

"KING OF THE HILL" RIPS CATHOLICISM

On March 17, the FOX cartoon "King of the Hill" featured Mrs. Peggy Hill, the wife of Hank Hill, posing as a nun in order to teach at a Catholic high school. Below are some of the highlights:

- Peggy gains her understanding of Catholicism by watching a Spanish soap opera about a monsignor. This soap opera shows the monsignor shooting a disarmed gunman in a church. He is also depicted being disrespectful to the Sacred Blood.
- Peggy teaches a course on Catholicism but admits to knowing nothing about transubstantiation. She is also shown dropping a "practice wafer" (the Eucharist). She simply picks it up, dusts it off, and gives it to the child who was to receive it.
- Peggy dreams that the monsignor bursts into her classroom as she is about to talk about safe sex. He then pulls a lever which opens the classroom floor and drops all the kids into hell. Furthermore, he is depicted as a devil with horns in Peggy's dream, and her husband (a propane salesman) is in charge of keeping the fires of hell burning.

Catholic League president William Donohue explained his reaction today:

"There is no other religion that is the butt of more cheap shots than Catholicism. Even TV cartoons can't give it up. By defiling the Eucharist, those who wrote and produced this show deliberately chose to take aim at the bull's eye of Roman Catholicism. There is a meanness of spirit here that is breathtaking.

"We will protest this episode and look for corrective action

to be taken.”