## HALLOWEEN GARB THAT ELITES DON'T LIKE

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on how the phony critics of Halloween garb are:

The sensitivity police are still reeling over Megyn Kelly's innocuous recalling of "blackface" Halloween pranks. Yet some have taken the time to inform us of other Halloween fare they find objectionable. But none object to any anti-Catholic costumes.

Yahoo.com ran a piece earlier this month titled, "7 Offensive Halloween Costumes You Definitely Shouldn't Wear This Year."

One of the costumes deemed offensive is an outfit that looks like bricks on a wall, with the inscription across the chest, "Mexico Will Pay." Even though Amazon opined that this costume is "not meant to offend anyone," Yahoo disagreed. The Internet giant branded it "another painful cultural reference being mocked with a costume."

Goodhousekeeping.com weighed in on this issue warning everyone not to buy a "tranny granny" costume that features a *Mrs. Doubtfire*-inspired look.

The article, "15 Offensive Halloween Costumes You Should Never Wear," said this transgender garb was worse than the Caitlyn Jenner one that was popular a few years ago. It called the "tranny granny" costume "especially offensive," one that "mocks and satirizes transgender women."

Advocate.com ran an article on October 26 titled, "Offensive Halloween Costumes to Avoid." It actually included garb deemed anti-religious.

But by "anti-religious," the Advocate does not mean anti-

Catholic or anti-Christian. Even Jews don't count. "Eastern Deities" do. "Dressing up as a god from an Eastern culture, especially if you lack knowledge about its significance, is demeaning to the people for whom these figures are sacred."

Similarly, businessinsider.com informs us of "15 Offensive Halloween Costumes That You Shouldn't Wear."

One of the items that this U.K. media outlet doesn't care for is a "Men's Arab Sheik Costume." It shows a man dressed in Arab garb holding a sword. "It's harmful to reinforce negative and misconceived notions about a region, religion, or group of people, like this Kmart costume does."

None of these critics carry any weight with us. They are all phonies.

"Keep Up the Faith Costume" is more widely available than any of the costumes the sensitivity police find objectionable, yet none are offended by it. It is a Catholic priest's costume, one that shows him sporting an erection. Also widely available is a "Pregnant Nun Costume," one that lives up to its name. Amazon, Halloween Costumes, Spirit, and Caulfield's Novelty are just some of the places that sell these outfits.

There are some other priest costumes available for purchase that are so obscene that they would make Bill Maher blush.

Yahoo is worried about "painful cultural references being mocked"; Good Housekeeping objects to garb that "mocks and satirizes"; the Advocate is in a rage over costumes that are "demeaning to the people for whom religious figures are sacred"; and the Business Insider is fretting over "negative and misconceived notions about a region, religion, or group of people."

But none complain about priests-with-an-erection costumes or pregnant nun garb (both are available every year). Are they really that clueless? Or do they think that Catholics deserve to be mocked? Either way, this entire Halloween-cleansing campaign, beginning with Megyn Kelly, is a joke.