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**ALL SAINTS RECTOR THANKS SCHIFF
FOR LETTER TO IRS AND TREASURY**

The Reverend Ed Bacon, Rector of All Saints Church Pasadena, expressed his gratitude today on behalf of All Saints Church to Congressman Adam Schiff, D-Pasadena, for his letter Tuesday to the IRS Commissioner and the Secretary of the Treasury. “We particularly support and are grateful for Rep. Schiff’s articulation of the principle that you do not give up your First Amendment right to free speech when you become an ordained clergy person,” Bacon said.

“No church should be at risk of losing its tax-exempt status because its clergy express a congregation’s core moral and theological values. There is a huge distinction to be made between political and partisan. Moral values form the foundation for much public political discourse and action. They can be presented in a non-partisan way. That distinction is threatened by the IRS position. Preaching that the war in Iraq is immoral and that poverty in America must be reduced are not partisan positions—they are core moral beliefs at All Saints. We, in fact, have no argument with the tax law as it stands, and we take great pains not to trespass over a wise boundary into partisan campaign intervention.”

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