

Published on *National Catholic Reporter* (<https://www.ncronline.org>)

October 16, 2009 at 4:05pm

---

## Catholic Answers can't sue IRS

by Dennis Coday

NCR Today

Courthouse News Service, a news service for lawyers, reports that a federal judge has ruled that San Diego-based Catholic Answers can't sue the IRS.

After Catholic Answers posted an e-letter calling 2004 presidential candidate John Kerry a "notorious sinner," the Internal Revenue Service deemed it an "act of political intervention," something prohibited for tax-exempt organizations.

Catholic Answers had to pay \$831.41 in tax plus interest. Catholic Answers paid up, but then appealed. The IRS eventually abated the tax and refunded the money, but then Catholic Answers sued.

A federal judge in San Diego today granted the government's motion to dismiss the suit, saying because it had received a full refund, Catholic Answer's claims were moot.

Advertisement

---

**Source URL (retrieved on 05/22/2018 - 8:08pm):** <https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/ncr-today/catholic-answers-cant-sue-irs?splash=>

### Links:

[1] <https://www.ncronline.org/forward/join?clickSource=end-article>

[2] <https://www.ncronline.org/node/160616>