

want to be known as Catholics, they should be expected to behave as Catholics. You can't be a member of the Moose Lodge unless you wear the antlers'. Abortion has driven a wedge between the Catholic Church and its politician-parishioners before. John Cardinal O'Connor, archbishop of New York, criticized vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro and New York Governor Mario Cuomo in 1984." I'll deviate again, but he didn't impose any sanctions on Governor Mario Cuomo or attempt to. "Cuomo rethought John Kennedy's 1980 pronouncement, 1960 pronouncement, 'I do not speak for the church and the church does not speak for me.' At Notre Dame University, Cuomo said, 'As a Catholic, I have accepted certain answers as the right ones for myself and my family. As a Governor, however, I am involved in defining policies that determine other people's rights.' That defense is now embraced by most Catholic politicians including Killea, who support abortion rights. But other Catholics aren't appeased. In a stinging rebuke of his Catholic colleagues who voted for federal funding of abortions in cases of rape and incest, Representative Robert Dornan, Republican, California, asked on the House floor, 'What kind of hubris and chutzpah does someone have who says, I know more than all the doctors and fathers and leaders of my church?' Of 139 Catholics in Congress, about one-third support abortion rights including House Speaker Thomas Foley, Democrat from Washington, and Senate Majority Leader, George Mitchell, Democrat, Maine. As Republican Richard Durbin, Democrat, Illinois, says, 'We are prepared as elected officials, as elected public officials, to disagree with our own religion when, in conscience, we feel public policy demands it.' But last month, 300 bishops passed a resolution stating, 'No Catholic can responsibly take a "pro-choice" stand when the "choice" involves the taking of innocent human life.' Left unsettled is how the church will respond to other Catholics who continue to support legal abortion. So far, no other bishop has followed Maher's lead. Chicago's Archbishop, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin denied a request from abortion foes to deny Communion to Illinois Attorney General Neil Hartigan," H-a-r-t-i-g-a-n, "after Hartigan compromised on an abortion lawsuit. 'My own pastoral approach,' Bernardin says, 'will continue to be one of dialogue and persuasion.' But in next year's elections, more bishops may have to choose between sanctions and 'dialogue'. Francis Kissling," K-i-s-s-l-i-n-g, "of Catholics for a Free Choice, calls the Killea case, 'a trial balloon for the bishops.' 'The question is how far will they go?' Kissling says. In San Diego, the bishop's stand has become the overriding campaign issue in a district that is predominately