

CHRISTOPHER REEVE APOLOGY ACCEPTED

Actor Christopher Reeve has issued an apology to Catholics for his remarks implying that President Bush and the Catholic Church conspired to obstruct research governing stem cells and therapeutic cloning. The Catholic League criticized Reeve yesterday for his comments. League president William Donohue addressed Reeve's statement today:

"It was commendable of Christopher Reeve to extend an apology to Catholics for his unfortunate remarks.

"It would be remiss of me not to mention, however, my disappointment with that section of Reeve's apology which speaks to his continued support for the principle of separation of church and state. This was wholly unnecessary—only ignorant Americans would disagree. What is troubling here is the implication: it suggests that it is improper for religious men and women to try to affect public policy. But religious apartheid is always objectionable, even when dressed in constitutional cloth.

"This caveat notwithstanding, Reeve's apology strikes us as sincere and therefore brings closure to the issue."