

FAILED COMPARISON

Hardly an Ash Wednesday comes and goes without an anti-Catholic incident. While Ted Turner took the prize this year, WJFK-FM in Virginia was runner-up; the show originates from WJFK in Washington, D.C.

On February 28, "The Don and Mike show" aired a segment called "Ass Wednesday." It seems that Don Geronimo and Mike O'Meara's idea of fun on that day was to find the listener with the biggest behind. The contestants were then brought into the studio where Don "blessed" them by using brown lipstick to paint a cross on their forehead while saying "In the name of the Father..." Don and Mike then got into a discussion over O'Meara's "Catholic guilt."

Our complaint was treated seriously; though learning that the station is also known for playing "Hanukkah games" did not assuage us. How that compares with insulting Catholics on a solemn day like Ash Wednesday, we do not know. In any event, you can try to explain the difference by writing to Jim McClure, Program Director, WJFK-FM, 10800 Main Street, Fairfax, VA 32030.