

THE POLITICS OF TILLER'S DEATH

Catholic League president Bill Donohue commented on the death of Dr. George Tiller:

The Catholic League unequivocally condemns the killing of serial killer, Dr. George Tiller. As I said on the CBS Evening News, "We have to get the message out that life means we have to respect all life, including somebody as bad as Dr. Tiller was." Unfortunately, his death has already occasioned a highly political response from his allies.

From what we know of the suspect, Scott Roeder, the ex-con fits the profile of a deranged man. Yet there are those who are already trying to pin the blame on others. Andrew Sullivan and the *Daily Kos* have fingered Bill O'Reilly and are running a video of O'Reilly's past denunciations of Tiller. Worse than this irresponsible accusation is the hypocrisy of the *Daily Kos*: above the O'Reilly video is an advertisement for an upcoming interview on C-Span2 with Bill Ayers, the urban terrorist who is a hero in some left-wing circles.

Others are busy collectivizing the guilt. Kim Gandy, president of the National Organization for Women, refers to "those who are behind this murder," suggesting that this is part of a pro-life cabal. Vicki Saporta, president of the National Abortion Federation, also blames "individuals" for Tiller's death. Similarly, Dr. Warren Hern, a late-term abortionist from Colorado, said Tiller's death was the result of "a fascist movement in this country."

Perhaps the ultimate politicization is the decision by U.S. Attorney Eric Holder ordering federal marshals to protect "other appropriate people and facilities around the nation." Thus does Holder feed the frenzy of the pro-abortion industry

that what happened to Tiller is the work of the pro-life community. We will closely monitor these developments.