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Wisconsin Bishops Step Up

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Archbishop Jerome ListECKI of Milwaukee, in his capacity as chairman of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference, has issued a statement defending the right to organize, a right that is currently being challenged by Wisconsin's new governor, about which I wrote yesterday.

The statement says, in part, "The Church is well aware that difficult economic times call for hard choices and financial responsibility to further the common good. Our own dioceses and parishes have not been immune to the effects of the current economic difficulties. But hard times do not nullify the moral obligation each of us has to respect the legitimate rights of workers."

Moral obligation. As clear as day. It will be fun to see how our friends on the Catholic right do or do not respond to this call from the Wisconsin Catholic bishops. Can you spell dissent?

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