

# Kudos to President Bush

It is being reported that President George W. Bush will attend church while in Beijing for the Olympic Games. He is then expected to make a statement, urging the Chinese government to allow religious freedom. It is a courageous thing to do and we hope that he also addresses the persecutions suffered by Catholics and other religious minorities.

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## Clergy Group Responds to Myers

The Confraternity of Catholic Clergy has issued a press release about Professor Paul Myers and his act of desecration of the Eucharist. Please click on this [link](#) to read their statement. Myers responded in his usual cavalier manner.

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## Catholic League Calls on UMN President to Show Leadership

In light of the desecration of the Eucharist by University of Minnesota Morris professor, Paul Myers, Bill has sent the following letter to the president of the University of Minnesota. Please click [here](#) to read the letter.

To read the press release referenced in the letter, please

click [here](#).

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## UCF Student Impeached

The Catholic League continues to follow the situation with the University of Central Florida student who held the Eucharist hostage for a week. Webster Cook is a student senator and he has been impeached by his fellow senators for allegedly misrepresenting himself as being on official student government business at the Mass where he took the Host. As a result of the impeachment, there will now be an investigation to see if he should be removed from his office. This process can take up to four weeks.

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## Pullman Admits Defeat

New Line Cinema had planned to make all three of Philip Pullman's books that comprise *His Dark Materials* into major motion pictures. Due to the successful boycott led by the Catholic League, the first film, "The Golden Compass," was less than a commercial success. It now appears that the second book, *The Subtle Knife*, will not make it to the big screen after all. Pullman recently admitted that the league's boycott hurt ticket sales for "The Golden Compass," thus killing plans to film the whole series.

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# UMN President Responds on Professor Myers' Diatribe

Professor Paul Myers responded to the controversy surrounding the UCF student, who held a consecrated Host hostage for a week, with venomous attacks on the Eucharist, threatening to desecrate Hosts if others could obtain them for him. The league sprung into action, contacting the president of the University of Minnesota, which allowed the link to his blog to be accessible from the professor's faculty page. The president responded that Professor Myers' views do not represent the school and that his blog was no longer accessible from Myers' faculty page.

Click [here](#) to read the president of the University of Minnesota's letter.

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## Democracy Prevails in California

The California Supreme Court ruled that the voter initiative to affirm that marriage is between a man and a woman can be placed on the November ballot. This is a victory for the people of California who can decide whether to allow same-sex marriage after the California Supreme Court recently legalized it by a 4 to 3 vote. The following organizations had petitioned the Court to not permit the ballot initiative: ACLU, ADL, Americans for Separation of Church and State, People for the American Way and numerous teachers unions and education organizations.

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# We Have a New Fan in England!

Mary Honeyball, a member of the Labour Party in England, has attacked the Catholic Church and Catholic political leaders due to their opposition to a bill promoting embryonic stem cell research. Ms. Honeyball later went on to attack the Catholic League. In a letter to an English newspaper, Honeyball called the league “dangerous.” She utilized information from Catholics for Choice to support her contention that the league “bullies and intimidates anyone who dares criticise the Catholic Church, shutting down any dialogue on the Church’s political methods or doctrine.” We are happy she took note of us!

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## UCF Matter Unresolved

The resolution of the matter concerning the UCF student who absconded with the Eucharist and held It for a week remains pending. We will not know the outcome until the student judicial review process is completed.

Below is the statement issued by the president of the University:

*UCF takes this situation seriously and we are glad to know the student has returned the Eucharist and written a letter of apology. We encourage students to express their views respectfully, and we expect them to comply with university codes of conduct.*

*Any disciplinary action will be handled through the university's student judicial system, per our published procedure.*

John C. Hitt  
President, University of Central Florida

We will continue to monitor this matter to see that justice is done.

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## **Cranky Blob of Irish Catholic Paranoia?**

That's what Roy Peter Clark of the Poynter Institute called Bill Donohue yesterday. Bill has been called lots of things, but this is a new one to us.