

Progressive nuns urge Bush impeachment: "Impelled by conscience"

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A progressive group of U.S. nuns has called on Congress to impeach President Bush and Vice President Cheney because of their roles in the war in Iraq.

"The National Coalition of American Nuns is impelled by conscience to call you to act promptly to impeach President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney for . . . high crimes and misdemeanors," the group wrote in a letter written on behalf of its board members.

The letter says that impeachment is warranted for the two leaders' "deceiving the public under the false pretense that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction" and "destroying" the reputation of the United States and the good will of other nations.

"The time for impeachment is now—before the example of George W. Bush's regime is set in stone," they wrote. "Future generations will thank you for preserving the freedom of our nation and its relation to the entire human community."

The coalition was founded in 1969 for individual nuns dedicated to issues of social justice and human rights.

The letter was approved during a mid-August meeting of the board held in Chicago. During that same meeting, the board unanimously adopted statements opposing all war and affirming peacemaking efforts.

"Rather than continuing support of a just war theory, a more compassionate church would oppose all war and teach peacemaking skills for all levels of government and interpersonal conflict resolution," the statement reads. *-Religion News Service*