

HUFFINGTON POST BLOGGER DEFAMES CATHOLICISM

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on a Huffington Post blog post by Michele Somerville about New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo:

Michele Somerville is not just another professed Catholic who has a pathological hatred of the Catholic Church: she is a liar. Regarding the first point, she says she likes Andrew Cuomo because he is just like his father—he's a "protest Catholic." By that she means someone who identifies himself as a Catholic, yet defies the teachings of the Church. In the case of Cuomo the elder, she cites his pro-abortion position. What she likes about Andrew Cuomo is more chic: "I love that my new governor stepped up to the altar of the Lord [last Sunday] with confidence and received the Sacrament of the Eucharist with his beloved [an unmarried woman with whom he lives] and three daughters in tow."

Speaking of the two Cuomos, Somerville says, "there is no other morally responsible way to *be* Roman Catholic." That's because she hates their religion, which she says is "propped up by corruption and tyranny," and was partly built by "hegemony and brutality."

Somerville also says the Catholic League "classifies men like Andrew Cuomo (who divorce and continue to receive the sacraments) 'self-excommunicated Catholics.'" Thus does she lie. On January 1, in a New York *Daily News* story, Frank Lombardi correctly said, "Even outspoken Catholic activist Bill Donohue of the Catholic League passed on a chance to decry what some religious conservatives would deem 'living in sin.' Donohue declined to be interviewed, saying through a spokesman, 'We're not one to pass judgment' on how people conduct their personal life 'or how people celebrate their religion.'" Somerville provided a link to this article in her piece, thus proving she is a liar.

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