

COMEDY CENTRAL PERPETUATES WAR ON CHRISTMAS

Comedy Central has recently re-broadcast a 2005 Denis Leary special called, "Merry F#\$%in' Christmas." It also plans to air this program on Christmas Day. We complained to Comedy Central about this show in 2005 and we were rewarded with "Sacrilegious Sunday" in 2006 in which anti-Christian programs were aired all day on Christmas Eve.

Leary's special features a skit about lesbian nuns, and a song by "Our Lady of Perpetual Suffering Church Choir" about a hooker. But by far the most offensive part of the show is the monologue by Denis Leary on the origins of Christmas. Here is part of what he says:

"Merry Christmas. Tonight we celebrate the birth of the Baby Jesus, whose mom, Mary, just happens to be a virgin—even after she apparently gave birth to Jesus. At least that is what the Catholic Church would have you believe.

"Tom Cruise is taking a lot of s— for belonging to a religion, Scientology, that believes aliens came to this planet 75 million years ago. That is nothing. I was raised Catholic. We believe Mary was a virgin and Jesus ended up walking on water, creating a bottomless jug of wine and rising from the dead. Oh, yeah, and Tom Cruise is crazy.

"Listen, Christmas is built on a line of bulls—. Do I believe there was a Baby Jesus? You bet your ass I do. But I believe that nine months before he was born someone sure as s— banged the hell out of his mom."

Catholic League president Bill Donohue responds as follows:

"For those who doubt there is a War on Christmas, they need look no further than Comedy Central. They are well aware that

this special is offensive—indeed, mocking Catholicism is the goal—and they repeatedly re-air it, particularly on Christmas, to maximize the offense.

“I am asking Catholic League members, and friends of the Catholic League, to e-mail Doug Herzog, the president of Comedy Central, requesting that he nix the Christmas showing of this vile special, and any future showings that might be planned.”

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