

A NUN FOR POPE?

MSNBC contributors E.J. Dionne and Katrina vanden Heuvel both said they wanted to see a nun named as the next pope. No they don't. They certainly wouldn't want Mother Agnes Mary Donovan of the Sisters of Life. Nor would they want Mother Mary Assumpta Long of the Dominican Sisters of Mary,

Mother of the Eucharist. The truth of the matter is this: they wouldn't want any of the nuns who belong to orders associated with the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious. (They'd be happy to stick with the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.)

That's because all of these women are faithful daughters of the Catholic Church. Quite unlike dissident nuns, these sisters accept the teachings of the Magisterium. Indeed, those who say they want a nun as pope would clearly prefer a cardinal who shares their views before they would ever want to see one of these nuns selected as pope. So why don't they just be honest about it?