

# NEWSWEEK CRACKS UP

Catholic League president Bill Donohue issued the following remarks today about *Newsweek* magazine:

"Send in the straightjackets—*Newsweek* has cracked up. Of all the stories in the entire world to cover, *Newsweek's* website is flagging as its 'Top Story' an insane piece about a woman (complete with photo) who thinks she is an ordained Catholic priest. They found her in Missouri, though had *Newsweek* reporter Karen Springen walked into the nearest asylum, she would have found some who think they're the pope.

"Springen's discovery is Jessica Rowley. Jessica thinks she's a Catholic priest because some crackpot group said they ordained her. Springen, whose contempt for the Catholic Church is rivaled only by her ignorance of it, not only makes snide comments about the Church's rules governing ordination, she implies that the Catholic Church thinks 'it's a sin to be gay' and excludes divorced people. Springen's delusional discovery, of course, is pro-abortion and pro-homosexuality—just the kind of person who would make a great addition to *Newsweek*.

"There are so many denominations that would welcome Jessica, but the fact that she rejects them all indicates how little regard she has for them. This says volumes about the prestige these trendy religious communities have, even among alienated dissidents. So Jessica would rather play make-believe, pretending she's a Catholic priest. By Halloween, she'll no doubt become a bishop.

"If 'I think, therefore I am' was good enough for Descartes, *Newsweek* reasons, then 'I think I'm a Catholic priest, therefore I am' is good enough for Jessica. And for *Newsweek* as well.

"The next time someone tells me that the Catholic League shouldn't be worried about bigots like Kathy Griffin—'we have

a war going on,' they thunder!'—I'll be sure to tell them what passes as the 'Top Story' at *Newsweek*."