

# A PRIESTLY REPLY TO HATE MAIL

Don Kazimir, director of the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Palm Beach, had a letter printed in the *Palm Beach Post* objecting to Planned Parenthood. Writing to him at the diocese was a young woman who proved to be a bigot. Father Thomas J. Euteneuer of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Indiantown, Florida, jumped to Don's defense and wrote her back.

Here's a small sample of what the woman had to say:

"Once I obtain my law degree, I plan to seek a career in the field of reproductive rights, and it is my sincere hope that I become a thorn in the side of men like you. Of course, I do not expect you to feel any sense of remorse or compassion for me because I'm sure you would consider me just another 'christ-killing Jew.'[sic]

"You may be interested to know that my catholic [sic] friends frequently joke that the only advice on sex that they would seek from the church is how to get away with being a pedophile!"

We only have room for a short comment from Father Euteneuer:

"You violated literally all the rules of rational argumentation in your response to Mr. Kazimir. Your overt religious slurs, unsolicited and off-color jokes, salacious quotes from 'catholic friends' and the like all add up to an ugly display of basic religious bigotry—something which Jews decry with a vengeance when directed against them."

"This type of gut-level venting would be humorous if it were not so hypocritical."

We are pleased to note that the Palm Beach Regional Office of the ADL condemned the woman's letter as bigotry. So do we.