

# BARBARA WALTERS ALLOWS CATHOLIC BASHFEST

Catholic League president Bill Donohue commented on today's edition of the ABC show, "The View":

"Two angry ex-Catholics, Rosie O'Donnell and Joy Behar, teamed up with Elisabeth Hasselbeck, a self-described 'Christian,' to mock the Catholic Church once again on a show run by a Jew, Barbara Walters. Walters professed ignorance today about all matters Catholic, but as it turned out, she was not the only ignoramus on the panel: none of the women had a clue about the subjects that were discussed. It was quite a spectacle. Though there never has been any Catholic doctrinal teaching on Limbo, O'Donnell, Behar and Hasselbeck presented it as if there were.

"Speaking of Limbo (which is never mentioned in the *Catholic Catechism*), O'Donnell made the point that 'The Jews don't understand this.' The inanities went on like this for quite a while, with Hasselbeck ridiculing her own child's baptism and Behar adding that baptism is 'a nice little sponge bath.' Behar also took a slap at the Church's teaching on birth control.

"No other religion is ever mocked on this show. That's because the panelists are respectful of Jews, fear Muslims and hate Catholics.

"On April 19, I wrote to Anne Sweeney, Co-Chair, Disney Media Networks and President, Disney-ABC Television Group, about reining in Rosie O'Donnell. While O'Donnell may be the worst, Behar is an unrepentant bigot and Hasselbeck is increasingly coarse. But none of these women would ever be allowed to get away with their non-stop Catholic Bashfest without the guiding hand of Walters. Walters co-owns and co-produces the show, and is therefore ultimately responsible."

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