"ANGELS & DEMONS": MORE DEMONIC THAN ANGELIC

Catholic League president Bill Donohue announced today the start of an educational campaign informing the public about the agenda behind "Angels & Demons." The movie, which opens May 15, is based on the book by Dan Brown. This is the first of several news releases scheduled on this subject:

"Next week we will begin to make available to the public a booklet that I wrote on 'Angels & Demons.' It details the myths, lies and smears that are made against the Catholic Church. It also provides evidence of the anti-Catholic animus harbored by those associated with the film.

"Author Dan Brown and director Ron Howard are getting good at this. 'The Da Vinci Code' was replete with falsehoods presented as fact, and now the tag team is back again delivering a curious blend of fact and fiction. All done at the expense of the Catholic Church.

"Brown-Howard are obsessed with Catholicism. It is not enough to criticize it—they are hell bent on demonizing it. It is not enough to drag out dirty laundry—they invent it. And the fact that they pay absolutely no price for their propaganda shows beyond dispute that anti-Catholicism is the one bigotry Hollywood likes.

"We will have something to say about the lies tomorrow. On Wednesday, we will address the anti-Catholic sentiments of the producers and film crew. Next week we will release the booklet. By the time we are finished with 'Angels & Demons,' there should be few who won't know what the Brown-Howard agenda entails."