

REPORT ON ANTI-CATHOLICISM RELEASED

The Catholic League's 1994 Report on Anti-Catholicism has just been published. It is the first time that the League has issued such a report; it expects that the report will be an annual publication.

Copies of the report have been mailed to many in the media. Those who have not received a copy, but would like one, should contact us immediately.

Listed in the report are over 200 of the most egregious incidents of Catholic-bashing that occurred in 1994. In addition to republishing several of the most offensive cartoons that were published last year, there are seven categories where offenses have been noted: activist organizations; the arts; commercial establishments; education; government; media; and the workplace. A section addressing criminal behavior is also included.

The report does not purport to be an exhaustive study of the degree of anti-Catholicism that occurred in 1994. But it is an important barometer of what is happening nationwide. The purpose of the report is to educate the public and influence decision-makers in government, education and the media.

The report is being distributed to all members of Congress, the White House, the Equal Opportunity Commission, the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and to prominent members in the fields of the media and education.

Dr. Donohue, president of the Catholic League, offered the following comment on the report:

“As the nation’s largest Catholic civil rights organization, we are disturbed by the extent to which the nation’s elites

seem to show unending tolerance for some segments of society while foregoing such tolerance when the subject is the Catholic Church. While we want to resist the fashionable exercise of claiming victim status, we also want to be accorded the same degree of respect for our heritage that is presently given to others. It is our hope that this report will help to accomplish that goal."