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President William Donohue The Honorable Kash Patel Director Federal Bureau of Investigation 935 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Patel:

Your interest in combating anti-Catholicism means a great deal to Catholics in general, and to the Catholic League in particular.

In the September 16 exchange you recently had with Senator Josh Hawley, you picked up on his suggestion that the FBI should designate a senior official as a liaison to the Christian community so that reports of violence against Christian individuals and institutions can be collected. You stressed that "The private-public sector partnership on this specific issue" was very important.

To that end, the Catholic League would like to act as a liaison to the FBI, providing detailed information on such activities when they arise.

When I wrote to Attorney General Pam Bondi earlier this year asking if she could provide us with a contact person regarding the work of the Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty, she named one of her lawyers to be the liaison. Subsequently, we turned over a trove of documents on anti-Catholicism emanating from the federal government.

We would like to assist you in your effort to combat anti-Christian acts of violence. We are asking our members and supporters to provide us with information on this issue when such incidents occur. We will do some initial validation so as not to waste your time. We have established an email address (probe@catholicleague.org) to field such data.

Once we complete our fact checking, we will turn the information over to whomever is named our liaison. In all respects, we will cooperate with the FBI and accede to your requests.

Over the past few years, I have written to Rep. Jim Jordan several times regarding the FBI anti-Catholic cell group that existed under the Biden administration. His staff has been very diligent. Now that the Trump administration is trying to correct matters, we are anxious to help in any way we can.

Thanks for your great work.

Sincerely,

William A. Donohue, Ph.D.

President

cc: Sen. Josh Hawley

Sen. Chuck Grassley

Rep. Jim Jordan