

ARCHBISHOP DOLAN: PERFECT FOR NEW YORK

When it was announced that Milwaukee Archbishop Timothy Dolan would replace Edward Cardinal Egan as the Archbishop of New York, we couldn't have been happier.

Archbishop Dolan is a perfect fit for the city: he has the erudition, tenacity, affability and orthodoxy necessary for a leadership role in New York. Our dealings with him have been extraordinarily positive.

In the fall of 2007, the Catholic League launched a boycott and PR campaign against the Miller Brewing Company for its sponsorship of a vile anti-Catholic gay event, the Folsom Street Fair, in San Francisco. After six weeks of pounding Miller, we got what we wanted: an apology for four anti-Catholic incidents and a pledge not to sponsor the event again.

During the course of the PR campaign, we had the privilege to work with Archbishop Dolan and Chaldean Bishop Ibrahim N. Ibrahim. In both instances, their support proved to be encouraging and effective: the word went out that the Catholic community in Milwaukee, home of the Miller Brewing Company, was seriously offended by the beer company's role in sponsoring the Folsom Street Fair.

In other words, Archbishop Dolan showed leadership from top to bottom and did not hesitate to step up to the plate. When asked about Dolan's appointment, Bill Donohue told the media that Dolan "is a perfect fit for New York's rough and tumble milieu." The Catholic League looks forward to working with him.