

# POPE PRAISES GLENDON

Pope Benedict XVI recently welcomed Mary Ann Glendon as the new U.S. ambassador to the Vatican. Glendon is a Harvard law professor and member of the Catholic League's board of advisors; she had to suspend her association with the league, along with all other organizations she is affiliated with, before assuming her new position.

Glendon has a long record of service to the Catholic Church. She has been a member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences since 1994, serving as president of the group for four years. She has also played leading roles in some very important international conferences, especially on women's issues.

The pope praised her by saying, "I am confident that the knowledge and experience born of your distinguished association with the work of the Holy See will prove beneficial in the fulfillment of your duties."

Glendon returned the favor by telling the pope that he "will be among friends" when he visits the U.S. in mid-April. "On your first visit to the U.S. as pontiff, you will find a warm welcome from a nation that understands the important contribution offered by people of faith in our society."

Bill Donohue says that Glendon is one of the most brilliant Catholic scholars in the nation, noting that her work on the family and abortion is unparalleled. Her writings on civil liberties has also gained her much deserved admiration.

The Catholic League salutes Mary Ann Glendon.