

KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND'S CONFUSION

Recently Kathleen Kennedy Townsend posted an article on the website of *The Atlantic* about how she spent her St. Patrick's Day. Hers was far different than Bill Donohue's.

"I spent my St. Patrick's Day marching in the parade up New York's Fifth Avenue, and then drank beer with my friends," Donohue said. "Kathleen Kennedy Townsend spent hers at a conference attended by homosexuals, lesbians, and men/women with new genitals. I had a good time."

Kathleen is confused. She said the Catholic Church's teachings "encourage bigotry and harm." She didn't cite a single example, so she obviously meant some other religion. She also said that the conference was put on by a Catholic organization called New Ways Ministry. Again, she is confused—there is no Catholic group by that name (on St. Patrick's Day last year the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reaffirmed that New Ways Ministry is not a Catholic organization). To top things off, she says that two female priests gave her a special blessing at the conference. More confusion: our religion does not have female priests. All three errors were made in the first six sentences of her article; there was no need to go any further.

It is hard to know what the source of Kathleen's confusion is. This wouldn't be so bad if she didn't have that Kennedy name.