

FLORIDA VOUCHER DECISION ISN'T THE LAST WORD

A state judge today declared the Florida school voucher program unconstitutional. In doing so, the judge put a halt to the first statewide voucher program. The program, put forth by Governor Jeb Bush, was targeted at Florida's worst schools and allowed parents a voucher of up to \$3,389 to send their children to the school of their choice; parochial schools were included.

William Donohue, president of the Catholic League, issued the following remarks today:

"What happened today in Florida is not the last word on school vouchers. This issue will eventually be settled in the U.S. Supreme Court, and a decision can't come too soon.

"The ironies are macabre: those who champion the rights of the poor are pro-choice on abortion but anti-choice on education. That's because they are so concerned over the fate of unwanted children that they'd rather see them dead than alive. This is called the humanitarian thing to do.

"Those that live, however, are not entitled to go to quality schools and must be forced to attend schools that breed poverty and ignorance. Then the cycle begins all over again. This is called the humanitarian thing to do. Anyone for inhumanity?"