

# FLAWED TRUMP NOMINEE CALLS IT QUIT

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on a Trump nominee for the federal bench:

Michigan attorney Michael Bogren has withdrawn his nomination for the federal bench. He was being considered for a seat on the U.S. District Court for Western Michigan. The Catholic League fought his nomination from the get-go, and we are very pleased with the outcome.

On May 22, during a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Bogren said there is no difference between Catholic farm owners refusing to rent their property for the purpose of a gay wedding and the Klan's right to discriminate against blacks. When asked to clarify what he meant, he stuck to his guns: the teachings of Christianity on marriage are morally equivalent to the Klan's racist ideology.

[On May 23](#), we contacted every member of the Senate Judiciary Committee expressing our concerns about the propriety of having someone like Bogren become a federal district judge. We asked that Bogren retract his vile analogy.

[On June 5](#), we issued a news release asking the Senate Judiciary Committee to reject Bogren. We did so in support of Sen. Ted Cruz and Sen. Josh Hawley, both of whom pledged to reject his nomination. I also wrote to Sen. Lindsey Graham, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, urging him to join Cruz and Hawley in voting against Bogren. We asked our supporters to contact Graham (listing an email contact).

I told my staff last week that I expected Bogren would withdraw. He made a wise choice.

As I pointed out in my news release of June 5, Bogren's logic

was deeply flawed. Worse, he had a chance to clear his name by insisting that he was only making a legal analogy and in no way was making a moral comparison between the teachings of Catholicism on marriage and the Klan's racist ideology. His decision not to do so was not a wise choice.