

# FOX'S "FAMILY GUY" GOES OVER THE LINE

"Family Guy" is a typically juvenile prime time cartoon show that airs on Fox. Its Christmas episode that aired on December 11 was true to form, and most of its adolescent humor would not have drawn a response from us. But the show crossed the line with its mockery of the Eucharist.

As the show's Griffin family debated whether to go to church or go sledding on Sunday morning, Dad said, "after all, sledding was the second passion of the Christ." With that, Jesus was shown sledding down a mountain, saying, "Eat this, for this is my dust."

The "passion" comment was silly, and the humorous image of Jesus sledding didn't offend us. But the Eucharist is sacred: the body and blood of Christ, the source and summit of our Catholic faith. It is not fair game for ridicule.