

MANGER SCENE IN CENTRAL PARK



Bill Donohue comments on why the Catholic League erected a life-size nativity scene in Central Park today; it will be up through the holidays:

Our manger scene, which is on the corner of 59th Street and 5th Avenue, is being displayed for several reasons:

- We are celebrating the true purpose of Christmas, which is the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ
- We want Christians to know that they have every legal right to display religious symbols on public property, unadorned by secular symbols, just so long as the property is regarded as a public forum (e.g., we do not seek to erect crèches on the grounds of City Hall)
- We are sending a message to militant secularists that Christians will never retreat from exercising their First Amendment right to religious liberty. We favor, as does Pope Francis, a robust public expression of religion. *We will never settle for freedom to worship.*