

# DISNEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET: REQUEST MADE TO SEVER TIES WITH MIRAMAX

Catholic League president William Donohue sent a letter today by overnight mail to the 16 members of Disney's board of directors. They will meet on Tuesday, September 24. An excerpt is printed below:

*Since the mid-1990s, Miramax has been associated with four Catholic-bashing movies: "Priest"; "Butcher Boy"; "Dogma"; and "40 Days and 40 Nights." Now it has added a fifth, "The Magdalene Sisters."*

*The Vatican understandably blasted "The Magdalene Sisters" for a gross distortion of history. The film purports to show how nuns cruelly dealt with wayward young women in Catholic institutions in the 19th and 20th centuries. No doubt by today's standards, those conditions were harsh. But what is the purpose of maligning nuns, most of whom gave of themselves selflessly to care for and empower these women—women whom society had cast as pariahs? Perhaps the best answer comes from the film's director, Peter Mullan.*

*Mullan has compared the Catholic Church to the murderous Taliban. He has said of the movie that it "encapsulates everything that is bad about the Catholic Church," etc.*

*You know as well as I do that Disney/Miramax would never be associated with a film that encapsulated everything that is bad about Judaism or Islam. You also know as well as I do that Disney/Miramax has no track record of offending Jews and Muslims. This begs the question: why is Disney/Miramax bent on offending Catholics?*

*We will not give up on our protest of Disney's relationship*

*with Miramax until Disney's board of directors severs its ties altogether. That is what I am requesting of you on Tuesday.*