

CATHOLIC LEAGUE WINS IN “PLEDGE” CASE

Catholic League president William Donohue commented today on the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a lower court ruling that declared the words “under God” to be a violation of the First Amendment:

“Last year, the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights filed a joint friend-of-the-court brief with the Thomas More Law Center supporting the right of public school students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The ruling today by the U.S. Supreme Court, though made on grounds that the plaintiff lacked standing, upholds the constitutionality of the Pledge.

“It is too bad that the substantive issue of whether recitations of the Pledge in school are legal wasn’t addressed. It is regrettable only because there is a concerted effort in this country, led by organizations that are openly hostile to religion, to eliminate all public vestiges of our religious heritage. This movement, which is at root totalitarian, seeks to impose a radical secular agenda on all Americans. It must be stopped dead in its tracks if religious liberty is to survive.

“This is not a good day for the radical secularists. Which is why it is such a good day for everyone else.”