everlasting. Amen.

God made me to know Him, love Him, and serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next. While The John Birch Society may be striving to improve my life on this earth, the Catholic Church is the way to my eternal salvation. "The most Holy Roman Catholic Church firmly believes, professes, and preaches that none of those existing outside the Catholic Church, not only pagans, but also Jews, heretics, and schismatics, can have a share in life eternal; but that they will go into the eternal fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels, unless before death they are joined with Her; and that so important is the unity of this ecclesiastical body that only those remaining within this unity can profit by the sacraments of the Church unto salvation, and they alone can receive an eternal recompense for their fasts, their almsgiving, their other works of Christian piety and the duties of a Christian soldier. No one, let his almsgiving be as great as it may, no one, even if he pour out his blood for the Name of Christ, can be saved, unless he remain within the bosom and the unity of the Catholic Church." (Ex Cathedra, statement of Pope Eugene IV in 1441).

What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his soul? (Matthew 16:26). A most important function and duty of all Catholics is to hold the Faith against the currents and oppositions of the time. Just by cleaving firmly to the Church and her teachings, Catholics will perform a heroic service for all mankind. They will keep Christ and His truth alive in it -- a vital, glowing presence to which men of good will (such as yourself) may eventually find their way. By holding firmly and singly to the Faith, Catholics will, moreover, preserve within themselves the essence of Christian civilization. And through their gradual strengthening and increase, that civilization, now mostly disappeared from the world, may one day, by the grace of God, be re-born in the United States.

Mr. Welch, the Catholic Church has the answer -- or, more accurately, the Catholic Church is the answer for, the Church is not merely the teacher of the way; like her Founder, she is the way. "We declare, say, define, and pronounce that it is absolutely necessary for the salvation of every human creature to be subject to the Roman Pontiff." (Ex Cathedra, statement of Pope Boniface VIII in 1302).

It is because I am a Catholic and because The John Birch Society is a non-Catholic organization that I decided to resign from membership. This is not "religious neutralism;" this is positive Catholicism.

Mr. Welch, I hope that you, and other receiving this letter, will consider it an invitation and a plea to you to seek and find your way into the unity of the Catholic Church which has our Lord's own promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against her.

Very Respectfully and
Most Sincerely,

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Dear Mr Shannon

I have heard about "the spark" which you publish and thought you might be interested in seeing the above letter and the other items I've included herewith.

Sincerely
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