IS THE ADL PROMOTING ANTI-SEMITISM?

On November 7, in a Catholic League news release, we reported the anti-Christian remarks of Anti-Defamation League (ADL) national director Abraham Foxman; the Israeli media outlet, Haaretz.com, carried the initial story. In that news release, there were two replies to Foxman: one from Catholic League president Bill Donohue, and one from Don Feder, president of Jews Against Anti-Christian Defamation.

Rabbi Daniel Lapin, president of Toward Tradition, has now offered a lengthy response to Foxman. (It can be accessed here.) Bill Donohue now responds to Rabbi Lapin:

"It would be hard to find a more brutally honest and courageous Jewish spokesman than Rabbi Daniel Lapin. Commenting on Foxman's remarks, Lapin says, 'If you consistently bully your friends and treat them disrespectfully, pretty soon you won't have any friends left.' This deserves a reply.

"Christians who bash Jews because Abe Foxman bashes Christians are no different than whites who bash blacks because Minister Louis Farrakhan bashes whites. But does this mean that Foxman isn't a danger to good Christian-Jewish relations? Of course not. Leaders like him, and Farrakhan, pose a serious threat to the goodwill that has been achieved by other Jewish and African-American leaders.

"Foxman says that the goal of Christian activists 'is to implement their Christian worldview.' How dare they? Christians entertaining a Christian worldview in a nation that is 85 percent Christian! It would be instructive to learn from Foxman precisely whose views Christians should be expected to entertain. That of radical secularists?

"As many Jewish scholars have said, there is no place in the history of the world where Jews have fared better than in the U.S. That this nation was founded on Judeo-Christian principles explains why. It's time someone gave Abe Foxman a history lesson."