

DE BLASIO BOYCOTTS ST. PAT'S PARADE



Bill Donohue comments on the decision by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio not to march in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade:

Not since David Dinkins decided not to march in 1993 has a mayor refused to do so. Personally, I am delighted: I lead the Catholic League contingent every year, and I do not want to march with a public official who does not want to be associated with Irish Catholics.

De Blasio says he will not march because the parade does not allow pro-gay signs. Neither does it allow pro-life ones. The great myth has always been that the parade is anti-gay: in previous years, I have gone on the radio inviting gays to march with the Catholic League, provided they do not draw attention to themselves or to some extrinsic cause. The parade is not about homosexuals, or abortion, or anything other than honoring St. Patrick.

The mayor says he won't accede to the request by gay activists to ban city workers from marching. So kind of him—otherwise he would be looking at an insurrection.