

KILLING PRIESTS, GAYS, COPS, MUSLIMS AND ANIMALS: NEW PC VIDEO GAME OFFERS IT ALL

A new PC video game, "Postal 2," is selling out across the nation. The sequel to "Postal," the new action game allows the player to be "Postal Dude," a character who kills anything in sight. The player can blow a priest's head off with a shotgun and kick the bleeding head around the street like a soccer ball. It is also possible to wait in line for confession or kill everyone, including the priest, in the church.

Gays and lesbians can be killed (there is a "Fag Hunter" arcade), cops can be decapitated, Muslims can be shot, dogs can be set on fire and kittens can have their rectums blown to bits. It is also possible to urinate in a person's mouth and watch him vomit.

Weapons of choice are abundant: shovels, tazers, rotting cow heads, pistols, shotguns, gasoline cans, rocket launchers, napalm launchers, Molotov cocktails, scissors, etc.

Catholic League president William Donohue spoke to this issue today:

"The effect of this video game on the average kid who comes from a good home is minimal. But the effect on kids who are not so lucky is more problematic. There are literally millions of kids, mostly young boys, for whom experiences like 'Postal 2' may prove to be disastrous. For a whole host of reasons, they already live on the margins of society. Getting off on violence this malicious and dehumanizing is dangerous. It is sad to note, too, that one reviewer said the game became too monotonous after a while. Thus does the game anesthetize the player to human suffering.

“There is another disturbing aspect to this story. In a review of the video game in the *Arizona Republic* and in the Gannett News Service, both media outlets make mention of the attack on gays. But neither mentions the blood bath that awaits priests. How revealing.

“It would be instructive to know what those running for president would say about such perversions of the First Amendment.”