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Woman religious offers Democratic Party benediction

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St. Joseph Sr. Catherine Pinkerton took center stage at the Democratic National Convention Aug. 27 when she gave the benediction to close the party's third day of business.

But first she had to use some of her school principal authority to get the convention's attention.

Pinkerton, 86, is a lobbyist for Network, a national Catholic social justice lobby.

For 24 years, her work has been limited to nonpartisan concerns related to international trade and investment.

However, since April, Pinkerton has served as one of nine co-chairs of the Catholic National Advisory Council to the Obama campaign.

"I think it's a great opportunity for the church to show Catholic social teaching," the nun from Cleveland told CNS 24 hours after offering her prayer. "If there's anything that's going to change the way this country is going, it's those principles."

View the benediction: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKsCRIWo114>

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