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Mr. William Donohue, Ph.D.
President
Catholic League
1011 First Avenue
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Dear Dr. Donohue:

Thank you for your letter of August 28th.

Let me take this opportunity to say the San Francisco Giants were deeply embarrassed to discover the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" on the field during pre-game ceremonies of our "Until There's A Cure" Day on August 13th.

Most assuredly, the Giants had no previous knowledge that they would be included in the 1,000 volunteers who formed the human ribbon in center field that day. Since the Giants were relying on several AIDS organizations to provide the volunteers, it was virtually impossible for us to screen the participants prior to the ceremonies.

It was most regrettable, as their acts of mockery not only were unfair to the Catholic Church, but also were a distraction to the worthy focus of the day. The Giants raised more than \$115,000 for AIDS research, education and care/services that afternoon, and generated very positive publicity in the Bay Area as well as across the nation.

However, please let me reiterate that we are keenly sensitive to your feelings and in no way condone the behavior of this group. Let me assure you that stricter screening procedures will be implemented next year if a similar event is staged. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Magowan

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