## LEWIS BLACK'S SHOW GETS UGLY

Last night, Comedy Central aired the first show in a new series, "Lewis Black's Root of All Evil." Black played a judge ruling on who was more evil-the Catholic Church or Oprah Winfrey. Click <u>here</u> for a partial transcript.

Catholic League president Bill Donohue raised questions about it today:

"No group in the U.S. sexually molests minors more than public school teachers; their rate is estimated to be 100 times that of Catholic priests (see the work of Dr. Charol Shakeshaft.) Moreover, the teachers unions still make it near impossible to fire a molesting teacher. Yet it wasn't the public school industry that was labeled evil by the show, it was the Catholic Church.

"Radical Muslims behead their enemies, real and contrived, terrorize non-combatants, run planes into buildings, shoot nuns in the back, kidnap and kill bishops, burn churches to the ground, *legally* murder those who want to convert, but no one associated with Lewis Black's show has the guts to get them. So instead they rip the Catholic Church for its role during the Inquisition. And that role, if truth be told, was miniscule compared to the role of the civil authorities. Indeed, the role of the Catholic Church back then, as compared to the role of radical Muslims today, was positively angelic.

"The worst part of the show was the assault on Our Blessed Mother and Pope Benedict XVI. This is a direct quote: 'The Catholic Church is also evil because it has such a grip over the mindless masses that they'll wait in line, thousands of them in the rain for hours, just to get a glimpse of a pork rind in the shape of the Virgin Mary...God impregnated Mary. We have a whole religion based on one woman who really stuck to her story.' The pope was called 'a hypocrite in his Prada loafers and his ball gown. How can he condemn homosexuality when he dresses like he is on his way to nickel cosmo night at the Veiny Shaft Tavern?'

"The only thing connecting this wild-swinging tirade was hate."

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