

9/11 REMEMBERED

We went to press before the tenth anniversary of 9/11, but the contrast between the Catholic League and its foes was plain to see even before the commemorations began.

Bill Donohue taped a short, 30-second statement over the summer to be aired on Sunday, September 11. Ours, obviously, is a positive commentary. Just as predictable was the early salvo launched by American Atheists.

At the end of July, American Atheists protested the decision to move the World Trade Center cross from St. Peter's Catholic Church in lower Manhattan to its new site at the 9/11 Memorial Museum (two steel beams in the shape of a cross were found when the Twin Towers were leveled).

David Silverman, who believes in nothing, was angry that there is nothing that represents nothing at the World Trade Center's 9/11 Memorial. "No other religions or philosophies will be honored," he noted. Very true, we said, and that is just as it should be. After all, that's just the way the towers crumbled—no symbol representing nothing was found.

To top things off, Silverman blamed Jesus for 9/11. He actually went so far as to say that the Christian God "couldn't be bothered to stop the Muslim terrorists or prevent 3,000 people from being killed in his name." Thus did he advertise his brilliance. Perhaps he did not notice, but when the killings took place, none of the terrorists proclaimed their fidelity to Jesus.

So extreme was the position of the American Athiests that even some of their friends blasted them.