

Catholics United Attacks Archbishop Wuerl

Catholics United, a front group funded by George Soros, attacked the decision by Washington Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl to end health benefits going forward for spouses of employees because of Washington D.C.'s new gay marriage law. Its executive director, Chris Korzen, made the following statement to the *Washington Post*:

"Here we have an opportunity to make sure human beings have health insurance, which everyone believes is a value. And instead of doing everything we can, we're in a sense holding that hostage to culture war issues. . . . I don't see how that's a win for Catholic values."

Left-Wing Confusion

Joseph Stack, the enraged man who flew his plane into the IRS building in Austin, was initially seen by several liberal-left pundits as prototypically right wing; the most common suspicion was that he was a tea party activist. But then it was shown that he was also anti-Catholic, and that confused the left to no end. In his suicide note, Stack railed against the "wonderful 'exemptions' that make institutions like the vulgar, corrupt Catholic Church so incredibly wealthy."

As a matter of fact, the anti-Catholic camp is quite ecumenical—members can be found on the right, as well as on the left. But it is revealing that the left lays claim to Catholic bashing.

Good Script for Comedians

There is no end to the comedians who like to rip the Catholic Church for the sexual abuse scandal, but precious few seem to have any interest in the contribution that the public school industry has made to this problem. That's too bad, because there is plenty of script available.

Take New York City, for instance. The *New York Post* reported on Feb. 9 that Alan Rosenfeld has been charged with ogling girls as young as 13, but still manages to keep his job. Though he hasn't worked since 2001—he is assigned to what they call a “rubber room”—he has managed to receive \$700,000 in salary.

Rosenfeld is not alone. There are more than 600 educators who are being bankrolled by the taxpayers for doing nothing: they, too, occupy a seat in the “rubber room.” One teacher, Francisco Olivares, allegedly impregnated a 16-year old when he began teaching 32 years ago. He still collects \$94,000 a year.

Why is this happening? Because of the teachers unions and antiquated laws that give them cover.

This story never ends, yet the Bill Mahers of this world never open their mouths when it comes to teachers and their unions. Even though conditions in the priesthood have improved markedly, while the sexual abuse scandal continues to grow among the ranks of teachers, it's still priests the so-called comedians go after.

And some wonder why the Catholic League, which fights anti-Catholicism, is busier than ever.

Is the NAACP Anti-Black?

Michael Meyers, executive director of the New York Civil Rights Coalition, wrote an op/ed in the New York *Daily News* called “It’s the NAACP vs. the schoolchildren.” Please click [here](#) to read this important article.

15 Catholic Senators Voted Against Nelson Amendment

Please click [here](#) to see which Catholic senators voted against the Nelson amendment to the healthcare bill. The amendment would prohibit federal funding of abortion.

Gay Stereotype?

We could not help but notice New York State Senator Velmanette Montgomery’s comment in support of gay marriage yesterday:

“The churches would not exist if there weren’t choir directors, many of whom are gay.”

Teenage Pregnancies: Sex on TV Matters

Here's a challenge to all those pro-abortion Catholics masquerading as pro-life by citing their allegiance to economic policies that may reduce the incidence of abortion: Check out the latest Rand Corporation study on teens who watch a lot of sexual content on TV and join with real pro-life Catholics in calling for a more responsible Hollywood.

We already knew that young people who are exposed to a lot of sexual content start having sex at an earlier age. Now we know that teens who watch the most sex on TV are twice as likely to be involved in a pregnancy as those who watch the least amount of sex. Dramatically, the amount of sexual content on TV has doubled since 2001. And while the study does not address abortion, it is obvious that abortion rates are higher among those who watch the most sex on TV.

In other words, it is not a spike in the minimum wage that will translate into lower abortion rates; it is things like a decrease in irresponsible TV content that will do so. However, to do this requires a willingness to stand up to the same Hollywood crowd that backs pro-abortion candidates. That's not something that real pro-life Catholics have a problem with, but it is sure to be problematic for Catholics who feign pro-life. Do they really have it in them to challenge their ideological kin?

NYT Errs Wildly

A front-page article in today's *New York Times* reads, "Some Roman Catholic Bishops Assail Health Plan." Some? It cites not a single bishop who supports the Obama health care bills. So why the qualifier?

The bishops, while supportive of universal health care, have said they will not support any bill that provides for abortion coverage. Unfortunately, the bills being considered do exactly that; amendments to get abortion out of these bills have universally failed.

Justin Cardinal Rigali is identified as a bishop who is opposed to any bill that includes abortion coverage. What's wrong with this is that it gives the impression that he is just another Catholic voice: In fact, the Archbishop of Philadelphia speaks for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on pro-life issues.

Another problem is identifying Rockville Centre Bishop William Murphy as being sympathetic to the health care bills. Yet on his website it explicitly says that he "has never announced support for one particular vision of health care reform legislation. To suggest otherwise is false."

The *New York Times* article says that "Catholic Charities and the Catholic Health Association endorsed the president's plan without reservation." Not true. On its website, Catholic Charities says quite clearly, "Let there be no doubt, Catholic Charities USA does not support nor will it support any provision or amendment that fails to uphold the sanctity and dignity of human life."

Similarly, the Catholic Health Association [CHA] is equally clear: "CHA has not endorsed any of the health care reform bills, but our message to lawmakers is clear: health reform should not result in an expansion of abortion, and must

sustain conscience protections for health care providers who do not want to participate in abortions or other morally objectionable procedures.”

The newspaper accurately says that Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good supports Obamacare. What it fails to mention is that the dissident Catholic lay group is a creation of George Soros.

All in all, this was the most distorted article to appear in the mainstream media on Catholics and health care reform. That it was written by a normally responsible journalist, David D. Kirkpatrick, makes it all the more disturbing.

Kissling Loves Nuns?

Frances Kissling, former head of Catholics for Choice, is known for two things: her hatred of all things Catholic and her love for abortion. In a piece she did for *Salon.com* she says she speaks for “feminists and progressive Catholics” when she proclaims her “love” for nuns.

Has Kissling had an epiphany? Not quite. Here is what she says: “One sister I know is a clinic escort at her local reproductive health clinic; others are active in gay and lesbian ministries and one, close to 90, has been a leader in the movement for sex worker rights.”

In other words, the nuns Kissling and her ilk love are pro-abortion, pro-homosexuality and pro-prostitution. But of course: there is much for them to love about nuns who hate the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Changing Face of Priests and Nuns

Georgetown's Center for Applied Research has released a study showing that men and women entering the priesthood and joining an order of nuns are more likely to be non-white and conservative than their predecessors. Asians, Pacific Islanders, Latinos and Africans make up an increasing share of the new recruits. Also, young women joining an order of religious are twice as likely to join an order where wearing a habit is expected than not.

Those who have been screaming for diversity should be happy. But they won't be. That's because ancestry was never the real issue—being a traditionalist or a progressive is what matters most to the diversity dons.

Sister Mary Bendyna, who authored the study, explained why women wanting to become a nun don't choose to join those orders which are dying out: "Volunteering, social work, working for the poor—they can do that elsewhere." Precisely.