Record Nr. UNINA9910451701903321 Autore Smith Gregory Allen **Titolo** Politics in the parish [[electronic resource]]: the political influence of Catholic priests / / Gregory Allen Smith Washington, D.C., : Georgetown University Press, c2008 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-58901-389-1 1-4356-4873-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (273 p.) Collana Religion and politics series Disciplina 322/.10973 Priests - United States - Political activity - History - 20th century Soggetti Christianity and politics - United States Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction -- A theory of priestly influence -- An initial look at priestly influence -- Priestly politics in 2004 -- Priestly politics confirmed -- The influence of priests on parishoners' politics in 2004 -- Conclusion -- Appendix A: Pastor interviews -- Appendix B: Analysis of bulletins -- Appendix C: 2004 survey of priests --Appendix D: Background on 2004 survey of parishoners -- Appendix E: 2004 survey of parishoners. For well over a century the Catholic Church has articulated clear Sommario/riassunto positions on many issues of public concern, particularly economics, capital punishment, foreign affairs, sexual morality, and abortion. Yet the fact that some of the Church's positions do not mesh well with the platforms of either of the two major political parties in the U.S. may make it difficult for Americans to look to Catholic doctrine for political guidance. Scholars of religion and politics have long recognized the potential for clergy to play an important role in shaping the voting decisions and political attitudes