

More Deceit from Catholic Left

Two deceitful letters were published in the *Washington Post* on October 25. The first one, by Jon O'Brien of Catholics for Choice, said that "In Catholic theology there is room for the acceptance of policies that favor access to the full range of reproductive health options, including contraception and abortion." This is a lie. The Catholic Church has always been opposed to both contraception and abortion. But lying is nothing new to this pro-abortion, anti-Catholic group.

Alexia Kelley at Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good takes exception with the *Washington Post* for listing it as a group that contends "Catholic teachings do not forbid voting for a pro-choice politician." But that is exactly what Kelley's mission is—to confuse the laity, and the public, about the Church's teaching on abortion.

It would be so nice if these groups just told the truth.

Open Letter to Daily News

Please click [here](#) to read Bill Donohue's letter to the New York *Daily News* about its double standard in reporting on clergy sex abuse.

Bill Donohue Takes on Nicholas Cafardi

Please click [here](#) to read Bill Donohue's rebuttal to Nicholas Cafardi's defense of supporting Senator Obama called "[I'm Catholic, staunchly anti-abortion, and support Obama.](#)"

Media Bias

The FBI found him hiding in his bedroom. Rabbi Israel Weingarten, 58, was arrested in upstate New York on charges he sexually abused his own daughter. The abuse began when his daughter was 9 years old; it continued until she was 18. The former yeshiva schoolteacher molested his daughter on a weekly, and sometimes daily, basis. He moved her around from Belgium, Israel and the U.S. to avoid prosecution.

If this had been a Catholic priest, it would have been front-page news. But because it was a rabbi, it merited stories on p. 18 in the *Daily News* and p. 21 in the *New York Post*; both were short pieces. The *New York Times* ignored the story altogether, even though it was picked up by AP.

The *Jewish Forward* and the *Jewish Week* have had several stories lately about the efforts of Assemblyman Dov Hikind to still this problem in his community. The New York politician says that an "avalanche of people" have come forward with reports of the sexual abuse of minors at the hands of Orthodox Jews. We commend him for his efforts. But we also take note that these stories are ignored by the same New York media outlets that were all over the same crimes when committed by priests.

Pro-Abortion Apologists

Never before have there been as many pro-abortion apologists as there are now. These apologists maintain that it is entirely possible to be pro-life while supporting pro-abortion candidates, just so long as these candidates sponsor legislation that reduces the need for abortion. Yet the apologists would never support a candidate who said he opposes laws that criminalize wife beating but is nonetheless adamantly opposed to it. Nor would they be persuaded that such persons deserve our support if they sponsor legislation that reduces the incidence of wife beating.

Only when it comes to abortion do the apologists scrap a legal remedy. To be specific, it is dishonest for Catholics United to say that “legal protections for the unborn are an important part of a pro-life strategy,” and then support candidates who are opposed to every legal protection ever proposed. Is it too much to demand that lying has no legitimate role to play in these discussions?

Beliefnet's Ethics

The Internet site, Beliefnet, offers a wide variety of views on religion, and has done some fine work. However, sometimes its commitment to pluralism becomes corrupting. To wit: It has accepted an advertisement for Bill Maher's “comedy” mocking Catholicism, Protestantism, Judaism, Islam and other religions. Looks like greed affects more than those on Wall Street.

Do Condoms Increase STDs?

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's office yesterday released the annual *Mayor's Management Report*. It shows that the Health Department gave away 39,070,000 male condoms to community groups in fiscal year 2008, which ended June 30. News stories are reporting that this figure is more than double the rate from the previous fiscal year.

What is not being discussed by the media, however, is what the data show regarding the incidence of syphilis: while the distribution of condoms increased by 120 percent in one year, the number of syphilis cases increased by 20 percent.

If condoms are the answer to STDs, then syphilis cases should have declined markedly. The fact that syphilis cases spiked should prove sobering. But, alas, New York City has learned absolutely nothing: next year it plans to distribute 51.6 million condoms. Watch for the rate of STDs to increase as well.

Do condoms increase STDs? It would be difficult to prove that they do, though it is entirely possible that the promiscuous distribution of condoms by government agencies fosters a climate of complacency, one ill-suited to inducing the virtue of self-restraint. One thing is for sure: condom distribution does not curb STDs. Indeed, Mayor Bloomberg is perpetuating a dangerous hoax on young people by ratcheting up condom distribution—even when it is crystal clear that this policy is backfiring.

Abortion Survivor Addresses Obama

Abortion survivor Gianna Jessen addresses Sen. Barack Obama in an ad produced by BornAlivetruth.org concerning his four votes against medical assistance for babies who survive abortion.

Please click [here](#) to see the ad.

Satanists Deliver

Four young persons, three women and a man, were butchered to death by Satanists in Russia. But that's not all—they were then roasted and eaten; their private parts were cut off. The victims were stabbed 666 times—the number that symbolizes the Antichrist.

There is an outbreak of mutilations and killings in Russia by Satanists. They leave a cross upside-down to mark their work.

It has been reported that “Devil worshippers believe in putting themselves first and their core values include pride, indulgence, ambition and meeting sexual desires.”

Why is this significant? Because those who kill innocent persons in the name of Christ reject Christ's teachings and that of the Catholic Church. Those who kill in the name of Satanism are being faithful to their creed. Indeed, what devil worshippers believe in, the Catholic Church rejects as sinful.

Bishops to Discuss Abortion and Politics

The Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops announced that the full body of U.S. bishops will discuss the implications of political support of abortion during its annual assembly, which will be held November 10 – 13, 2008. The decision to address this timely topic stems from recent controversial statements by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senator Joseph Biden regarding Catholic teaching on when life begins.