

# HECKMATE: NEWSDAY AND L.I. VOICE OF THE FAITHFUL

Catholic League president William Donohue explained in a news release why a report on *Newsday* and Voice of the Faithful was sent to every pastor on Long Island (the report is available on the league's [website](#)):

"The Catholic League tracks anti-Catholicism in all 50 states. In doing so, we learn where Catholic bashing is most rampant and who is responsible. Of particular concern to us is the situation on Long Island. The local daily, *Newsday*, has been on a tear against the Catholic Church for the past two years. Moreover, it has led an attack against Diocese of Rockville Centre Bishop William F. Murphy that is scurrilous. Working in tandem with *Newsday* is the Long Island chapter of Voice of the Faithful (some who write for the newspaper are active in Voice).

"All pastors on Long Island are now in possession of a packet of information that the Catholic League mailed on January 9. It includes a [report](#) on *Newsday* and an article on Voice of the Faithful. The report offers excerpts from *Newsday* columnists and contributors in 2002 and 2003 that demonstrate a profound animus against both the Catholic Church and Bishop Murphy. The article, available in the current edition of *Crisis* magazine, is a whistle-blowing piece written by the co-chairman of the communications committee of the Long Island chapter of Voice of the Faithful; it shows the ideological agenda of this supposedly neutral group.

"The Catholic League is not walking away from this battle. Moreover, it is up to *Newsday* and Voice of the Faithful to reverse course. If they do not, we will take further steps to checkmate their efforts."