

BROOKLYN MUSEUM OFFICIALS STILL DON'T GET IT

Yesterday's defacement of the disputed canvas, "The Holy Virgin Mary," at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, was greeted as follows by Catholic League president William Donohue:

"The Catholic League takes great delight in mounting a protest against the Brooklyn Museum of Art for sponsoring a cruel, obscene and blasphemous exhibition, 'Sensation.' But we do not condone the actions of the man who defaced the controversial Madonna painting. There is a right way to protest and a wrong way to protest, and throwing paint on a canvas is wrong.

"That said, it is also true that the trustees of the Brooklyn Museum of Art still don't get it. For them to say that this was an 'incomprehensible act' is what is truly incomprehensible. Even a child knows that when someone viciously attacks another person's family, religion or country, there will be a strong urge to retaliate in kind. The real issue here is not the defacement of the canvas but the desecration of Our Blessed Mother. With public funding, no less!

"This raises a serious question: is it possible to deface a desecration? Or to put it somewhat differently, is it possible to deface dung? I leave this to the savants at the Brooklyn Museum of Art to ponder. Assuming they comprehend what I mean, of course."