

STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In place of the usual “President’s Desk” article on this page, and the review/essay section on pp. 8-9, we are instead running the Catholic League advertisement that I wrote which appeared in the April 11 edition of *The New York Times*. The same ad ran in the April 17 edition of the *Chicago Tribune*.

This is an important statement, and it is one that is appropriately issued by a Catholic lay organization. We are here to support the Catholic Church, led by the bishops, and at times like these they need all the support they can get. Their enthusiastic response to this commentary, as well as the kudos we have received from beleaguered priests across the nation, is most gratifying. We are in this fight for the long run.

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