CATHOLIC BASHING MARKS ABORTION RALLY

On April 25, Washington, D.C. will be the venue of the March for Women's Lives, a pro-abortion event. The day before the march there will be a rally in front of the Vatican embassy. This event is being organized by Frances Kissling of Catholics for a Free Choice.

Catholic League president William Donohue addressed this issue today:

"No pro-abortion series of events would be complete without a rally bashing the Catholic Church. Now the bigots are back again, enlisting the support of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Rights. But it isn't much of a coalition: Jewish organizations comprise 54 percent of the co-sponsors; Unitarian Universalist groups constitute another 16 percent. On the other hand, support has come from the Episcopal Church, USA; the United Church of Christ; Presbyterian Church USA; and the United Methodist Church. We hope all Catholics take note of who their friends are.

"It would be a mistake to think that all of these people are simply pro-choice. Kissling has flatly said that her organization would 'never refer to abortion as evil.' Daniel Maguire, a professor at a Catholic university (Marquette), says abortion can even be understood as 'a holy choice, a sacred choice'; he plans to march. New York Planned Parenthood guru Alexander Sanger, who would never miss a death march, even wrote a book arguing that abortion is a positive good. Their honesty is refreshing.

"Many female celebrities will march on Sunday. Included will be some who have had abortions (e.g. Whoopi Goldberg has had six or seven abortions and she's marching). But don't look for any of them to condemn the anti-Catholic rally that will take place on Saturday.

"Gloria Feldt, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, has dubbed the march 'non-partisan.' But there is no need to lie: it's been well-reported that the Planned Parenthood Action Fund will endorse John Kerry tomorrow."