MARYLAND FEMINISTS TARGET CATHOLIC HOSPITAL

Two Maryland hospitals, Holy Cross and AdventistHealthCare, have submitted bids to run a new facility in northern Montgomery County; the former is Catholic and the latter is owned by the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Holy Cross is being opposed by feminists because it is anti-abortion.

Catholic League president Bill Donohue jumped on this issue today:

Feminists from Planned Parenthood, NARAL and the National Organization for Women (NOW), are saying that if Holy Cross gets the bid, it would hurt "indigent citizens." Why would this happen? Because their care is "reimbursed by state funds." This argument, however, collapses when considering the evidence: Holy Cross has a mission statement that commits it to doing charitable work for the indigent. This is not idle talk. For example, right now, more than 70 percent of uninsured women having children come from around the state to Holy Cross' current location in Silver Spring.

What's really bugging the feminists is the refusal of Catholic hospitals to perform abortions. That's why a member of NOW exploded at Holy Cross, telling them to "get out of the way." The champions of abortion would rather see uninsured women suffer before ever saying okay to a Catholic hospital.

Think of it this way. Why is one group of women, almost all of whom are wealthy, white and post-menopausal, so enthusiastic about the rights of another group of women, almost all of whom are poor, non-white and fertile? It wouldn't make sense unless it was the goal of the privileged to limit the numbers of the dispossessed. This, of course, is exactly what motivated Margaret Sanger to found Planned Parenthood—to weed out what she called "the undesirables."

Coupled with their virulent anti-Catholicism, these affluent feminists should be discussed in every college class on racism, classism and bigotry.