

HOLIDAY GIFTS BANNED IN SCHOOL GIFT SHOP

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on the latest war on Christmas:

The Byam Elementary School in Chelmsford, Massachusetts recently asked parents to donate holiday gifts to its holiday gift shop; the shopping days are December 1-4. Shopping guidelines informed that "Seasonal items such as snowmen, mittens, snowflakes are a big hit." But it also had a list of "Items NOT Permitted." The school was very specific about which items it considers taboo: "No Christmas, Chanukah or religious items," and "No Santa, candy canes or stockings." How snowmen made the cut but stockings did not was not explained.

The school, of course, is observing Christmas by closing, yet it is not allowing Christmas gifts to be sold in its holiday gift shop, thus making it inexplicable why gifts celebrating the holiday being celebrated are banned.

Some may see this as simply absurd. We don't. We see it as pernicious: in the name of diversity and inclusion, the multicultural tyrants get to do what they have always wanted to do—censor Christmas. Parents upset by this authoritarian decision are meeting soon to overturn the ban. Give them support and let Dr. Jane Gilmore, the school's principal, know how you feel.

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