

OBAMA TO FUND U.N. PRO-ABORTION AGENCY

On January 24, President Obama said, "I look forward to working with Congress to restore U.S. financial support for the U.N. Population Fund." He pledged to do this "in the coming weeks," maintaining that "It is time that we end the politicization of this [abortion] issue."

Bill Donohue explains the Catholic League's response:

"The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) claims that it is not pro-abortion. It says that it merely supports 'reproductive rights.' Not quite. Starting in 1979, in the first five years of China's draconian one-child policy, UNFPA gave the program \$50 million. To accomplish this goal over the years, which is still ongoing, IUDs have been forced into the wombs of hundreds of millions of women against their will. Indeed, no coercive method is considered taboo, including forced abortion. It was for reasons like these that in 2002 the U.S. State Department blasted China for its affront to human rights. Indeed, Secretary Colin Powell backed the Bush administration's denial of funds to UNFPA.

"The one-child policy has abetted female infanticide, so much so that there has been a massive decrease in the female population—there are now an estimated 350 million girls missing from China. Other non-white areas of the world where UNFPA concentrates its efforts include Vietnam, Nigeria and Peru. But it can be multicultural: When the genocidal maniac from Serbia, Slobodan Milosevic, wanted to tame his people, he invited UNFPA to help reduce the population of Kosovo; he wasn't unhappy with the results, nor, of course, the means.

"So here we have it. In the name of women's rights, UNFPA undercuts women. In the name of eradicating poverty, it

eradicates the poor. Moreover, it works closely with anti-Catholic groups. And now Obama wants us to bankroll UNFPA. During a recession, no less. To top things off, he is doing all of this in the name of ending the politicization of issues that he says marked previous administrations. The ironies are as endless as they are priceless.”