

FORDHAM SEX CONFERENCE BOMBS

In the last edition of *Catalyst*, we informed our readers of a conference on sexual diversity in the Catholic Church that was held at Fordham University. After seeing some of the reviews of the event, we called it a bomb.

Just a hundred or so curious souls bothered to show up, and though the event was mostly a failure, it did have its moments. They heard from someone who confessed how he mutilated his genitals, and others so depressed they made the mutilator sound normal. Indeed, some of the tales would have even made Rod Serling's head spin.

Father John Dufell was there to give advice: when asked by a homosexual how he is supposed to deal with his inadmissibility to become a priest, Dufell told him to lie. He said it was okay to lie because it is the "system" in the Church that is broken.

One poor soul who attended sounded absolutely virginal: "I expected it to be a discussion of church teaching, but instead it kind of assumed that church teaching was wrong—and I wasn't expecting that." Didn't he know where he was?

In any event, it was nice to learn that Erma Durkin, who traveled all the way from Maryland, found the sessions "very encouraging." Erma is 82.