

# CELEBRATING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY: OBAMA vs. TRUMP

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on Religious Freedom Day, comparing the record of President Trump to that of President Obama on this issue:

The Catholic League's interest in the public policy arena is first and foremost religious liberty. That is why we were delighted when two years ago President Donald Trump proclaimed January 16 as Religious Freedom Day. He did so in tribute to the work of Thomas Jefferson: On January 16, 1786, Jefferson's bill, the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, was passed by the Virginia General Assembly.

The timing is right to compare the religious-liberty record of President Donald Trump to that of his predecessor, President Barack Obama. Both men are the source of much commendation and condemnation—on many issues—and their admirers and detractors are united only in the conviction that their man has not been treated fairly. They may both be right.

To read our summary of how Trump and Obama match up on the issue of religious liberty, click [here](#).