

ATTACK ON CHIEFS' BUTKER; BIGOTRY IN PLAY

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Harrison Butker, the phenomenal kicker for the Kansas City Chiefs, gave a commencement address at Benedictine College in Kansas on May 11 that espoused traditional Catholic values. The practicing Catholic was criticized by the NFL, slammed on social media and was the subject of a change.org petition.

The attack had three targets: Butker, Benedictine College and Catholicism. Make no mistake, the war on Butker was driven by anti-Catholicism.

Butker was condemned for his remarks about women, abortion, President Biden, Gay Pride Month, gender ideology, and the emasculation of men. Those who signed the petition didn't want to debate him—they wanted him fired. "We call upon the Kansas City Chiefs management to dismiss Harrison Butker immediately for his inappropriate conduct."

Bill Donohue responded by saying, "Spoken like true fascists. Moreover, they are plain dumb: they don't know the difference between speech and conduct."

Most of the vitriol aimed at Butker was about his comments praising moms who elect to work at home taking care of their children. He noted how blessed he is to have a wife who embraces "one of the most important titles of all: homemaker."

Butker actually spoke for most moms.

In a Gallup poll released in 2019, 50 percent of women with children under age 18 said they would prefer to stay at home;

45 percent disagreed.

Butker spoke the truth about abortion, IVF, surrogacy and euthanasia, referring to them as stemming from “the pervasiveness of disorder.” But to those who like abortion, this was grounds to fire him.

Butker referenced Biden when he took him to task for making the sign of the cross during a pro-abortion rally. He was also right to call attention to the “deadly sins” associated with Pride month. His reference to “dangerous gender ideologies” was understated—we are dealing with a child abuse crisis.

Bigotry was the driving force behind these attacks. It was Butker’s unabashed defense of Catholic moral theology that set his critics off.

The Associated Press let the cat out of the bag. It unleashed a string of red flags about Benedictine College being “part of a constellation of conservative Catholic colleges that tout their adherence to church teachings and practice—part of a larger conservative movement in parts of the U.S. Catholic Church.”

This comes on the heels of an AP story sounding the alarms about the growth of orthodox Catholicism.

We were happy to come to Butker’s defense. We did so with greater effect than any other Catholic organization in the nation. We had a list of email subscribers contact Stephen D. Minnis, president of Benedictine College, to show their support for him and for Butker.

NFL SIDES WITH BIGOTS

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The National Football League (NFL) sided with the anti-Catholic bigots in the Harrison Butker controversy. Speaking of the Kansas City football player, the NFL said, "His views are not those of the NFL as an organization." It cited its allegiance to inclusion.

Bill Donohue wrote a stinging letter to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. "So by stigmatizing Butker—in effect excluding him—for defending Catholic moral theology, you are flexing your inclusion muscles? Nice to know what you think about Catholicism—that is the real issue. Too bad you couldn't cite a single sentence that was objectionable."

Donohue then listed several instances where the NFL showed its duplicity, beginning with his letter to Goodell in 2011 about his decision to invite Madonna to perform at the 2012 Super Bowl. Donohue reminded Goodell that in 2004 it disinvited a rap singer from performing during the halftime of the Pro Bowl game because of his sexist lyrics.

Donohue drew a comparison with the NFL's handling of Madonna, citing her repeated mocking of "the heart and soul of Christianity: Jesus, Our Blessed Mother, the Eucharist and the Crucifixion." But none of that mattered.

Earlier this year the NFL gave a platform to an anti-Catholic organization, GLAAD, during the Super Bowl. This is the same group that heralded the decision of the Dodgers to honor the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a viciously anti-Catholic group.

Goodell's phoniness is matched only by his tolerance for anti-

BIDEN CENSORS EASTER EGGS; MEDIA COMPLICIT

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Prior to Easter, some news stories claimed that the Biden administration said it would not tolerate any reference to the Christian roots of Easter at the annual “egg roll” party on Easter Monday. The White House pushed back saying that its ban on religious symbols and themes was no different than what previous administrations did. Predictably, the media parroted the same line.

The Biden administration was wrong. The media were wrong. The liberal “fact checkers” were wrong. As we proved, they were all guilty of misinformation: Religious Easter Eggs were allowed under President George W. Bush.

We posted online a photo of a religious-themed Easter Egg that was one of 51 that were on display in 2002. It represented the state of New Mexico; no one complained.

This Easter Egg was an image of El Santuario de Chimayo, a small shrine located in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Chimayo, New Mexico. It has been a place of worship since 1813, and is one of the most important Catholic pilgrimage centers in the United States.

The New Mexico artist responsible for this submission is Stan

Franklin, a resident of Bosque Farms, New Mexico. According to one news story, he “chose a church theme to portray the Land of Enchantment. In pen, ink and acrylic paint, the drawing depicted the destination of the Good Friday Pilgrimage to Chimayo.”

The Biden administration maintained that it was following the rules established by the American Egg Board (AEB), and officials there say they are following rules established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

On Easter Sunday, AEB released a statement saying that this event does not show “preference to any individual religious or political viewpoints as AEB is prohibited from doing...”

It makes sense that AEB cannot show “preference to any individual religious or political viewpoints.” It’s a government agency. But that hardly settles the issue.

As we pointed out, public school teachers cannot show preference to any religion. But they are also banned from stopping students from religious expression. If a student in a music or art class decides to sing a religious hymn or draw a religious symbol, the teacher has no legal right to stop him.

Similarly, it is one thing for AEB not to promote religion; it is quite another for it, or the USDA, to prohibit individuals from depicting a religious theme in a government-sponsored event.

The White House was wrong historically and constitutionally. And the media were just as corrupt for not reporting this story accurately. We are proud that we were the only organization in the nation which got this story right.

POPE'S RATING TANKING

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The latest Pew Research Center poll on Catholics reveals that Pope Francis' favorability rating is tanking.

In 2015, the pope's favorability rating was 90 percent. In 2021, it was 83 percent. Today it is 75 percent. Those Catholics who attend Mass at least weekly are the least supportive of him: his favorability rating is 71 percent.

Why are Catholics who are the most practicing also the least happy with Pope Francis? We know from virtually every survey that these Catholics are mostly orthodox, and it is likely that they are also more attentive to what he has been doing. That may explain their relative dissatisfaction with him.

In the last few years, the pope has allowed the blessing of homosexual couples; the clergy pushback continues to be widespread. He has also failed to deal forthrightly with accused serial predators, Fr. Marko Rupnik and Bishop Gustavo Zanchetta, two fellow Jesuits. Moreover, the on-going Synod has welcomed dissidents and has been a source of much controversy.

The pope has put severe restrictions on the Latin Mass, alienating millions of Catholics. After San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone publicly denied Communion to Rep. Nancy Pelosi, the pope granted her a private audience. He dismissed one of his critics, Bishop Joseph Strickland of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas, and stripped

Cardinal Raymond Burke of his salary and his subsidized apartment in Rome.

Whether it is too late to turn things around remains to be seen.

COMBATING TRANSGENDERISM; VICTIMS ABOUND

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We are witnessing the greatest exploitation of children and women in recent times, and it is being driven by politicians, educators, therapists, and doctors, all of whom falsely claim to be on their side. The problem is transgenderism, the pernicious ideology that maintains that there are more than two sexes and that they are interchangeable.

This issue of *Catalyst* has several articles on this subject. We are taking our case to government officials, the medical profession and the media.

Children are having their sex changed without parental consent. The same teacher that is barred from giving students an Advil are allowed to aid and abet their physical transitioning to the opposite sex. If the parents object, the state can take their children away from them. It's already being done in some states.

Girls have always been expected to compete against girls in sports, but now boys can compete against them, effectively eviscerating their rights. All the boy has to do is claim he is a girl and bingo—he can join the girls' team and shower alongside of them.

When a Christian male heterosexual engages in misconduct, it makes the news. When a girl who “transitioned” to a boy commits a violent crime, a cover up ensues. This is what happened in Houston after a girl named Genesse switched her sex, adopted the name Jeffrey, and started shooting in Joel Osteen’s church. But the authorities quickly put the kibosh on the records, essentially covering for the transman. Bill Donohue asked the Houston mayor to release the records.

Young people who transition to the other sex—most of them are girls—often regret their decision. Unfortunately, not a few therapists and doctors jump at the chance to “gender affirm” them. There’s big bucks to be had. But few are willing to help them “detransition” back to their nature-determined sex. Worse, those who do choose this route are bullied and stigmatized for doing so.

Pope Francis has condemned gender ideology many times, and so have the U.S. bishops. As for the Catholic League, this has become the number-one civil rights issue of our time. Children and women are being abused physically and psychologically, and the perpetrators are not some strange-looking sexual deviant—they are the elite in the fields of education and medicine.

We will continue to issue reports, write letters to the authorities and professionals, address radio and TV audiences, grant interviews, and conduct ad campaigns, all with the goal of stopping this demonic form of child abuse.

There is some good news. There are signs that transgenderism is peaking. But the most resistant remain the most well-educated persons in America.

IRISH EPIPHANY?

Is Ireland witnessing an epiphany, or was the recent pro-family vote an anomaly?

On March 8, Irish voters overwhelmingly voted “No” on two initiatives that could have changed the country’s Constitution.

The first would have redefined “family” as either “founded on marriage or on other durable relationships.” It was rejected by 68 percent of the voters.

The second would have removed a clause noting that the “state recognizes that by her life within the home, the woman gives to the state a support which without the common good cannot be achieved.” Voting against this referendum was 74 percent of the voters.

Liberals in Ireland and the United States were appalled. The half-Indian, openly homosexual Irish Prime Minister, Leo Varadkar, was sure the people would vote “Yes.” He said of the outcome, “when you lose by this kind of margin, there are a lot of people who got this wrong and I am certainly one of them.”

In America, before the election, the Associated Press wrote, “Ireland’s Constitution says a woman’s place is in the home.” That’s a twisted interpretation. More accurately, voters chose to honor the role that women, many of whom are mothers, play in society.

These two votes stand in stark contrast to the 2015 referendum on gay marriage (62 percent voted for it) and the 2018 vote legalizing abortion (supported by 66 percent of voters). Whether this represents a sea change is too early to tell.

IS DISNEY WISING UP?

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Disney had a strong fourth quarter last year, but overall 2023 was not kind to the company. How much a role our documentary played in that development we cannot say with any precision, but it is fatuous to say it was without effect.

In terms of market share, Disney slid to second place last year; Universal Pictures came out on top. Also, for the first time in many years, Disney didn't have one of the top three movies. Pixar, the Disney branch most responsible for pushing the LGBT agenda, did so badly that it shed 20 percent of its staff; more than 300 employees have been let go. In addition, attendance at Disney theme parks declined in 2023.

The good news is that there are signs that Disney got the memo. In September, after a summer of lousy box office receipts, its CEO, Bob Iger, told investors he will seek to "quiet the noise." The noise came from parents who do not want to expose their children to raunch.

At the end of November, we learned from a corporate disclosure that Disney is rethinking its woke policies. It admitted to being out of touch with public sentiment.

When investors revolt, even guys like Iger have to listen. He said something in early December at a summit in New York that was unexpected. "Creators lost sight of what their No. 1 objective needed to be. We have to entertain first. It's not about messages."

Hopefully, Disney is wising up.

BIGOTED CELL GROUP IN THE FBI; PURGE ANTI-CATHOLICS NOW

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On December 4, the House Report of the Committee on the Judiciary and Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government released its findings on the FBI's probe of Catholics.

It is painfully clear that there is an anti-Catholic cell group within the FBI. Most alarming, even after the release of the evidence showing how compromised certain units in the FBI have become, the Report concludes that "the FBI still apparently desires to convey the outrageous message that some Catholic Americans with traditional beliefs pose a domestic threat to our country."

We first learned of the anti-Catholic FBI caper in February when a whistleblower disclosed a startling memo produced by the Richmond Field Office: it revealed an investigation of traditional Catholics. In February, the House Judiciary Committee began its own investigation.

On February 9, we made public our concerns. We were not convinced that the FBI was limiting its probe to "Radical-Traditional Catholics." We raised two questions: "What's next? Will it be a war on Catholics who are orthodox?"

Our hunch proved to be right. The FBI subsequently said that “mainline Catholic parishes” and “local diocesan leadership” were selected for investigation.

Bill Donohue wrote to Rep. Jim Jordan on July 24, July 26, August 10, September 21 and December 6 asking him to find out why ordinary Catholics were being investigated. We applaud the response of Jordan and his staff.

While other field offices assisted the Richmond Office, the Report found that the greatest delinquency was committed by Richmond employees. For example, though the memo was peer-reviewed by other employees at the Richmond facility, none had expressed any concerns, constitutional or otherwise.

The Report criticized the process as a “rubber-stamp review,” one that received the blessings of the top lawyer involved. He said the memo “look[ed] good” and that there were “no legal issues.”

What was the end goal? It was poised to expand its reach nationwide. It was revealed that “the FBI had plans for an external, FBI-wide product based on the Richmond memorandum.” Meaning, as the Special Agent in charge of the Richmond Field Office put it, that the memo “could be [used] to inform...other intelligence analysts across the country.”

This is the most alarming finding in the Report. It should be the focus of future investigations.

It’s important to realize that the FBI was never interested in investigating dissident, left-wing Catholics. No, the only ones on their radar were those who are “pro-life, pro-family, and support the biological basis for sex and gender distinction as potential domestic terrorists.”

There is an anti-Catholic cell group in the FBI. It needs to be purged.

ATHEISTS: GO SUE US

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By mid-December, we had had it with atheist bullies. That's why we begged an atheist hate group from Wisconsin, Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF), to sue us. They declined.

FFRF registered a complaint about a nativity scene being displayed by the Toledo Fire Department in Toledo, Iowa, outside of Des Moines; they said religious symbols cannot be displayed on public property. City leaders initially gave in and removed the nativity scene.

Toledo Mayor Brian Sokol then decided to surround the crèche with secular symbols, thus pulling the constitutional rug out from under FFRF. They backed off. But we did not.

Every year since the mid-1990s, the Catholic League erects a life-size nativity scene in Central Park. We get a permit from the City of New York's Parks Department.

We don't have any secular symbols surrounding our display—no Jack Frost or reindeers. It is purely a religious expression. That is because Central Park is considered a public forum, open to all points of view.

If we were to display a nativity scene on or near City Hall, the seat of government, we would have to include secular symbols; otherwise it might give the impression that the government is endorsing Christianity.

Bill Donohue publicly stated that if FFRF believes it is

illegal to display religious symbols on all public property venues, they should sue the Catholic League. We called their bluff—they didn't have the nerve to do so.

HOUSE SPEAKER'S FAITH TRASHED; BIGOTS HAVE BIGGER AGENDA

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The all-out assault on Rep. Mike Johnson, the newly elected Speaker of the House, is about much more than his evangelical roots: the unrelenting attacks are meant to discourage younger Christian conservatives from running for office; they are also meant to discredit the Founders and our Judeo-Christian heritage.

Michael Tomasky at the New Republic labels Johnson a “hard-core theocrat.” Jennifer Bendery at Huffington Post says he is “one of the most extreme members of the House MAGA majority.” Bill Maher compared him to a mass shooter.

Those bigots who call him a “Christofascist” include Faithful America (funded by George Soros), Amanda Marcotte at Salon, Noah Berlatsky at Public Notice, and David Rothkopf at the Daily Beast.

Branding him a “Christian Nationalist” are the *Washington Post*'s Kate Cohen, MSNBC writer Sarah Posner, Thomas B. Edsall (in a *New York Times* op-ed), Robert Jones of the Public

Religion Research Institute, sociologist Andrew Whitehead, and Mother Jones author David Corn.

Even more incendiary—saying he is a danger to the nation—are Rothkopf, Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA), and MSNBC host Joy Reid. Brian Karem at Salon even titled his piece on Johnson, “Bigger Threat to America than Hamas Could Ever Be.”

Some of these people have a long record of anti-Catholic bigotry (Maher, Marcotte and Posner); others are known for trying to normalize pedophilia (Berlatsky); Corn and Reid are left-wing extremists; Huffman says Democrats should consider taking away the tax-exempt status of the Catholic Church; and Jones and Whitehead are known for smearing Christian conservatives.

Why the hysteria over Johnson? He is opposed to the LGBT agenda and is proud of our nation’s Christian legacy.

The Advocate, a gay publication, is upset that Johnson has drawn attention to the “dangerous lifestyle” of gays. Anyone in the post-AIDS era who isn’t aware of the lethal sex practices and rampant promiscuity that libertine homosexuals are known for is positively clueless.

When Corn objects to Christians who say there is but one truth, and it is Jesus, he is expressing a deep hatred of Christians. When Whitehead and Jones are angry at Christians who are proud of America’s Judeo-Christian heritage, the problem is theirs, and theirs alone.

Catholics need to know that the same people behind these vicious assaults against the Speaker not only hate the religious principles upon which this nation was founded, they hate those evangelicals, practicing Catholics and observant Jews who love them.

The model Catholic that these haters admire is our “devout Catholic” president, a man who publicly opposes the Catholic

Church's teachings on abortion, marriage, the family, homosexuality, gender ideology, religious liberty and school choice.