

BILL MAHER IS OUT OF CONTROL: ABC OFFICIALS ASKED TO INTERVENE

For the second time in a week, Bill Maher relentlessly attacked Catholic priests on the ABC show, "Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher." The show that aired just after midnight last night was one of the worst. Maher led the attack and some of his guests participated as well. He exploited the problem of priest pedophilia in the Church in an extended segment. Here is a sample of what he said:

- "Before puberty, I would say nobody caused me more pain than the Catholics."
- "I apparently was not attractive enough to be hit on [by priests]."

The lone guest who challenged Maher was Jason Jones of Human Life International. When he commented that this problem was not prevalent in Europe or South America, Maher shot back, "You're right. In African countries they rape the nuns."

Catholic League president William Donohue offered the following remarks today:

"Bill Maher has been attacking Catholicism for years, and this explains why the Catholic League is now at a breaking point with him. It seems 'the Catholics' (a telling use of words) are always causing him pain. It was also revealing to note that when challenged, he moved from blaming all priests for molesting young boys to raping nuns. Perhaps this is what he means by diversity.

"I am requesting a meeting with Olivia Cohen-Cutler, vice president of Broadcast Standards and Practices, to see if someone at ABC is willing to intervene. Maher is out of

control. This isn't humor—it's anti-Catholicism of the most vicious kind. If ABC does nothing to tone him down, we will make public our next move. And nothing will deter us from pressing this issue until Maher knocks it off."