

PRO-ANT CRAWLERS SET TO MARCH

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on a demonstration this Sunday protesting the Smithsonian's withdrawal of the video showing ants on the crucifix:

The pro-ant crawlers have convened meetings from Los Angeles to London; they have pulled funding from the Smithsonian (e.g., the Robert Mapplethorpe Foundation); they have arranged showings of the video in several cities; they have resigned as advisors to the Smithsonian; and now they are ready to take to the streets.

On December 19, there will be a march instigated by the Leslie Lohman Gay Art Foundation protesting the removal of the vile video. It begins at 1:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and will proceed to Cooper-Hewitt, a Smithsonian institution.

Never having heard of the Leslie Lohman Foundation, I went to its website. And guess what I found on the home page? That's right—totally naked men. And not just nudity—pornography.

The artist who gave us the ant-crawling video, David Wojnarowicz, died of AIDS. So did his lover, Peter Hujar. Mapplethorpe died of AIDS, too. And now those who adore them are taking to the streets on their behalf.

Think I'll just watch the Giants—kickoff is at 1:00 p.m.