REP. MORAN WALKS A LIBELOUS LINE

Rep. Jim Moran, Democrat of Virginia, is angry at Catholic League president Bill Donohue for protesting the anti-Christian video that was removed from the Smithsonian Institution; it was part of a larger art exhibit. What he said about Donohue, as quoted in the *Washington Post*, went beyond mere criticism. Moran said Donohue "implicitly condoned all the pedophilia that was going on in the church."

Donohue responds today:

Congressman Moran has been accused of being an anti-Semite by his own Jewish colleagues in the House of Representatives, and he has a track record of bashing the Catholic Church. So it is not a shocker that he has returned to the well again.

Moran can call me any name he wants, but he is walking a libelous line to say that I condone sexual abuse. The law aside, it is despicable that a sitting congressman would make such an outrageously indefensible accusation. Any time he wants to debate me on this issue, or any other, I will be glad to make the necessary media contacts.

Moran is a loose cannon and a disgrace to the United States Congress. We will make sure his colleagues learn of his latest outburst.

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