

## Press Release

### Robert Drinan to Speak at Democratic Fundraiser

Former U.S. Congressman, Reverend Robert F. Drinan, will be the featured speaker at a Democratic fundraiser on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, from 3-5 pm at the Longfellow Club located on Route 20 close to the Wayland-Sudbury line in Massachusetts. Drinan's talk is entitled, "Vietnam to Iraq: A Moral Journey". The event is sponsored by the Sudbury Democratic Town Committee.

Rev. Drinan, a Jesuit priest and lawyer, was for many years the Dean of Boston College Law School. From 1971-1981, he represented the Massachusetts 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional district, which included Sudbury, Wayland, Lincoln, Weston, Framingham, Natick, Newton, Waltham, Wellesley, Concord, Lexington, Marlborough, Brookline, and Acton. While in Congress, Drinan was among the first to speak out against the Vietnam War and later to call for the impeachment of President Nixon. Drinan enjoyed wide support as an advocate for progressive issues during the turbulent times of the Vietnam War and the Watergate scandal.

For more than three decades, Drinan has been a champion for international human rights, and, in the 1980s, he served as an activist in behalf of Russian Jews who sought to immigrate to the U.S.

In addition to his university teaching, he has lectured widely here and abroad and published numerous popular articles and several books, including, in 2001, the influential book, "The Mobilization of Shame: A Global View of Human Rights".

Currently, Drinan is a Professor at Georgetown University Law Center where his expertise is in law pertaining to human rights, legal ethics, and the Constitution. He was a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, in 2000 where he taught a seminar, "Religion and Politics".

At the fundraiser on September 19<sup>th</sup>, the Sudbury Democratic Town Committee will accept contributions at the door of \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$500. Inquiries regarding this event may be directed to Susan Primm Thel at 617-726-2636.