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Pelosi Not A 'Conservative Catholic' Catholic League President Says

Nancy Pelosi's claim to be a "conservative Catholic" was challenged today by an astonished Catholic League president William Donahue.

Noting that Pelosi made the claim on yesterday's CNN show, "Inside Politics," when the new House Minority Leader said, "Yes, I'm a liberal Democrat, but I'm a conservative Catholic," Donahue ticked off Pelosi's numerous stands in conflict with her Church:

- Pelosi, has voted against school vouchers and the Faith-Based Initiative.
- She has been an ardent abortion supporter. "When it comes to abortion, no one in the U.S. Congress has a more extreme record than she does," Donahue reports. "Whether the issue is parental consent or partial-birth abortion, she can always be counted on to deliver a pro-abortion vote."

In spite of these anti-Catholic positions, Donahue said "she calls herself a 'conservative Catholic.' It would be instructive to know what she considers a liberal Catholic to be."

And Donahue wasn't finished: "It's actually worse than this," he said. "The October 12 edition of the PBS program, 'To the Contrary,' showed Pelosi playing host to anti-Catholics. Frances Kissling and other staff members of the notoriously anti-Catholic organization Catholics for a Free Choice, were featured walking out of Pelosi's office after a lobbying session.

"Pelosi's contacts with these anti-Catholics is nothing new: in 1995 she was critical of the U.S. bishops for blasting Kissling's outfit as anti-Catholic," he recalled. "At that time, the bishops objected to the inclusion of Kissling's group at the U.N. Conference on Women that was to be held in Beijing.