## MACY'S TAKES A HIT

Bill Donohue comments on Macy's economic health:

Here's the latest news on Macy's: It is in trouble—it has to close another 100 stores to stop the bleeding.

Macy's employees are good Americans, but its top executives merit the gold standard of intolerance in the retail industry (click <u>here</u> to read how the Macy's thought police operates).

Surely it is not good news that those who work there will suffer the brunt of the bad news, but no fair-minded person will be disappointed if the Macy's ruling class takes a hit. Any private sector company that punishes employees for their thoughts should not be patronized.

The second quarter figures show that Macy's reported a drop in sales for the sixth straight month. Total sales fell 4 percent, and net income to its shareholders fell 3 cents per share.

The closing of 100 stores will cost Macy's \$1 billion in net sales. This represents 15 percent of all its department stores.

We encourage all Americans, not just Catholics, to shop at Macy's competitors. We know of no department-store chain that disrespects conscience rights, other than Macy's.

Justice demands that Macy's revoke its decision to fire a Catholic employee who believes that men should use the men's room. Failing that, it should be forced to pay a price for its discriminatory behavior.

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