

Fr. Cutie Bolts

Father Alberto Cutié, the Catholic priest who was having an affair with a Florida woman, has decided to jump ship and join the Episcopal Church; he plans on joining their clergy, as well.

The real story here is the subtext: the only reason this man is a media sensation is because those who have been agitating for women priests in the Catholic Church know that they must first get the Church to lift the mandatory celibacy rule if they are to have a realistic shot at winning. So that is why they are using Cutié as a useful prop to bash celibacy.

What they don't get is that celibacy is a discipline that could be lifted, but the Church's teaching on a male priesthood is a firmly grounded doctrinal matter that Pope John Paul II ruled was a closed issue.