

QUOTABLE

“NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw” 5/4/00

WILLIAM DONOHUE: (on John Cardinal O’Connor) Here is a man who gave us a moral compass, who gave us some understanding, who grounded our religion, not only in the teachings of the Church, but in common sense.

MSNBC’s “Hardball with Chris Matthews” 5/4/00

WILLIAM DONOHUE: (on John Cardinal O’Connor) Well, he was a man of tremendous courage, for one thing; a man of great intellect, a man who was also a humanitarian and a person who certainly defied many of our cultural and political winds. And to be specific, this is a man who was not interested in kind of having a Dick Morris or a Gallup poll to find out what was politically correct on the radar screen. He offended people on the left, he offended people on the right. He never offended God, because he was a man of peace, he was a man of love, and anybody who got a chance to know him knew he had a tremendous sense of humor; a man of eternal optimism and, beyond anything else, as far as I’m concerned, a man who didn’t just engage in empty rhetoric.