ESPN ANCHORWOMAN TRASHES JESUS CHRIST

According to some news and sports websites, ESPN anchorwoman Dana Jacobson graphically attacked Jesus Christ at a recent roast of her colleagues; she was reportedly intoxicated. At the January 11 event, Jacobson roared from the podium, "F*** Notre Dame," "F*** Touchdown Jesus," and finally "F*** Jesus."

Commenting on this is Catholic League president Bill Donohue:

"When pressed on this issue, ESPN's response is to e-mail a statement by Jacobson, which includes the following: 'My remarks about Notre Dame were foolish and insensitive. I respect all religions and did not mean anything derogatory by my poorly chosen words.'

"This response fails on several counts. First, there is no evidence that ESPN is taking this matter seriously. Are we to believe that her hate speech is of no consequence? Her comments were not made at a private function, rather they were made at a public event where she represented ESPN. Second, it is worth recalling that it was during a luncheon interview that Jimmy 'The Greek' Snyder made his racist remarks about blacks, and CBS Sports promptly fired him anyway. Third, it is also important to note that being drunk didn't help Mel Gibson's case when he made bigoted remarks about Jews.

"Then there is the matter of Jacobson's so-called apology. By far the most offensive thing she said, 'F*** Jesus,' isn't even addressed! It is obvious, then, that neither Jacobson nor ESPN is dealing with this matter in a professional way. To put this issue behind them, ESPN must deal with this issue quickly, publicly and fairly, something it has yet to do. After all, most Christians are yet unaware of this event, but once they learn of it, they are sure to demand

accountability."

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