

MICHAEL MOORE'S RELIGIOUS ODYSSEY

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on Michael Moore and his new movie, "Capitalism: A Love Story":

If the economic system that Michael Moore has successfully milked is "immoral" and "evil," then that would suggest that he is an immoral, evil man. But we'll let someone else make the final decision on that one. What we do know is that he is wearing his religion on his sleeve these days, telling Chris Cuomo how he believes "in the core Christian values." One wonders why, then, would this Catholic—whose role models are the rogue Berrigan brothers—would give money to an urban terrorist group right after they invaded St. Patrick's Cathedral during Cardinal O'Connor's Sunday Mass in 1989; some spat the Host on the floor.

More recently, Moore cited the oil giant Halliburton as emblematic of capitalism's evilness. What he didn't mention is that his Halliburton investments helped to make him filthy rich. Oh, yes, he also likes Sunoco.

Capitalism has been kind to Moore. He lives in a waterfront mansion with a private beach, one that is so lily-white that not a single black person lives there. This is not by accident. Though he exclaimed in his film "Stupid White Men" that he plans to "hire only black people," author Peter Schweizer found that of the 134 producers, editors, cinematographers, composers and production coordinators that Moore hired, only three were black.

Moore says it is anti-Christian not to divide the pie fairly. So what would that make him? Oh, yes, he does contribute to soup kitchens. Too bad he doesn't actually employ the poor—then he could shelve the Campbell's. In 2002, his

charitable donations amounted to \$36,000. Sounds like a lot until we learn that he made eight figures that year. One more thing: he ran his donations through his private foundation, a capitalist-created scheme designed to protect fat cats from paying their fair share of taxes.

The next time a social justice Christian brags about his commitment to the poor, ask him to open his own books. Transparency is so beautiful.