KATRINA BRINGS OUT THE DEVIL IN THEM

Bill Donohue, president of the Catholic League, made the following observations today on the way some are reacting to Hurricane Katrina:

"Katrina has definitely brought out the devil in some people. Innocent persons are dying down South and all Lambda Legal Defense attorney Ken Upton can worry about is whether Louisiana's ban on civil unions means that homosexual couples will not be given hospital visitation rights, etc. As he told his buddies at 365gay.com, 'It underscores all of the inequities same-sex couples face.'

"Even nuttier is the reaction of Michael Marcavage, director of the anti-Catholic Christian group, Repent America: he blames gays for the hurricane. Why? New Orleans was to host a 'Southern Decadence' celebration this weekend, and now that it has been cancelled, Marcavage concludes that 'this act of God destroyed a wicked city.' As for the innocent victims, Marcavage says there are none: 'Let us not forget that the citizens of New Orleans tolerated and welcomed the wickedness in their city for so long.' In other words, this is God's idea of payback.

"Food, water, clothing—the basics of life—these are the kinds of things desperate people need. So what does an animal-rights group, Noah's Wish, send? Grief counselors for cats and dogs! Not to be outdone, Planned Parenthood, which is drowning in federal dollars, shows how pro-women it is by offering birth control pills and emergency contraception kits. To top if off, they're giving their prizes away free for one whole month! And at Florida Atlantic University, condoms are being distributed to dorm students as a hurricane supply.

"They're all mad. In a sane society, they'd be locked up. But not here—with the exception of the website-based Repent America, all the others are tax-exempt organizations. Now how's that for serving the public interest?"