

Listening to silence

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As Pope Benedict remains silent on the Obama Notre Dame kerfuffle, more writers in the secular press are trying to get a handle on its meaning. Is there a split between conservative U.S. bishops and Rome? [Time magazine explores the question](#) [1] in its latest issue.

Meanwhile, *NCR* contributor Heidi Schlumpf is on the scene at Notre Dame and we will offer several analyses of the presidential words and related events in the aftermath of the visit.

What do you think the odds are the president will spell out in greater detail the abortion reduction policies he has outlined in his campaign and touched on in recent weeks?

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