## CATHOLIC BASHING IS OKAY; OTHER INSULTS ARE NOT

A rash of obscene insults targeting God, Catholicism, President Trump, and African Americans took place in the spring. The guilty parties were all prominent members of the cultural elite.

The good news is that the assaults on President Trump and African Americans generated considerable moral outrage. The bad news is that the Catholic League stood virtually alone in objecting to the attacks on God and Catholicism.

Netflix aired an animated series, "F is for Family," where one of the characters, Greg, just back from making up with his wife Ginny-thanks to Father Pat-pulls a crucifix out of his pocket, asking the Lord for strength while chanting, "vagina, vagina, vagina."

In another episode, Greg and Ginny's son, Kevin, is shown masturbating while staring at a candle with an image of Our Blessed Mother. Another show featured Father Pat, who is gay, as a child molester.

Bill Donohue took the unusual step of writing to Netflix CEO Reed Hastings asking him if his wife, Patti Ann, approves of the show. "Since this is an animated show," he asked, "would she recommend it to little kids? If she has not seen these episodes, please ask her to do so and get back to me."

Sarah Silverman's Netflix film, "A Speck of Dust," featured the comedian asking the audience if they would allow God to ejaculate in their mouth. We detailed her previous attacks on Catholicism, noting the lack of moral outrage at her sick brand of humor.

Kathy Griffin got into trouble when she held a bloody head of

President Trump. Finally, there was considerable pushback, led by CNN, which dumped her. She then had the audacity to blame the president for the backlash against her.

The New York Public Theater hosted "Julius Caesar" in Central Park. In place of Caesar the production inserted a President Trump look-alike; his wife had a Slavic accent. Caesar/Trump was brutally assassinated. Delta and the Bank of America pulled their sponsorship, but the *New York Times* did not, citing its allegiance to free speech.

Bill Maher dropped the "N-word" on his show, igniting a wave of protest. He apologized. As we pointed out, he has never apologized for his attacks on Catholicism; we have amassed over 60 such incidents.

In other words, this tells us that insulting God and Catholicism is perfectly okay, but violence and insults hurled at blacks are not okay. Appeals to decency apparently only go so far.

As always, the cultural elite bear most of the blame: they set the table for these offenses. Regrettably, they have only gotten more vicious in recent years.