

HERB LONDON, R.I.P.

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on the passing of Dr. Herbert I. London:

Conservatives lost a giant of a man on November 11 with the passing of Herb London. He was a brilliant and courageous professor, writer, and activist, one who inspired everyone around him. He was 79.

I first met Herb in the 1980s. Beginning in the 1990s, we worked together on some issues of interest to Jews and Catholics; Beth Gilinsky of the Jewish Action Alliance was our mutual friend who pioneered these causes. Herb never backed down to anyone.

Herb and I both received our doctorates at New York University: his was in history, mine was in sociology. Several years ago, Herb and I were on the same program at NYU. We got a chance to confront those on the left in front of newly minted Ph.D. students from around the world. It proved to be a joyous occasion.

In the 1970s, Herb was Dean of NYU's Gallatin Division, a great books program. In the 1980s, he co-founded the National Association of Scholars; I served on the board of directors with him for 20 years. In the 1990s, he took over the Hudson Institute, and later founded his own London Center for Policy Research. He was an educational entrepreneur.

Herb London will be sorely missed. God bless him.