

POPE LAWSUIT TOSSED

The Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) recently announced that the International Criminal Court (ICC) decided not to investigate or prosecute Pope Benedict XVI. SNAP, in an act of pure vindictiveness, had asked the ICC to prosecute the pope, and other high ranking Catholic leaders, for “crimes against humanity.”

On September 14, 2011, the day after SNAP contacted the ICC to proceed against the pope, Bill Donohue wrote a letter to Luis Moreno-Ocampo, the ICC’s Chief Prosecutor, at The Hague detailing the fraudulent, dishonest, politicized, and anti-Catholic history of SNAP; he offered a detailed description. Donohue made plain his goal: it was done to subvert SNAP’s efforts.

Not surprisingly, the ICC officially tossed the bogus complaint filed by SNAP and the Center for Constitutional Rights; the latter is a far-left wing group that specializes in defending Muslim terrorists sitting in Guantanamo Bay. The ICC even rejected the bid to investigate the Holy See.

SNAP leaders Barbara Blaine and David Clohessy, both of whom have been involved in covering up for sexual abusers, said they were “neither deterred nor discouraged by this news.” Nice spin, but it won’t work. They have, in fact, been stopped in their tracks, and are now wringing their hands over this colossal defeat.

Thanks in large part to the Catholic League, SNAP has lost a lot of its mojo. We have exposed its leaders and its agenda, and we are delighted they lost. Justice has been served.