

NYC CRECHE CASE STILL ALIVE: UPI GETS THE STORY WRONG

Catholic League president Bill Donohue released the following remarks today on an earlier release by the Catholic League:

“At 1:34 a.m. EST today, UPI released a news story titled, ‘Supreme Court Won’t Review NYC Xmas Ban.’ The first sentence of the story read, ‘The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to review an appeals court decision upholding New York City’s ban on Nativity scenes in public schools.’

“As it turns out, UPI got the story wrong—the high court has not said yet whether it will accept or decline to hear the case involving the display of nativity scenes in New York City public schools; it is expected to reach a decision soon. Therefore, our earlier release, ‘NYC Can Still Display Creches in Schools,’ is moot: it was based on faulty information.

“We have been trying all day to have someone from UPI verify its story, but no one has responded. Thanks to Lyle Denniston at Scotusblog.com, we learned that UPI blew it. Therefore, the case is still alive. We are grateful to Bob Muise at the Thomas More Law Center for raising serious questions about the authenticity of the UPI story in the first place.”