DNC SPOKESMAN DEFENDS ANTI-CATHOLIC LINK: CAMPAIGN AGAINST DNC ESCALATES

Bill Buck, a spokesman for the Democratic National Committee (DNC), is now defending the link between the DNC and a notoriously anti-Catholic group, Catholics for a Free Choice (CFFC). In an interview he granted to the *National Catholic Register*, a weekly Catholic newspaper, Buck said there was nothing anti-Catholic about listing CFFC on the DNC's website.

As a result of Buck's support for the DNC-CFFC link, the Catholic League (which has an ad against the DNC in this week's National Catholic Register) is now escalating its campaign. Catholic League president William Donohue is sending every member of Congress today a copy of an article he has written on CFFC that conclusively demonstrates its anti-Catholic agenda. Previously, Donohue wrote only to Democrats asking for their help, but since only Rep. Tom Lantos and Rep. Tim Roemer responded, he decided to blanket the Republicans as well.

Here is what Donohue had to say about this issue today:

"Bill Buck says that after perusing the website of Catholics for a Free Choice, he found 'That [it] is not their stated policy' to be anti-Catholic. Wonderful. Now if he checks out the website of the Ku Klux Klan, he will discover that the Klan not only does not list racism as its stated policy—it literally takes umbrage at those who accuse it of bigotry and hatred. From Buck's school of thought, this would seem to settle the issue: the KKK is not racist.

"Frances Kissling, the director of CFFC, declared war on the Catholic Church in 1991 when she admitted that it was her goal to 'overthrow' the Church. It is this animus-antiCatholicism—that drives her. And it is her cause that drives the Catholic League to get the DNC to sever its link with her. Thanks to Buck, our campaign has now escalated."