CNN'S CHIEFS LIVE LAVISHLY



Bill Donohue comments on a cnn.com article, "The Lavish Homes of American Archbishops":

CNN, playing its Pope Francis card, is stunned to learn that "10 of the country's top church leaders defy the Pope's example and live in residences worth more than \$1 million."

Rebel #1 is New York Archbishop Timothy Cardinal Dolan. He is living in a house that is attached to St. Patrick's Cathedral, was built more than a hundred years ago, and cannot be sold separately because of its landmark status; it also houses offices, living quarters for other priests, guest rooms, a dining area, etc. What is inexcusable are Dolan's red carpets—CNN claims they are "thick." I can attest that the accusation is accurate.

Other rebels include Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, San Antonio Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, and Miami Archbishop Thomas Wenski. George is guilty of having "an unobstructed view of nearby Lincoln Park," Garcia-Siller's crime is having a "wet bar," and Wenski is accused of having a "tiki hut." Those are problems that can be quickly fixed.

The executives of Time Warner, the parent company of CNN, need to turn their cameras on themselves. CEO Jeff Bewkes pulled down \$32.5 million last year and has a net worth of over \$100 million. Bet his carpets are real "thick." Others include John Martin, Paul Cappuccio, Gary Ginsberg and Olaf Olafsson; their 2013 salaries, were, respectively, \$12.9 million, \$7.8 million, \$4.1 million, and \$4.1 million.

CNN never stops talking about "income inequality." Here are

the current average salaries, respectively, for programmer analysts, media coordinators, and associate producers: \$44,812, \$50,956, and \$44,120. The average media intern gets paid a whopping \$8.12 an hour.

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