

# HOWARD STERN SLANDERS PRIESTS

On Friday night, porn star Rebecca Lord appeared on the "Howard Stern Show" on E! Entertainment. When she said she had a comment to make about religion, Stern gave her the okay. Lord said her complaint was with the Catholic Church for being critical of her line of work. At that point Stern jumped in saying, "Catholic priests are having sex with young boys." He added that those who work in the pornography industry were healthier than Catholic priests. In an angry voice, Stern charged that priests show boys pornography so they can molest them. Then his companion Robin Quivers commented that the Catholic Church would like to stop Lord from practicing her profession. Lord then undressed on the show.

Catholic League president William Donohue spoke for the league today:

"Thanks to someone who had seen the Stern show Friday night and had alerted me to it, I saw the show when it was repeated on Saturday, July 1, at 2:30 a.m. What I witnessed was not a Mel Brooks comedic spot but a vicious segment that libeled all Catholic priests. Perhaps most revealing, the segment was wholly devoid of humor. This was not a colorful satire of priests—it was a hate-filled attack.

"It will not do to say that Stern is not an anti-Catholic bigot because he is known for targeting every group. It is one thing to poke light fun at African Americans by playing 'Black Jeopardy,' quite another to trash priests in the vile way that he did on Friday. Moreover, if he goes too far with making fun of blacks, his sidekick Robin Quivers stops him. Just who is around to stop Stern when he—and Quivers—attack Catholics?

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Miller and that is why I am writing to Philip Morris CEO Jeffrey C. Bible asking him to get Miller Brewing to stop advertising on the 'Howard Stern Show.' If he shuns his corporate responsibility, he will leave the Catholic League with very few options. It is my hope that this can be resolved quickly, fairly and amicably."