

# CALL FOR CENSURING BETTENCOURT STANDS

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on a request to withdraw his call for censuring New Hampshire House Majority Leader David J. Bettencourt; the request was made by Rep. Sean Cox. Because of a policy dispute, Bettencourt called Manchester Bishop John B. McCormack a “pedophile pimp who should have been led away from the State House in handcuffs with a raincoat over his head.”

Donohue responds to Cox as follows:

Rep. Bettencourt issued a long-winded letter to Bishop McCormack without ever apologizing for his incivility. He has thus dug himself in deeper. Now we have his Republican colleagues e-mailing us and calling on his behalf. They have a right to come to bat for their friend, but Rep. Cox has absolutely no moral grounds to stand on when he asks us to withdraw our call for censuring the House Majority Leader.

Bettencourt could have simply issued an apology, and the entire matter would have been behind him. But instead he chose to stick to his guns. Such arrogance is appalling. He needs to be censured now more than ever. If New Hampshire lawmakers tolerate