

# MSNBC APOLOGIZES FOR HIT ON POPE

On March 30, MSNBC libeled Pope Benedict XVI on its website, MSNBC.com.

As part of "Related Content" to an article entitled, "Losing Their Religion? Catholicism in Turmoil," readers were invited to click on a story entitled, "Pope Describes Touching Boys: I Went Too Far." After clicking on the link, the reader was taken to an article about a homosexual German priest who had sex with males in the 1980s.

*It said absolutely nothing about the pope. Yet MSNBC painted Pope Benedict XVI as a child molester in the tease to the article.*

We called for an immediate retraction and apology and for the media giant to investigate as to how this happened.

Soon after we called for the apology, NBC called the offices of the Catholic League and extended a sincere apology. It said that the attributed quote was erroneous and immediately corrected the error.

We hope that whoever was responsible for this outrageous post is questioned about it and appropriate measures are taken. We look forward to hearing the outcome.