

LAURYN HILL FLIPS HER LID

At a Vatican Christmas concert Saturday night, hip-hop artist Lauryn Hill read a lengthy statement blasting the Vatican for the homosexual scandal in the Catholic Church. "God has been a witness to the corruption of his leadership, of the exploitation and abuses... by the clergy," she said. Hill told the audience to seek blessings "from God, not men," adding there was "no acceptable explanation for defending the church."

Catholic League president William Donohue spoke to this issue today:

"Last year Lauryn Hill stepped onstage at Carnegie Hall and admitted to the crowd that her life was 'a mess.' Judging from her latest outburst in Vatican City, nothing seems to have changed. Pathologically miserable, Hill has confessed to taking 'some lighter fluid and a match and burned everything I had built because the foundation was wrong.' It is no wonder that in one of her songs, she literally asks God to 'save me from myself.'

"Hill's personal problems do not justify her rants against the Catholic Church. After all, Sinead O'Connor isn't exactly normal, either, and she justifiably paid a price for her stunt on Saturday Night Live when she ripped up a picture of the pope. We expect Hill's career, already in decline, will continue to head south. Columbia Records should show her the gate."