

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT



Catholic League president Bill Donohue responds to a post today on the Catholic News Service (CNS) website:

In a blog post today titled “Setting the Record Straight,” CNS seriously misrepresents the position of the Catholic League. CNS was taken to task by us yesterday for not listing on its website as a feature story the March 2 letter from Cardinal Timothy Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, to his fellow bishops.

After fielding a complaint by CNS—they maintained that a story on Dolan’s letter was sent to its client list on March 5—we amended our news release. What is troubling, however, is the statement today by CNS that we “seriously misrepresented” this issue. We did not.

Our complaint turned on one matter: the failure of CNS to post as a prominent news story on its website the controversy over Cardinal Dolan’s letter. We knew they had posted an abbreviated story in both its “News Briefs” and blog section, but that is hardly the same as listing the story in its highly featured news story section. After all, they thought it important to highlight a story on the need of pastors to spend more time on church suppers. Surely Cardinal Dolan’s fight with the Obama administration over its attempt to abridge the religious liberty rights of Catholics merits at least equal billing.

I just wanted to set the record straight.