PHILADELPHIA COLUMNIST TAKES CHEAP SHOT

Melissa Dribben, a columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer, wrote an article in February about Secretary of State Madeline Albright's newly discovered Jewish ancestry. The piece was okay save for one cheap shot. Speaking rhetorically, Dribben made the point how Jewish kids are often subjected to anti-Semitism, as in the (seemingly) proverbial comment offered by "parochial schoolkids" to Jewish students charging that they will "go to hell because you guys killed Christ."

The league objected to this caricature arguing that this comment is not a staple among Catholic schoolkids. Indeed, the league contended that "it may be that Dribben imagines Catholic kids are that way, but, if so, that tells us more about the content of her imagination than the reality she thinks exists."

The league is glad that the newspaper published Donohue's letter.