

AL SHARPTON TO TOUR WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

An AP story today says that Rev. Al Sharpton, a Democratic presidential candidate, has announced that he will begin a voter registration drive this summer traveling the country with musicians and religious leaders. Sharpton is known for his campaigning in black churches and has said that presidential campaign of Rev. Jesse Jackson provides a useful model for his bid at the Democratic nomination.

Commenting on this development is Catholic League president William Donohue:

“In 1988, Rev. Jesse Jackson not only campaigned in black churches in Chicago, he literally raised money in them. Will the same separation of church and state zealots who said nothing about this gross abuse of the First Amendment similarly remain silent now that Rev. Al Sharpton has announced he will tour with religious leaders in an effort to get people to register to vote? Sharpton, of course, will take his voter registration campaign directly into the churches.

“Imagine a white, pro-life Roman Catholic priest who is running for president taking his voter registration campaign into Catholic churches—with an entourage of priests in tow. Get it?”