VINDICTIVE PHILLY D.A. PURSUES MSGR. LYNN

Bill Donohue comments on the Philadelphia District Attorney's ongoing vendetta against Monsignor William Lynn:

For the third time, the Pennsylvania court system has tossed out the unjust conviction of Msgr. William Lynn over his handling of sexual abuse allegations against other priests. And for the third time, the Philadelphia District Attorney vows to pursue the discredited case. Today, a judge has set a date—May 1, 2017—for yet another trial, even though Msgr. Lynn has now served all but two months of his minimum three year sentence for a conviction that has been repeatedly reversed.

Earlier this week, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that the trial court "abused its discretion" in allowing evidence unrelated to this case. But D.A. Seth Williams, in a clear abuse of *his* prosecutorial discretion, "is just hell-bent on trying this case," as Msgr. Lynn's attorney, Thomas Bergstrom, noted. Msgr. Lynn has "done 33 months along with 18 months house arrest for something the Superior Court has now ruled was an unfair trial," Bergstrom points out. Yet, "for some reason" Williams "continues to want to beat up on this guy."

From the start, this case has been a flagrant anti-Catholic witch-hunt, perpetrated by Williams, his predecessor Lynne Abraham, and others. (Click <u>here</u> to read the shocking details.) One would think they would by now be satisfied that they have extracted their pound of flesh from this innocent man. But such is their maniacal hatred for him and the Catholic Church he serves, that they will not give up—no matter how many times the courts tell them what should have been obvious from the start: that they have no legitimate case, and never did.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Msgr. Lynn. That he has been treated unjustly is beyond dispute.