

BACHMANN'S BELIEFS UNDER SCRUTINY

Catholic League president Bill Donohue responds to today's lead story [[click here](#)] on *The Atlantic's* website noting Rep. Michele Bachmann's longtime affiliation with a church that believes the pope is the Antichrist:

The Catholic League finds it regrettable that there are still strains of anti-Catholicism in some Protestant circles, but we find no evidence of any bigotry on the part of Rep. Michele Bachmann. Indeed, she has condemned anti-Catholicism. Just as President Barack Obama is not responsible for the views of Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Rep. Bachmann must be judged on the basis of her own record.

However, just as Sen. John McCain had to answer questions about his affiliation with Pastor John Hagee (who quickly cleared his record), and Sen. Barack Obama had to answer questions about his affiliation with Rev. Wright, it is not inappropriate to ask some pointed questions of Rep. Bachmann and her religion's tenets.