

JOE BIDEN RIDICULED FOR WEARING ASHES

Fox News analyst Bob Beckel today criticized Vice President Joe Biden for wearing ashes on TV; today is Ash Wednesday and Biden is Catholic.

In the middle of a discussion on President Obama's stimulus plan, Beckel gratuitously said, "Sorry about laughing, but I looked at Joe Biden's forehead, and I know it is Ash Wednesday, but I'm not sure I would wear that ash on the air. Anyway...."

Catholic League president Bill Donohue wasn't amused:

Bob Beckel's admonishing remark, "I'm not sure I would wear that ash on the air," makes us wonder whether it is the public display of ashes he finds risible, or the religion that sports them.

In any event, there is no record of Beckel ever lecturing a Jew about wearing a yarmulke on TV or a Muslim wearing a turban. Must be something about Catholicism that bothers this guy. We'd love to know what it is. At the very least, a clarification about what he meant is in order.