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**Evangelist Priest says Christians Should Transcend the  
Financial Crisis and Place Hope in God**

**Chicago, October 15, 2008** –The financial turmoil our country and the world is experiencing has shaken many, not only on a practical level, but a spiritual level as well. For many, their faith has been rocked by the uncertain economy and many are looking for direction from the Church.

Father Robert Barron, Chicago priest and theologian, reminds Christians that their ultimate goal should be heaven. *“Occasionally it’s good when our confidence in pleasure, power or wealth is shaken because it reminds us that there is a transcendent good beyond those things,”* says Barron. This week from Rome, Fr. Barron urges Christians not to look to earthly pleasures for ultimate happiness, but to orient their lives toward God. See his clip shot live from Rome here: <http://www.wordonfire.org/fromrome.aspx>.

*“Financial wealth, power and pleasure – while not inherently wrong – should not be a substitute for God in our lives”* remarked Barron. *“Those things pass away, but what remains is the love, the Grace and the power of God. Our lives should always be leaning to that great goal.”*

Father Barron is available for interviews. Please contact Ashley Walker at 678-990-9032 or Christine Schicker at 404-610-8871, both with The Maximus Group. You can watch other video commentary from Father Barron at [www.WordonFire.org](http://www.WordonFire.org).

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