

Bill Donohue in “Page Six”

Bill Donohue was asked by the celebrity page of the *New York Post* on September 10 to offer a comment on a new book, *101 Places To Have Sex Before You Die*; one of the recommended places is the confessional.

Here was Bill’s response to “Page Six”: “The kind of people who would have sex in the confessional would also have sex in the graveyard. And I don’t mean with each other.”

Warning: Palin Is “Deeply Religious”

The lead letter in the September 9, 2008 *New York Times* states that there are troubling similarities between Alaska Governor Sarah Palin and President George W. Bush. What is the writer’s first listed objection? It is the fact that both leaders are “deeply religious.”

Pelosi Will Meet with Her Bishop

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has accepted the invitation from San Francisco Archbishop George Niederauer to discuss her recent statements concerning the Catholic Church’s position on abortion as it relates to the question of when life begins.

He invited her to meet with him privately so he can explain the Church's clear teachings to her. It is not yet known when this meeting will take place.

MSNBC's Gag Rule

In the September 8 *New York Times*, there is a story about the continuing conflict between NBC and MSNBC over news reporting and analysis. While several NBC employees spoke to *Times* reporters, all did so anonymously. That's because "the network does not permit it [sic] people to speak to the media without authorization."

Now if a bishop were to tell his priests that they are not authorized to speak to the media without prior clearance, he'd be accused of censorship. Indeed, he'd probably be called a fascist. But when the media silence their own, it's considered good journalism. Their hypocrisy reeks to high heaven.

UCF Student Removed from Office

The student senate of the University of Central Florida (UCF) finally delivered justice to Webster Cook, who earlier this summer took home the Eucharist before returning it a week later in an attempt to make a political statement. After impeaching Cook for his misconduct, the senate voted to remove him from office after a lengthy investigation into his

actions. In taking the Eucharist, he had misrepresented himself as being on student government business.

We applaud the students who did more than the school in punishing this student's outrageous behavior. Last month, a UCF-convened panel dismissed all charges against Cook. Not even a warning was given to him. It was this student's protest that led to the public desecration of the Eucharist by University of Minnesota Morris professor Paul Z. Myers. He too was not sanctioned by his institution for his hateful acts.

Dems Love Sex

The Democratic National Convention is awash in sexuality. On Monday, there was a "Sex, Politics and Cocktails" party hosted by Planned Parenthood that, naturally, passed out tons of condoms. It got a lot of competition from a Rolling Stone-Trojan Condoms bash that featured a "Condomvention" on sexual health; it was held right near their inflatable penis-shaped tent.

The pro-abortion contingency was represented by the presidents of NARAL and Planned Parenthood, both of whom spoke at the Convention. Emily's List sponsored a select gathering of pro-abortion women and there were diversity parties everywhere for the LGBT crowd.

Many notables attended these events, though no one reportedly saw either Eliot Spitzer or John Edwards.

Congressmen Address Pelosi's Statements

Some of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's fellow congressmen, who are pro-life and Catholic, have responded to her statements about the Catholic Church's teachings concerning when life begins. Please click [here](#) to read their correspondence to her.

Textbooks Mislead about Islam, Christianity

The Catholic League will be sending out copies of the report, *Islam in the Classroom: What the Textbooks Tell Us*, to Catholic educators and bishops. Please click [here](#) to read an article by the author of the report, Gilbert T. Sewall of the American Textbook Council, that was published in the *New York Post*.

Please click [here](#) to access Mr. Sewall's full report on how Islam is treated versus how Christianity is portrayed in some textbooks.

Ban the Movie?

Timothy Shriver, chairman of the Special Olympics, is rightfully upset about the movie "Tropic Thunder." The film

offers a stereotypical portrayal of the mentally retarded and callously refers to them as “retards.” So what does Shriver want to do? “Ban the movie,” he says.

“Ban the movie”? Just imagine if the Catholic League said that about some movie it was protesting (it never has). But don’t look for the charge of censorship to roll off the lips of Shriver’s critics: unlike films that bash Catholics, cruel depictions of the retarded are upsetting to them.

Host-Stealing Student Walks

The University of Central Florida convened a panel of students and administrators to address whether Webster Cook, the student who absconded with the Host and then returned It a week later, violated the code of student discipline. The panel voted unanimously to dismiss all the charges against him despite the range of options available to punish this despicable act. At the very least, a disciplinary warning is warranted to send a message that the concerns of Catholics are taken seriously. In contrast, the student government took swift action by impeaching Mr. Cook. Its investigation, which could lead to his dismissal from his government position, should be completed by the end of the month.