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## **Imageline to Sue Seven Prominent Christian Web Site Operators for Widespread, Flagrant, and Willful Copyright Infringement**

**The Christian Internet community is among the most flagrant infringers of electronic clip art illustrations, design templates, photographs, and animations according to new research**

ASHLAND, Va. October 22, 2007 ... Imageline, Inc. of Ashland, Virginia today issued a warning to all Internet users who access and download electronic graphic arts content (clip art illustrations, design templates, greeting cards, animations, cartoons, or logos) from the Internet via Christian web sites CrossDaily, Crossmap, ChristiansToday, Faithclipart, Christiansunite, ChurchServe, and Praize.com. Much of the graphic arts content downloaded from these web sites is stolen property. You can access additional information and the official News Release at <http://www.imageline2.com>.

"Although these end users are liable under our laws, the last thing in the world we want to do is go after the end users of these piracy web sites," states George P. Riddick, III, the founder and CEO of Imageline. "but the owners of these Christian web sites are baiting us to do just that. It is disgraceful. They are refusing to cooperate with Imageline in our efforts to identify the infringing images in the marketplace and to stop the cascading negative impact of these widespread infringements," continues Mr. Riddick. "The Christian community should be alarmed by this unlawful behavior."

Imageline offers infringing web site operators a fair and reasonable opportunity to settle known infringements once they are identified, using industry standard settlement rates developed by the photographic and graphic arts industry over many years, or, in some cases, much more favorable arrangements if the infringements are deemed to be unintentional. The vast majority of infringements discovered by Imageline are settled without the added expense of copyright infringement litigation. Imageline has settled fifty-one (51) flagrant copyright infringement cases in the past ten years and has made a significant difference in the ongoing fight against Internet piracy in this country.

"We do not agree with the position that because these folks are 'Christians', they are somehow above the law," continues Mr. Riddick. "In fact, we believe they should be held to an even higher standard since they teach many of our children *right* from *wrong*. One of these companies (CrossDaily.com) is owned by a publicly funded, for profit company, called Salem Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: [SALM](#)) that depends on adequate copyright protection for its own survival. How hypocritical can you get? Several other of these Christian web sites claim to operate affiliates or subsidiaries all around the world. Their failure to cooperate with us, their disregard for the risks they cause to their membership, and their propensity to condone willful piracy in unconscionable."

Many of the pirated Imageline images available on or through these Christian web sites remain available through the leading image search engine companies hosted by Google, Ask.com, Microsoft, and others even after they are removed from the Christian sites. For more information on this and other copyright-related issues pertaining to the Internet, contact Imageline at [copyrights@imageline2.com](mailto:copyrights@imageline2.com).

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