

# PRESS CONFERENCE ON “THE PASSION”

✖ “The Rev. Philip Eichner, chairman of the League’s board of directors, called the film ‘a powerful rendition of the last 12 hours of Christ.’“‘I don’t believe it’s anti-Semitic,’ he said. ‘And it wasn’t Jews who killed Jesus, the religious authorities did because Jesus challenged them.’”

–Associated Press, February 25, 2004

“‘This movie is about sin and redemption, and man’s inhumanity to man,’ said William Donohue, president of the Manhattan- ✖ based Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. ...

“‘Where they saw a Jewish mob calling for his crucifixion, I saw a mob,’ he said. ‘Ultimately, it was the Romans who crucified Jesus.’”

–*Newsday* (NY), February 26, 2004

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