

## RadioActive Messenger

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### Will the Fairness Doctrine Affect You?

You may have heard the rumblings of efforts to institute the Fairness Doctrine to ensure equal time for varying viewpoints on AM/FM radio stations. The FCC has undertaken a [Localism Proceeding](#) to gather information in the promotion of diversity, competition and localism. The two are related. The Catholic Radio Association [filed formal comments](#) with the FCC against such a move. We are watching and planning for the FCC's and Congress' possible next steps.

### Solidarity in Action!

KGCW-LP in Des Moines, IA suffered a huge setback when it was displaced by a full power FM station. Rick Lehman, its principle, saw it as an opportunity to help another station. Rick contacted the CRA to see if KGCW's equipment could be used for a new NCE FM. We put Rick in contact with Selby Beebe-Lawson of Springfield, ME. Selby's husband Peter, a volunteer fireman, was killed in the line of duty after he began the application process for a new FM. Rick selflessly shipped KGCW's equipment to Selby in Maine.

What was in it for KGCW? They helped Catholic radio grow in another city. That's solidarity!

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### Converting the Culture...a Station at a Time

There is no shortage of concern over the outcome of this week's presidential election, and with good reason. And yet, it's not surprising, really. Our politicians are products of our society. They live in and are formed by it.

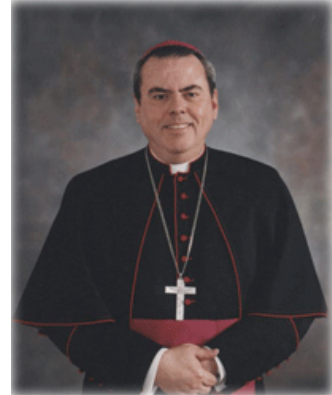
If we want good politicians, we need to first make a just society. A just society comes from just citizens, not from the government. To expect good politicians to come from a selfish society is, to paraphrase the Lord, to expect good fruit to come from a dead tree.

**That is actually very good news.** It means we are in control of our society, not by the ballot box or political maneuvering, though being wise voters is important. We can determine the future of our country by converting ourselves and it to Christ.

St. John Chrysostom wrote, "[St.] Paul traveled over the earth like fire and spirit and cleansed it as he passed by. Paul used the written and spoken word to draw the world to the Word, but first he allowed the Word to rule over his will." That is the plan for the renewal of our country. First we allow the Word to rule over our will, then we use written and spoken words to draw the world to the Word.

Catholic radio is a particularly useful instrument for this. It is *the* instrument of the new evangelization. In this Year of St. Paul, let us bind ourselves in solidarity to cover our country with Catholic radio. Once that happens we can convert it to Christ in a generation by the power of the Word.

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### Newsletter Spotlight

Bishop Michael Sheridan of Colorado Springs and member of the CRA's Episcopal Advisory Board proclaimed a powerful message in his [keynote address](#) at the 2008 Global Catholic Radio Conference.