

DESECRATIONS

Catholic League member Rose Alfidi recently wrote to us about church desecrations in Ohio. She sent several pictures of statues, Jesus and Mary included, that have been desecrated. She interested in knowing how common a problem this is around the country. So are we. Please let us know of any such incidents in your area.

We no sooner heard from Rose when we read about some really vicious desecrations in Denver. At St. Peter's, someone used a metal pipe to punch a hole in the heart of a rare statue of the Virgin Mary, breaking the statues hands; beer was poured on the Scriptures and on a crucifix.

Whenever we hear about such matters we immediately contact the local police and inquire whether the offense is being investigated as a bias, or hate, crime. We realize that the concept of a hate crime is controversial, but we also insist on equal application of the law.