

# DELIRIOUS REACTIONS TO CHURCH ABUSE

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on the reaction to the Pennsylvania grand jury report on priests:

While some Catholics are spinning out of control over cases of sexual abuse committed by the dead and the laicized, MTV will present the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award to Jennifer Lopez on August 21. No one from the media, and certainly no finger-pointing Catholic, will question why there is an award named after an accused child abuser.

Actress and director Asia Argento, who was one of the first out of the starting blocks accusing Harvey Weinstein of rape—and one of the pioneers of the #MeToo Movement—has been exposed for paying \$380,000 to a minor she sexually assaulted *after she outed Weinstein*.

No one is calling for an investigation of Hollywood perverts, even though over 400 Hollywood executives and employees have been named for sexual misconduct in the past year-and-a-half. That's over 100 more than the number of Pennsylvania priests implicated in sexual abuse over the past 70 years.

Over at CBS, the executive producer of "60 Minutes," Jeff Fager, is back at work, after being out for a few weeks. He's still being investigated for alleged sexual misconduct; six former employees have made accusations against him. The CBS top brass said it was time to put him back in the saddle, and no one in the media is objecting.

Les Moonves fared better—he never had to leave. The CEO of CBS is accused of sexually abusing six women; his investigation is still on-going. Earlier this month, he showed up at a press conference, but before he spoke the media were informed that only questions on second-quarter financial results would be

entertained. The press dutifully complied.

It's back-to-school time, and that means more kids will be sexually molested. Fortunately for the public school teachers, they will be protected by their union chiefs. More important, *no one will call for a grand jury investigation*. As for the victims, if they don't file notice of a claim within 90 days, they are out of luck, *and nobody will do anything about it*.

In short, zero tolerance is only supposed to apply to the Catholic Church.

This, of course, means nothing to those Catholic purists who want massive probes of every diocese in the nation, and are now demanding that every bishop in the nation should step down. Why? Because of predatory priests long dead or long thrown out of the priesthood.

Whatever happened to "get the guilty" and "protect the innocent"? Calls for collective purges—which include mostly innocent bishops—are unjust. Indeed, they are un-Christian.