

GLARING OMISSION AT NYT

There have been many reports this week about the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to hear a case involving the Westboro Baptist Church. In 2006, members of the church led an obscene demonstration outside a Catholic church where a funeral service for a slain Marine took place. The question before the court is whether this protest is protected by the First Amendment.

The question for the Catholic League is why the *New York Times* has never once called attention to the anti-Catholic history of the Westboro Baptist Church. By contrast, on twenty occasions, including today, it cited Westboro's anti-gay heritage, and there have been a few mentions of its anti-Semitic history. But for some reason, it never finds it necessary to cite Westboro's anti-Catholic legacy.

By the way, we checked every major newspaper in the nation, and the *Times* was the only one never to have mentioned the Catholic-bashing nature of the Westboro Baptist Church.