

NATIVITY SCENE ERECTED IN CENTRAL PARK

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Today, the Catholic League erected a life-size nativity scene in Central Park, in front of the Plaza Hotel, between 58th and 59th Street on 5th Avenue. We received a permit from the New York City Parks Department, as we have for decades.

Sitting next to our nativity scene is the world's largest menorah. We are happy that the Jewish community in New York City is not following the lead of the cowards in Williamsburg, Virginia who would not allow a menorah to be displayed this week because it might look like a celebration of Judaism during the Israel-Hamas war.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom cancelled the annual lighting of a Christmas tree in Sacramento this week, citing planned pro-Palestinian protests.

Shirley Vermillion, the founder of the Art and Music Festival in Williamsburg who denied the menorah display, and the California governor, would like to be neutral. But declarations of neutrality in the face of the evil that Hamas and its supporters represent are morally obnoxious.

We hope that New Yorkers, and those visiting New York City this Christmas season, will stop by and see the Catholic League's nativity scene in Central Park. It will be up through the New Year.