

League Enters Bankruptcy Case

The Catholic League has joined a coalition of religious organizations in defending an Evangelical Church from efforts by a trustee in bankruptcy court to seize funds donated to the church by a couple who subsequently filed for bankruptcy.

Ruling that the Youngs received nothing of value for their donations, a federal district court ignored the religious freedom rights of the church and the Youngs, and ordered the Evangelical Free Church to turn over to the bankruptcy trustee the contributions made by the Youngs in the year preceding the bankruptcy filing. What is especially troubling in this case is the fact that the Justice Department, rather than upholding the recently passed Religious Freedom Restoration Act, has sided with the trustee in the dispute.