

# ANTI-CATHOLICISM MARKS NEW MAGAZINE, NOTORIOUS

The premier issue of a new magazine, Notorious, features an article by Sean Bosker that describes his experience of “going to confession” at four New York-area Catholic Churches. In his piece, “I Confess: Gettin’ Off Easy,” Bosker instructs non-Catholics how to engage in a mock confession. Himself a non-Catholic, Bosker details what it was like for him to confess to various sins-all of which involved sex-and then receive “penance” for his transgressions. He advises readers to “Remember that priests are probably as grateful for some discussion of T and A in the afternoon as anyone.”

Bosker “went to confession” at New York’s St. Brigid’s and St. Patrick’s Cathedral, as well as Blessed Sacrament in Staten Island and Our Lady of Sorrows in New Jersey.

William Donohue had a few words to say about this issue:

“David Anthony, the publisher of Notorious, says that his magazine was conceived as a cross between GQ and Playboy on the one hand, and Cosmopolitan and Vogue on the other. He failed: it is more like a cross between the Star and a Jack Chick publication.

“What Bosker did puts the lie to the notion that there is a strong inverse relationship between education and prejudice. While it is true that those with high degrees of formal education tend to be less racist and less anti-Semitic than others, history shows that when anti-Catholicism is measured, those who are the doyens of the culture tend also to be the most bigoted. Notorious is only the latest expression of that verity, demonstrating once again why anti-Catholicism has been labeled ‘the last respectable bias.’”