

# MEDIA HYPE “ORDINATION” OF WOMEN

Today in Pittsburgh, eight women will proclaim themselves priests and four other women will anoint themselves deacons. Commenting on this event is Catholic League president Bill Donohue:

“Contrary to some news reports, this is not the first time that this make-believe game has been played. In 2003, the Associated Press reported that Judith Heffernan had ‘performed baptisms, heard confessions, said Mass and participated in last rites as a Catholic priest’ for the past 23 years. Even before Heffernan’s ‘ordination’ in 1980, a woman was proclaimed ‘Pope’ on the steps of St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York; an anti-Catholic group, Catholics for a Free Choice, performed the ceremony in 1974. Similar things are done every day in the asylum, though the media show little interest in these stories.

“There is only one plausible reason why the media are covering this insane event: they have a vested ideological interest in promoting female ordination in the Catholic Church. In this instance, it’s not the reporting, per se, that evinces a bias—it’s the decision to cover the event that gives away their hand.”