

REWARDING BIGOTRY

The Thomas More Law Center, representing the Catholic League, is appealing a decision by a federal judge who declared that an anti-Catholic resolution passed last year by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors was constitutional.

The resolution, which was adopted last March, was one of the most vitriolic condemnations of the Catholic Church ever made by government officials. Without offering any evidence, the officials accused the Vatican of meddling in the affairs of San Francisco, and labeled Church teachings on sexuality “hateful,” “insulting” and “defamatory.” It also called on the local archbishop to “defy” Church teachings.

Our attorney, Robert Muise, said, “Our Constitution plainly forbids hostility toward any religion, including the Catholic faith. In total disregard for the Constitution, homosexual activists in positions of authority in San Francisco have abused their authority as government officials and misused the instruments of government to attack the Catholic Church.”

Thomas More Law Center president Richard Thompson said, “This judge totally ignored or attempted to rationalize the evocative rhetoric and venom of the resolution which are sad reminders of Catholic baiting by the Ku Klux Klan.”

Bill Donohue maintains that this lawsuit is necessary if only because it may make the bigots think twice before they lash out at the Catholic Church again.