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## Catholic League's Donohue defends Obama

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Wow, stop the presses. Bill Donohue of the Catholic League has issued a statement reprimanding conservatives who have taken out of context President Obama's comments about Catholic schools in a recent speech in Ireland. Says Donohue:

"There are plenty of reasons to be critical of President Obama's policies as they relate to the Catholic Church, and I have not been shy in stating them. But the reaction on the part of conservatives, many of whom are Catholic, over his speech in Ireland, is simply insane. Never did Obama say he wants an end to Catholic education. Indeed, he never said anything critical about the nature of Catholic schools. It makes me wonder: Have any of his critics bothered to actually read his speech?"

Some Catholic commentators have said Obama's remarks were offensive.

Read the whole Catholic League statement here, and file this under "even a broken clock is right twice a day."

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