

A “HAIL MARY” WE PROTESTED

It is not unusual for football game announcers to declare last-minute desperation passes “Hail Mary” passes. But in a preseason game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the Pittsburgh Steelers, a Philadelphia announcer on Fox channel WTXF got carried away when tried to become creative. Here’s what he said: “Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Please come up and catch this for me.”

In our complaint, we stressed that the reason why we have never protested the invocation of a “Hail Mary” pass is because the league does not want to overreact. This incident, however, was different and our concern is that “if this were to become commonplace, then the stage would be set for real insult.”

We expect that after we hear from the station we will not have to deal with this issue again.