MILLER'S APOLOGY IS INSULTING

Catholic League president Bill Donohue responded today to the latest news regarding Miller's sponsorship of anti-Catholicism:

"The Miller Brewing Company and the Board of Directors of the Folsom Street Fair have both issued press statements this week apologizing for the offensive Last Supper poster that was used to promote the event. As such, they have insulted Catholics one more time. Let me be specific.

"The poster was the *least* offensive part of this Catholicbashing forum. What was even more offensive was the sight of Christian symbols being sold at this Miller-sponsored fair as sex toys. The obscene and blasphemous names of these vulgar sex toys are so disgusting that no mainstream newspaper would print them. Then there was the incredible sight of a stripper and a man dressed as Jesus hoisted in cages above a Catholic church on a Sunday. This was done to provoke, taunt and insult Catholics. And who greeted everyone at the street fair? Men dressed as nuns. Had they been dressed like Al Jolson-with blackened faces-they would have been run out of town as racists.

"The Folsom Street Fair news release on this subject shows how utterly clueless its officers are. It says, 'The mission is to create volunteer-driven leather events that provide the adult alternative lifestyle community with safe venues for selfexpression while emphasizing freedom, fun, frolic and fetish and raising funds to benefit charity.'

"To which I say: If your idea of a 'safe venue' 'selfexpression' and 'fun' includes men being beaten with chains in broad daylight, men who masturbate in the street, and men who perform oral sex on each other in public-I have pictures of these acts-then spare Catholics of your 'fun.' Leave us out of it and you can do to each other whatever you want.

"The only thing Miller is worried about is its logo appearing on a poster for an event it could not possibly defend. Not until it pledges not to sponsor Catholic-bashing events will the Catholic League call off its boycott and its anti-Miller PR campaign. We're like that proverbial fly who just won't go away."

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