

IMUS OKAYS LONG “PAPAL” RANT



Bill Donohue comments on this morning's edition of "Imus in the Morning" that was simulcast on the Fox Business Network:

Imus has long made fun of Catholics, especially the clergy, and most of the time he has hit above the belt. Over the past year or so, however, he has gotten nastier. On today's show, he allowed one of his sidekicks, Rob Bartlett, to engage in an extended rant, pretending to speak as Pope Francis. It was a mixed bag: some of it was funny; some of it was plain stupid; and some of it crossed the line.

It is not clear whether it is Bartlett's ignorance or malice that best explains his ugly comparison of bondage, domination, and sadomasochism—ala "Fifty Shades of Grey"—to mortification, a method of Christian asceticism practiced by some Catholics in service to virtuous living. Either way, he unnecessarily offended Catholics.

Hopefully, Imus will not push his Catholic-baiting envelope too far.

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