

PICTURE POLITICS

There is a story about an abusive Jesuit priest in today's *New York Times*. The headline reads, "Suit Says Jesuits Ignored Decades of Warnings About Priest." There is a large picture of Father Donald McGuire with his hand on the back of a young boy on the day of his First Communion. The caption below says that the priest "was later convicted of sexual abuse."

The inference is that McGuire was a pedophile. But as the reader quickly learns, all of McGuire's victims were teenage boys. Thus did the *Times* play politics with this picture—they made it look like he abused prepubescent boys. No, like most molesting priests, McGuire did not want the kids—he wanted adolescent young men. He was a homosexual.

*We received a phone call from someone claiming to be the boy in the picture and he alleges that the abuse started at the age of six.

MORE HYPOCRISY

Leonard Pitts, Jr. is a columnist for the *Miami Herald* who apparently has been out in the sun for too long. In a column that appears today in the *Olympian* (Olympia, Washington), he is hot under the collar about the way Muslims are allegedly being victimized by an "irrational panic" (as if there were such a thing as a "rational panic").

Pitts knows a thing or two about "irrational panic." After George W. Bush won reelection in 2004, he went screaming into the night complaining that social conservatives are "the soldiers of the new American theocracy."

Pitts, like most liberals, does not see how hypocritical he looks. He needs to cool off.

DONOHUE'S LETTER TO THE FORWARD

The following is Bill Donohue's letter to the editor in the current edition of the Forward in response to the article "Benedict's 'Jesus' and the Jews":

The essay on Pope Benedict XVI's second volume of "Jesus of Nazareth" by Rabbi Eugene Korn evinces a mature understanding of the pope's philosophy and theology.

Sadly, this is something often missed by Catholics, so it is especially gratifying that Rabbi Korn nicely captured the essence of the pope's work.

Bill Donohue

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MUSLIM-CATHOLIC ANALOGY

Rep. Peter King is being condemned by many for holding hearings on Muslim terrorist activities. Some have said that

Catholics would not put up with congressional hearings on the Catholic Church that address the sexual abuse scandal, so what's the difference? Catholic writer David Gibson is the latest to entertain such nonsense.

King is concerned only about Muslim terrorists because they are the only demographic group that routinely murders innocent people all around the world, including the United States, in the name of their religion. That's why. They are not analogous to predator members of the clergy, or to molesting school teachers and celebrities, or to Irish or Basque men who take up arms, or to abortionists, or to city gangs. They are in a class all by themselves. That's why they are the only ones to cause Eric Holder, the U.S. Attorney General, to lose sleep. Get it?

DR. BERNARD NATHANSON, R.I.P.

Dr. Bernard Nathanson died February 21 at the age of 84. In 1969, he co-founded the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws, NARAL (now NARAL Pro-Choice America). In time it became the most radical pro-abortion organization in the nation. A practicing abortionist, Nathanson soon had a change of heart, and by the mid-1970s made public his epiphany. In 1985, he released "The Silent Scream," a powerful film on the development of babies in the womb.

After much deliberation, Nathanson, an atheist Jew, decided to make a religious conversion as well. He was baptized by New York Archbishop John Cardinal O'Connor in 1996. When asked why he chose Roman Catholicism, he said that no religion matches the special role for forgiveness that is afforded by the Catholic Church; given his early career, he felt it only right

to set anchor there.

One of Dr. Nathanson's greatest contributions was his courage in telling all the lies that the pro-abortion community has told over the years. May he rest in peace.

“House” Stereotypes Priests

On the Feb. 16 episode of the Fox Network show “House,” negative stereotypes of Catholic priests were promoted: the featured priest is a big drinker; he is hospitalized for hallucinating about Jesus; he is accused of being a pedophile; he hates his “job”; he loses his faith; the Church refuses to believe his claims of innocence; he gets bounced from parish to parish; he is believed to have AIDS, etc.

Eventually, the doctors realize that the priest doesn't have AIDS and doesn't have a disease that causes hallucinations. Also, the priest is found innocent and his faith is restored.

But it is a little too little and a little too late: all along the stereotype of priests as child molesters was milked to the hilt. And that's exactly the kind of impression that the writers and producers desired.

CONDOMANIA

Metro News is reporting that today the Bloomberg administration is launching an iPhone app that allows users to find the nearest place to receive free condoms. The following

is Bill Donohue's quote to *Metro News*:

"Condomania has reached new heights of delirium with this latest iPhone app gimmick. Every year the Bloomberg administration gives away more free condoms, and every year the rates of STD's climb. They are impervious to reason—they never get it."

HERBERT ZWEIBON, R.I.P.

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on the death of Herbert Zweibon, founder and chairman of Americans for a Safe Israel:

Herb Zweibon was a man of principle and courage who committed himself to the goal of a safe and united Israel. His tireless work, always motivated by a genuine concern for human rights, will sorely be missed. I was proud to support him and speak at his conferences.

Herb's vision for peace in the Middle East never sold Israel short, and for that alone he will be fondly remembered by people of goodwill.

ARCHBISHOP DOLAN DEFENDS CATHOLIC LEAGUE

Click [here](#) to read today's blog entry by Archbishop Timothy Dolan defending the Catholic League.

MORE ON THE SMITHSONIAN

Click [here](#) to read the article by Philip Kennicott in today's *Washington Post* about the forum held last night at the New York Public Library discussing the Smithsonian exhibit.