

MOTHER TERESA, R.I.P.

When the Catholic League learned of the death of Mother Teresa, it immediately issued the following comment to the media:

“In an age when superlatives are used with abandon to describe the contributions of public figures, it is testimony to Mother Teresa’s greatness that no sane person would deny her the status as the world’s most giving human being. She was a model for men and women, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. There was no human life, born or unborn, that she was not willing to sacrifice for and there was no human condition so debased that she did not seek to remedy. But perhaps most of all she will be remembered as someone who never sought the honor she so sincerely earned.”

As soon as Mother Teresa’s death was announced, Fox News Network called William Donohue to discuss her work. He made the point that in addition to her service to the poor, Mother Teresa was a principled and courageous woman who wasn’t afraid to go against the grain. In particular, he cited her statement at the National Prayer Breakfast in 1994. In front of President Clinton and his wife, Mother Teresa called abortion “the greatest destroyer of peace in the world.”