Khadafy-Farrakhan Link Demands Federal Investigation

The Catholic League has asked the U.S. Dept. of Justice to undertake an investigation of the growing link between the Libyan government of Muammar Khadafy and Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. Specifically, the league wants to know whether the Nation of Islam has violated U.S. law by accepting financial support from Libya, a nation certified as terrorist by U.S. authorities. Laws pertaining to the registration of a foreign agent are implicated, and many others may be as well.

It has been reported that a \$1 billion pledge has been made between Khadafy and Farrakhan, enabling them to "work together to influence U.S. elections and foreign policy." News reports also say that Khadafy wants the "creation of a separate black state in the United States with its own army." In 1985, Khadafy reportedly loaned \$5 million to Farrakhan seeking to help black Americans in an "armed struggle."

It is because of the notorious anti-Catholicism of the Nation of Islam, as well as its more well-known anti-Semitism, that the Catholic League is proud to join with the Jewish Action Alliance in protesting this outrageous development. Catholic League president William Donohue will speak to this issue at a demonstration at the Libyan Consulate on February 1 at 5:00p.m. The event is being organized by Beth Gilinsky of the Jewish Action Alliance.

Dr. Donohue released the following remarks today on this matter:

"The Nation of Islam, under the aegis of Louis Farrakhan, has an ugly record of bigotry targeted at Jews, Catholics and many others. That this unmitigated hatred might be subsidized by one of the most reckless regimes in the world is unconscionable. Khadafy is a menace to world peace and Farrakhan is a menace to domestic peace, making an alliance between them doubly threatening.

"Those officials in Washington who boast of standing tall against bigotry, hate speech and terrorism must now be held accountable for their deeds. Catholics and Jews will be watching who does what and when. And when the watching is over, they will register their sentiments in a way every politician understands."