

# ANTI-ISLAMIC RHETORIC

On June 24, the Catholic League was asked by the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) to join with them in condemning some disturbing statements that were directed at the Muslim community by a foreign policy analyst for the Senate Republican Policy Committee. We did not hesitate to do so.

“The Muslim Advance and American Collaboration” is the title of a piece by James George Jatras and the subject of the controversy. Published online by *The Christian Activist*, Jatras painted the Islamic religion in terms that, while historically defensible, were too sweeping and disparaging. Because of the sensitive position that Jatras holds, CAIR was troubled.

The Catholic League appreciates the support that CAIR gave us in fighting the anti-Catholic play, “Corpus Christi,” and so we were glad to return the favor in this instance; the league’s name appeared in an ad sponsored by CAIR in the *Washington Post* asking Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott to take appropriate action so that incidents like this do not happen again.