

THE BIGOTS AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

On Tuesday, March 16, the day before St. Patrick's Day, Planned Parenthood of Connecticut distributed green condoms at the state Capitol in Hartford. The condoms read, "Kiss Me I'm Irish," "Put on the Green," and "Four Leaf Cover." State Senator Louis DeLuca has called for an investigation into how the state chapter of Planned Parenthood spends the \$1.1 million it gets annually in state funds.

The position of the Catholic League was to support Senator DeLuca and to raise the ante as well:

"Planned Parenthood, which began as a racist eugenics movement, has a history of Catholic bashing. That is why its latest in-your-face demonstration in Hartford is so emblematic of the organization.

"The Catholic League is writing to every member of the Connecticut legislature asking them to support Senator DeLuca's investigation of the state chapter of Planned Parenthood. But we are also asking that they send a more direct message to the organization by completely defunding their operation. It is one thing to advocate condoms, quite another to insult an ethnic group and the members of a world religion. That such a stunt was also pulled by the Planned Parenthood chapter in Newfoundland proves that this is a coordinated attack.

"We are sending to Planned Parenthood of Connecticut, and to the national headquarters in New York, copies of the *Catholic League's 1998 Annual Report on Anti-Catholicism*; their contribution will be duly noted in the 1999 report. It wasn't until October of last year that a chapter of Planned Parenthood had done something to merit inclusion in our 1998

report, suggesting that the Connecticut bigots are a little quicker on the draw."

We are happy with the responses that we have thus far received from some state legislators in Connecticut.