

# MUSLIM REACTION PROVES POPE'S POINT

Catholic League president Bill Donohue addressed today the Muslim reaction to Pope Benedict XVI's speech at Regensburg University:

"One of the points that the pope made in his speech at Regensburg University was the necessity of linking faith to reason. He warned that uncoupling the twin values had horrendous consequences, leading people of faith to resort to violence. Ironically, the violent reaction, and the calls for more violence, on the part of some Muslims underscores the pope's point. The response of violence to non-violence is barbaric.

"In Somalia, Muslims were urged by a cleric to 'hunt down' the pope and kill him. 'Whoever offends our Prophet Muhammad should be killed on the spot by the nearest Muslim,' said Sheik Abubakar Hassan Malin. No doubt that this 'man of God' must be happy now that a nun was shot outside a children's hospital in the nation's capital. The Mujahideen Shura Council referred to the pope as 'the worshipper of the cross,' and pledged to 'break the cross and spill the wine' in the 'house of the dog from Rome.' The group, which posted its call to violence on the Internet, also said that God will enable Muslims 'to slit their throats, and make their money and descendants the bounty of the mujahideen.' Seven churches were firebombed in the West Bank and Gaza by gun-wielding Palestinians, using lighter fluid to burn the churches. And today, in the Pakistani-controlled section of Kashmir, Muslims took to the streets chanting 'Death to the Pope,' burning him in effigy.

"No wonder the pope has spoken against Turkey (where an official compared him to Hitler) joining the European Union.

Not until Islam matures and Muslims come to reject the wanton destruction of innocent human life is there any chance of a real dialogue. The scene of Muslims calling for Jews and Christians to be murdered with impunity is all too common, as this latest demonstration of hate proves.”