

FOX'S "FAMILY GUY" GOES OVER THE LINE

Bill Donohue comments on "Family Guy's" ridicule of the Eucharist:

"Family Guy" is a typically juvenile prime time cartoon show that airs on Fox. It's Christmas episode last night 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 debates whether to go to church or go sledding on Sunday morning, Dad says, "after all, sledding was the second passion of the Christ." With that, Jesus is shown sledding down a mountain, saying, "Eat this, for this is my dust."

The "passion" comment is silly, and the humorous image of Jesus sledding doesn'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.

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