

## U.S. ambassador to Malta interviewed

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A guest writer for *NCR*, U.S. Ambassador to Malta Doug Kmiec, was interviewed by the Times of Malta.

"Why then did he endorse Barack Obama, who is in favour of keeping abortion legal, for President, when he wrote a book in 2008, titled *Can a Catholic Support Him?*

"Barack Obama was someone who caught my attention in 2006 when he gave a speech at a conference called the sojourner's conference. It demonstrated to me someone of great discernment, someone who understood that one of the things that had gone wrong in our country was political figures unthinkingly using people's faith as a basis to divide them from one another. Obama says we should understand the significance of faith to every person," he says.

In the interview, Kmiec says:

"Even though there were areas of disagreement, Mr Obama pointed out the responsibility of government to provide a family wage, to care for the environment and to provide health care for the uninsured. When I thought about all these things, I thought 'this is my catechism come to life' because we are called to each of these things in the social teachings of the church."

It's a [wide-ranging article and worth the read](#) [1].

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