

COMMON GROUND ON ABORTION?

Catholic League president Bill Donohue speaks to the “On Common Ground” forum that *RHRealityCheck.org* has launched on abortion:

The terms “dialogue” and “common ground” are innocuous enough, and may even convey something benign. But when selectively invoked by ideologues as a political vehicle, they are worse than vacuous—they are devious. Such is the case with the latest effort by *RHRealityCheck.org*.

RHRealityCheck.org may have been able to persuade reasonable persons like Steven Waldman of *Beliefnet* to join in this effort, but too many of the announced participants are hardened pro-abortion activists. Moreover, the website demonizes a number of religious conservative groups by labeling them “far right” organizations. It even posts an attack piece on me done at the behest of the nation’s most notorious anti-Catholic group, Catholics for Choice; this shell of an organization has twice been condemned by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Bad as these aspects of the project are, they are nothing when compared to the vicious denunciations of Crisis Pregnancy Centers. If giving young women an alternative to abortion is considered taboo, then the entire Common Ground project is destined to be an abysmal failure. It also shows that their alleged interest in adoption is a ruse.

Religious conservatives should not only reject offers to participate in this forum—they should condemn it as a fraud.