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## McCarrick Reveals Communication Between Kennedy and Benedict

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Retired Washington Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, at Arlington National Cemetery last night, **provided some highlights of a heretofore private communication** between Senator Edward Kennedy and Pope Benedict XVI.

In the letter, delivered to the Holy Father by President Obama during their July visit, Kennedy wrote: "I want you to know, your Holiness, that in my nearly 50 years of elective office I have done my best to champion the rights of the poor and open doors of economic opportunity. I've worked to welcome the immigrant, to fight discrimination and expand access to health care and education. I've opposed the death penalty and fought to end war. Those are the issues that have motivated me and have been the focus of my work as a United States Senator."

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