

Cartoons

✖ This cartoon by Pat Oliphant (syndicated, 2/22/03) equates the charge of pedophilia against Michael Jackson with abuse by priests. Besides accusing all priests of being molesters, it continued the false perception that the abuse crisis in the Church involved pre-pubescent boys. Most of the abuse was homosexual, occurring with post-pubescent teenagers.



This cartoon by Allan Innman appeared on St. Patrick's Day (3/17/03) in the newspaper of the University of Mississippi, *The Daily Mississippian*. It grossly insults all priests and makes a mockery of the Lenten practice of mortification.



The above by Bruce Beattie appeared 3/30/03 in the *Daytona Beach News-Journal* and other newspapers. It collectively accuses Catholic priests of guilt by identifying them with threatening events and persons.



This cartoon by Flint was syndicated (6/12/03). It continues the bigoted charge that all Catholic parishes are havens for sexual abusers.



This cartoon by Ann Telnaes was nationally syndicated (7/30/03) after the Vatican released its document on the Church's opposition to gay marriage. It attempted to show the Vatican as hypocritical because of the abuse scandal.

✖ This cartoon by Jim Morin appeared in the *Miami Herald* (7/31/03) after the Vatican released its document on the Church's opposition to gay marriage. The cartoon charged that the Church should have nothing to say about any moral issue because of the crimes of a few.

✖ This cartoon by Mike Keefe appeared in the *Denver Post* and other newspapers (8/2/03) after the Vatican's declaration of opposition to gay marriage. It asserts the Church should not speak out on moral issues because of the abuse scandal.

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The above by Sean Delonas appeared in the *New York Post* on


8/6/03 after the Vatican issued its document against gay marriage. It implied that the pope should not say anything about moral issues because of the scandal.



This cartoon by Pat Oliphant was nationally syndicated (9/13/03). Referring to the Archdiocese of Boston's \$85 million settlement with abuse victims, it slanders the Church as being crafty and uninterested in victims.



This cartoon by Mike Ritter was nationally syndicated (10/25/03). It refers to Pope John Paul II's 25th anniversary as pope and the statement by Cardinal Trujillo on condom use. It maliciously portrays the pope as old and incompetent and attributes the Church's sexual ethics to this.

 This cartoon by Jim Day appeared in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and other newspapers (11/23/03). Referring to Michael Jackson's arrest for alleged sexual abuse, it takes a cheap shot at the Catholic Church.



This cartoon by Bill Schorr was nationally syndicated (11/23/03). It was an example of taking advantage of Michael Jackson's arrest for alleged sexual abuse to take a shot at the Catholic Church.

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