

# UNDERSIDE OF TRANS VISIBILITY DAY

[Bill Donohue](#)

March 31 is Trans Visibility Day, a day when trans people seek greater recognition. There is an underside, however, to this day, one that brings to mind the increasing intolerance exhibited by trans activists.

The espoused goal of the LGBTQ community is tolerance. Tolerance means “to put up with.” That may have been the initial goal, but after having achieved it, they upped the ante, seeking affirmation. Are they entitled to tolerance? Yes. But they are not entitled to affirmation—we are not obliged to affirm behavior we find offensive.

LGBTQ activists, seeking affirmation, have become among the most intolerant people in the nation. It is worth noting how vicious these zealots are in their quest for affirmation. The case in point is what they did to Jack Phillips.

Jack Phillips is a devout evangelical and the owner of Masterpiece Cakeshop in Denver, Colorado. On July 19, 2012, Charlie Craig and David Mullins asked Phillips if he would make a cake to celebrate their “wedding.” He denied their request, saying he does not make cakes for same-sex weddings.

It should be noted that Phillips never refused to sell cakes to anyone, including gays. But for him to custom-make a cake for two men who say they want to marry is to make him complicit in that effort. That’s a bridge too far. He is under no obligation to sanction behavior he finds objectionable, however tacit his role may be. This takes on added significance when his reasoning is grounded in his religion.

Craig and Mullins could have shopped around to find a baker

who would honor their request. Indeed, at that time same-sex marriage was not legal in Colorado. Surely they could have found a baker in Massachusetts, where they planned to go for their “wedding,” but their real interest was not in buying the cake. They wanted to force Phillips to violate his religious convictions. In short, they wanted to punish him.

The two men filed a complaint against Phillips with the Colorado Civil Rights Commission (CCRC), just ahead of their “wedding” in September. At the end of 2013, an administrative judge ordered Phillips to make the requested cake, despite his religious beliefs, or face fines. He did not budge.

On May 30, 2014, the CCRC agreed with this finding, saying Phillips discriminated against the men. Two months later, Commissioner Diann Rice went on a Christian-bashing tirade. “Freedom of religion and religion has been used to justify all kinds of discrimination throughout history, whether it be slavery, whether it be the Holocaust...And to me it is one of the most despicable pieces of rhetoric that people can use to—to use their religion to hurt others.” She was supported by some of her colleagues.

Rice’s bigoted attack would come back to haunt her. When the U.S. Supreme Court rendered its decision in 2018 in favor of Phillips, Justice Anthony Kennedy, who wrote the opinion, took note of what Rice, and her colleagues, said. “At several times during its meeting, commissioners endorsed the view that religious beliefs cannot legitimately be carried into the public sphere or commercial domain, implying that religious beliefs and persons are less than fully welcome in Colorado’s business community.”

In the four years between the CCRC’s ruling in 2014 and the high court decision in 2018, the Phillips case bounced around the courts. The most dramatic moment came in June 2017 on the day the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case. On that same day, Autumn Scardina, a man who falsely claims he is a woman,

asked Phillips to create a cake designed pink on the inside and blue on the outside to celebrate his supposed transition from male to female. The request was denied, which is exactly what Scardina expected and desired.

This was another clear case of intolerance. To prove how utterly tyrannical this transgender activist is, he admitted that his goal was to “correct the errors of [Phillip’s] thinking.” This is thought control, the kind of practice perfected by the genocidal maniac, Mao Zedong.

In June 2019, Scardina filed a civil lawsuit against Phillips. Two years later, a district court ruled Phillips can be punished for declining to create the cake. But in 2024, the Colorado Supreme Court dismissed the case, bringing an end to these harassment lawsuits.

In 2021, the Alliance Defending Freedom, which courageously and successfully defended Phillips, said, “Radical activists and government officials are targeting artists like Jack because they won’t promote messages on marriage and sexuality that violate their core convictions. This case and others...represents a disturbing trend: the weaponization of our justice system to ruin those with whom the activists disagree. The harassment of people like Jack...has been occurring for nearly a decade and must stop.”

These LGBTQ zealots disdain tolerance: their goal is to shove their radical agenda down the throats of Americans, forcing everyone to bow to their demands. They are a threat to religious liberty and to democracy, in general. So, too, are organizations like the Human Rights Campaign and the ACLU which support these efforts.

No one should have to endure the kind of mean-spirited campaign that Jack Phillips was subjected to. Radical gay and transgender activists have no moral mantle to rest on—their vengeance and spite have overcome them.

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# THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUBJECTIVISM

Bill Donohue

*I have decided to address a story that is developing in Anytown USA. The venue is a local gym for adult men and women.*

Reporter: Why are teenage boys allowed to compete in pre-teen boy games in Anytown?

Mayor: They are not. The only boys who can compete in pre-teen sports are those who identify as pre-teen.

Reporter: But I just witnessed what is obviously a teenager competing in a pre-teen event.

Mayor: Your perception is not determinative. We spoke to the boy you are talking about, and he says he is pre-teen.

Reporter: But it is obvious that teenage boys are bigger and stronger than pre-teen boys.

Mayor: That may be true, but it is also true that there are pre-teen boys of various sizes.

Reporter: This is crazy. We already have sports for teenage boys, so why the need for them to compete with pre-teens?

Mayor: They are not. The real issue is who determines who a teenager is.

Reporter: That's easy. Birth certificates settle this issue.

Mayor: Birth certificates simply prove the age that someone was assigned at birth.

Reporter: Are you implying that is not enough evidence?

Mayor: You don't get it. There is a spectrum of age groupings. Quite frankly, it is entirely possible for someone to consider himself to be younger, or older, than the age assigned at birth.

Reporter: If this continues, there will be no pre-teen sports programs left.

Mayor: This misses the point. The government has no right to tell anyone what sex or age someone is. We live in a free country, and we need to respect the autonomy, and conscience rights, of everyone. We also believe in being inclusive, letting everyone compete according to the sex and age they identify with.

Reporter: Does this apply to occupations as well?

Mayor: What do you mean?

Reporter: Can someone claim to hold a certain job even if it appears to outside observers that he is lying?

Mayor: You are being argumentative.

Reporter: Not at all. I am simply following your logic. From this day forward I will consider myself to be Mayor of Anytown USA.

Mayor: But I am the mayor.

Reporter: Not anymore. You were elected. My self-identification matters more. And guess what? You're fired.

Mayor: This is outrageous.

Reporter: By the way, I have also decided to identify as a woman. Can you tell me where the ladies shower room is? Your wife just entered.

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# Paul Kengor: The ACLU's religious ignorance

*Bill in the News (TribLIVE): The ACLU of Massachusetts is challenging a decision by the city of Quincy to erect two statues of Catholic saints outside the public safety building. The saints are Florian and Michael the Archangel, the patron saints of firefighters and police officers, respectively.*

*As Donohue notes, the ACLU knows religious statues adorn buildings in the nation's capital, including the Capitol, Supreme Court and Library of Congress, as well as public buildings throughout Massachusetts.*

*So why object to these statues? The ACLU explains in a letter to the Quincy city council: "the contemplated statue of Saint Michael ... depicts a figure stepping on the neck of a demon. Such violent imagery is particularly abhorrent in light of the murder of George Floyd and other acts of police brutality throughout the country." [READ MORE HERE](#)*

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## NORTHWESTERN OFFERS ANTI-CHRISTIAN COURSE

*The following letter explains why there is a problem at Northwestern.*

March 27, 2025

Dean Adrian Randolph  
Northwestern University  
Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences  
1918 Sheridan Road  
Evanston, Illinois 60208

Dear Dean Randolph:

It has been brought to my attention that a faculty member in the Department of Religious Studies at the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Lily Stewart, is using her class, "Introduction to Christianity," to engage in a frontal assault on the Catholic Church. How do I know this? The syllabus is a screed designed to distort and denigrate Christianity, thus feeding the appetite of anti-Christian bigots.

Having spent many years in higher education, and having served on the board of directors of the National Association of Scholars, I am well aware that academic freedom must be given great latitude. I am also aware that there is a difference between academic freedom and academic malpractice. What Stewart is doing is representative of the latter.

To illustrate my objections, simply compare the course outline of "Introduction to Christianity" to that of "Introduction to Islam."

Would not Muslim scholars object if the outline for the introductory class were to ask, "How many ways are there to be a Muslim? What counts as Islam, what doesn't, and who ultimately gets to decide?" Just substitute Christian for Muslim, and Christianity for Islam, and that is what the introductory class outline says about Christianity.

It should be noted that the introductory course outline on Islam is exemplary.

When we consider the syllabus, this issue gets much worse.

The syllabus for "Introduction to Christianity" says the class "will explore histories of Christian colonialism, bigotry, liberation, and dissent." Indeed, it says, Jesus "has been at the forefront of projects of colonialism, violence, and subjugation, but also peace, liberation, and revolution."

If this were the way Islam and Muhammad were treated in the introductory course, would not Muslims find this objectionable?

Students are also put on notice. "Much of the material and topics that we are working with in this class include racist, ableist, Islamophobic, anti-semitic, transphobic, misogynist, homophobic, self-harm, murder, and sexual assault."

In other words, brace yourself in class when I discuss the historical contributions of the Catholic Church.

Imagine again, if the course on Islam were to portray the religion and its adherents as an evil force. What would Northwestern do when students and Muslim scholars complained?

I have written many books, one of which is *Why Catholicism Matters*. It details the role the Catholic Church has played in maintaining the manuscripts from Antiquity, the founding of the first universities, the pivotal role it played in the Scientific Revolution, and the seminal role it played in virtually every technological breakthrough in history.

The Church's contributions to art, architecture, and music are legendary. Moreover, its promotion of natural law and natural rights made possible the eventual abolition of slavery; St. Patrick was the first person in history to publicly condemn slavery. The work of nuns founding schools, foster care homes, asylums, hospitals, hospices, and the like, is historic.

It is to be expected that professors will develop an approach



to their discipline that differs from that of others in their field. That is how it should be. But we are not talking about legitimate avenues of discourse or research. We are talking about a frontal assault on a world religion.

Those who engage in vitriolic caricatures of demographic groups, be they religious, ethnic, racial, or sexual, may find expression in social media, but they have no business in academia.

If there are some who read this letter who are not convinced that Professor Stewart has crossed the line, consider that there is a depiction of Jesus in the syllabus, with the following inscription:

***Hey girl.***

*How about I turn that water into wine,  
we put on some slow jams and just cuddle?*

**#Hot.Jesus**

This is not scholarship. It is hate speech with a scholarly veneer.

I look forward to hearing from you about this matter.

Sincerely,

William A. Donohue, Ph.D.

President

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Lily Stewart, Professor Religious Studies

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# 'Hot Jesus': Northwestern class is 'anti-Christian bigotry,' Catholic leader says

*Bill in the News (The College Fix): Bill Donohue, president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, criticized the course in a statement given to The Fix. He also shared with The Fix a copy of the letter he plans to send Northwestern University leadership today, demanding answers about the class.*

*"The syllabus is a screed designed to distort and denigrate Christianity, thus feeding the worst appetite of anti-Christian bigots," he stated. "Indeed, it even includes a graph of 'Hot Jesus' that is downright obscene." [READ MORE HERE](#)*

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## SATANISTS ARE SICK PUPPIES

**[Bill Donohue](#)**

The Satanic Grotto is not a well-known Satanic group but it is making a media splash in Kansas. On March 28, it is scheduled to hold a "Black Mass" on the grounds of the Capitol building. Christian protesters will be present and the police are gearing up for the event.

It's not just Topeka that is the site of Satanic activity. St. Patrick's Church in Wichita was recently vandalized: statues, candles and glass fixtures were smashed, a Satanic website was inscribed on a wall, and an American flag was burned. It is uncertain whether the young male suspect acted alone or was part of a Satanic group.

A "Black Mass" often consists of a celebrant dressed in black vestments, holding forth in mockery of the Catholic Mass. The participants typically use the back of a naked woman as their "altar," and they occasionally secure a consecrated Host to desecrate.

This ceremony has a long history, extending back centuries. One of its most famous proponents was the Marquis de Sade, the 18th century writer and madman whose obscene portrayals of Catholicism are legendary. Blasphemy is too weak a word to describe his work.

Satanism is often associated with Devil worship, and at one time manifested itself as witchcraft. Some Satanists see themselves as atheists who put their entire trust in reason; others perceive Satan to be real.

Satanism is spiking internationally, and it appears to flourish at Christmas and Easter. To what extent it is responsible for Christian persecution—the most prevalent form of oppression in the world—is unknown, but to say that the Devil's hand is not at work is risible.

Today, there are two main branches of Satanism in the United States: The Church of Satan and The Satanic Temple (TST); they have no use for each other. The former was founded in 1966, and the latter in 2013. Both insist they do not believe Satan is a real being. The more influential of the two is clearly TST.

TST, unlike The Church of Satan, is officially recognized as a tax-exempt church by the IRS. Predictably, it is headquartered

in Salem, Massachusetts, and has local chapters in parts of the country; its competitor has no headquarters and no chapters. Most important, TST is a politically charged force that promotes abortion and gay marriage.

It is actually an understatement to say TST promotes abortion—it is obsessed with it. There is no issue that absorbs more of its time than abortion. It has even founded facilities that do nothing but kill kids.

On February 14, 2023, it opened “the world’s first religious abortion clinic” in New Mexico; it claims to have paid for over 100 abortions. More recently it founded a second abortion clinic in Virginia. It says its work proves its commitment to “compassion, empathy, and justice,” though the children who were killed might beg to differ.

It has a shop that sells abortion apparel, flags, pins, mugs, and the like. Its most famous item is “The Sam Alito’s Mom’s Satanic Abortion Clinic Unisex T-Shirt,” a reference to the Supreme Court Justice who wrote the majority opinion overturning *Roe v. Wade*. Its most despicable item is a cartoonist depiction of Alito’s mother saying, “If only abortion was legal when I was pregnant.”

TST proves that Satanic groups don’t have to literally believe in Satan in order to do his work. After all, to celebrate the intentional killing of unborn babies is something only devotees of Lucifer would do. Indeed, it takes really sick puppies to get their jollies by dancing on the graves of innocents.

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# ACLU sues West Virginia for grant to Catholic trades college

*Bill in the News (The College Fix): "In Everson v. Board of Education (1947), the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that students who attended religious schools (in this instance they were Catholic schools) could receive public transportation without violating the Constitution," Donohue stated. "The high court ruled that the law had a 'public purpose,' which was the safety of the students." [READ MORE HERE](#)*

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## FBI DOCUMENTS ON CATHOLIC PROBE NEED ANSWERS

*The following letter explains why Catholics deserve to know why the FBI launched a probe of Catholics under the Biden administration.*

March 24, 2025

Hon. Jim Jordan  
Chairman  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
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Washington, D.C. 20515-3504

Dear Chairman Jordan:

I am delighted that you issued a series of subpoenas to the

FBI last month seeking documents on a number of serious matters, and that you recently obtained them. Of interest to the Catholic League are those documents pertaining to the FBI's probe of Catholics. It appears there was an anti-Catholic cell group in the Agency during the Biden administration.

In 2023, I wrote ten news releases on this subject: four were open letters to you; one was a letter I wrote to FBI Director Christopher Wray; the rest were standard news releases. I issued three more statements in 2024, two of which were open letters—one to Wray and one to you.

As the president of the nation's largest Catholic civil rights organization, I am committed to getting to the bottom of this issue. To that end, I would like to restate a series of questions that I previously posed to you on this subject; the last one is new.

*1. On what basis did the FBI conclude that these Catholics [Radical-Traditional Catholics] warranted a probe? Do they have a history of violence? If so, where is the evidence? If not, why were they singled out?*

*2. On what basis did the FBI decide it was necessary to enlist "mainline Catholics" to spy on their fellow parishioners? Where is the evidence that ordinary practicing Catholics pose a security threat to the United States or to other law-abiding Americans? How common is it for FBI agents to infiltrate houses of worship—of any religion—employing "tripwire sources"?*

Inspector General Michael Horowitz issued his report on this issue in 2024. He began by noting that the Richmond Field Office examined "a purported link between Racially or Ethnically Motivated Extremists (RMVEs) and 'Radical Traditionalist Catholic' (RTC) ideology." It was concluded that though the probe of Catholics "lacked sufficient

evidence” to establish a relationship between the extremists and RTC ideology, there was no evidence of malice. It was also concluded that FBI Analysts “incorrectly conflated the subjects’ religious views with their RMVE activities....:”

*3. This begs the question: Why did the Analysts think there was a relationship in the first place? It is one thing to concede that there are racial and ethnic extremists in every religious **and** secular organization; it is quite another to assume a nexus between a mainstream religious organization and violence, especially when the grounds for making such an assumption are spurious.*

The report said that the entire probe was based on *one* person, Defendant A. Not only was he identified as a violent bigoted thug, he did not even attend a Catholic church—he went to some breakaway church.

*4. How could FBI Analysts embark on an open-ended investigation of mainline Catholics on the basis of an ethically compromised person who was not even Catholic? Was he used as a pretext to go after Catholics?*

Hope this is helpful. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

William A. Donohue, Ph.D.  
President

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## IS THE ACLU CRAZY?

[Bill Donohue](#)

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*March 20, 2025. It is an extended version of a piece Bill wrote earlier this week.*

If there were a proposal to erect a statue of St. Michael the Archangel on a municipal building, it would be understandable if some objected. However, it would not be understandable to object on the grounds that a depiction of St. Michael stepping on the neck of the Devil ineluctably conjures up images of George Floyd. But that is exactly the position of the ACLU of Massachusetts.

Having authored a Ph.D. dissertation, two books, and a monograph on the ACLU, I am convinced that most of its board members and senior officials harbor a deep animus against religion. Nothing bothers them more than Christianity, especially Catholicism. This is much more than a phobia: religion is seen as a threat to liberty.

When the ACLU was founded in 1920 by Roger Baldwin (the ACLU today falsely claims that Baldwin was one of 10 who founded the organization), all the provisions of the First Amendment, save for religious liberty, were listed as part of their ten objectives. That was not an oversight: Baldwin was an atheist.

Still, the reasoning of the ACLU of Massachusetts is off-the-charts, even by ACLU standards. It is challenging a decision made by the mayor of Quincy to erect two statues of Catholic saints outside the Quincy Public Safety Building. Mayor Thomas Koch chose St. Florian and St. Michael the Archangel; they are the patron saints of firefighters and police officers, respectively. The ACLU says the statues violate the separation of church and state.

The ACLU is well aware that religious statues adorn many buildings in the nation's capital, including the Capitol Building, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, the Lincoln Memorial, and other public buildings. Even in Massachusetts, the Boston Public Library features the



outstanding work of John Singer Sargent: his religious murals, including “Madonna of Sorrows,” are classic. At the State House, there are statues and paintings of famous Christians, clergy, and laity alike.

But none of this is enough to allay the fears of the ACLU.

In the ACLU’s letter to Mayor Koch and the Quincy City Council, it said that “we note that the contemplated statue of Saint Michael is not only troubling ... it depicts a figure stepping on the neck of a demon. Such violent imagery is particularly abhorrent in light of the murder of George Floyd and other acts of police brutality throughout the country.”

In other words, the revered saint who battled Satan and who is known as the guardian prince of Israel – he stood ready to defend God’s chosen people – reminds the ACLU of a serial violent criminal who resisted arrest and was subdued by the cops; he had four times the lethal dose of fentanyl in his system. Maybe if St. Michael had been depicted as engaging in dialogue with the Devil, instead of crushing his head, the ACLU would have applauded.

Would Baldwin have agreed with the ACLU? Only in part.

When I interviewed him in his home in New York City in 1978, we discussed an array of issues. He was cordial and forthcoming. But when it came to religion, he was an extremist. Here is an exchange I will never forget (See my book, [\*The Politics of the ACLU\*](#): Transaction Press, 1985).

Donohue: The ACLU has even gone so far as to deny the right of people to voluntarily take the time during the day, as a schoolchild, to say a prayer.

Baldwin: Not on school time.

Donohue: Well, whose rights are being infringed upon if there is a silent prayer voluntarily said by a student?

Baldwin: If they don't say anything? You mean if they don't—

Donohue: Right. Are you afraid they are going to proselytize the rest of the class?

Baldwin: Well, they've tried to get around it. They've tried to get around it even further than you by calling it meditation.

Donohue: What's wrong with that?

Baldwin: You don't say anything about God or religion or anything. I suppose you can get by with that but it's a subterfuge, because the implication is that you're meditating about the hereafter or God or something.

Donohue: Well, what's wrong with that? Doesn't a person have the right to do that? Or to meditate about popcorn for that matter?

Baldwin: I suppose that — it sounds very silly to me because it looks like an obvious evasion of the constitutional provision.

Back to St. Michael. Baldwin surely would have opposed erecting the statue, but he would have done so on conventional church and state grounds. Even if he were apprised of the George Floyd incident, he clearly would not have equated St. Michael stepping on the head of the Devil with a cop kneeling on Floyd. I spent many hours with him. He may have been an extremist on church and state, but he was not crazy.

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# RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AFFIRMED; ANTI-CHRISTIAN BIAS TO END

*This is the article that appeared in the January/February 2025 edition of Catalyst, our monthly journal. The date that prints out reflects the day that it was uploaded to our website. For a more accurate date of when the article was first published, check out the news release, [here](#).*

On February 6, President Donald Trump announced that he is forming a new Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty. To accomplish this goal, he appointed Attorney General Pam Bondi to chair a task force to “eradicate anti-Christian bias.”

“The mission of this task force will be to immediately halt all forms of anti-Christian targeting and discrimination within the federal government,” Trump said.

Trump’s executive order was pointed. He accused the Biden administration of ignoring the violence, theft and arson against “Catholic churches, charities, and pro-life centers.” He specifically cited the FBI’s attack on “radical-traditionalist” Catholics; they were seen as a domestic threat.

“My Administration will not tolerate anti-Christian weaponization of government or unlawful conduct targeting Christians.” Trump pulled no punches nailing his predecessor.

“The Biden Department of Education sought to repeal religious-liberty protections of faith-based organizations on college campuses. The Biden Equal Employment Opportunity Commission sought to force Christians to affirm radical transgender ideology against their faith. And the Biden Department of Health and Human Services sought to drive Christians who do not conform to certain beliefs on sexual orientation and gender ideology out of the foster-care system. The Biden team declared March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday—as ‘Transgender Day of

Visibility.'"

The task force will review the activities of all executive departments and agencies, seeking to purge any vestiges of bigotry against Christians. Information gleaned from this review will be widely shared; we will make good use of it. Periodic reports will be published and a final report will be given before the task force expires in two years.

Of great interest to us, the task force will "solicit information and ideas from a broad range of individuals and groups."

More than any other organization in the nation, the Catholic League has documented anti-Christian prejudice and discrimination. There are other Catholic advocacy organizations, but none has a website chock full of data on this issue that can even come close to what we have detailed.

As soon as the executive order was issued, we started collecting a huge amount of information. Indeed, there is not a single issue mentioned by Trump that we have not led the way in combating. Our list of anti-Christian bias committed by the federal government is extensive.

The scourge of Christian bashing, which Catholics, in particular, have had to endure is astounding. While some Republicans have contributed to it, most of the attacks have come from the Democrats. We have the evidence and we will be happy to share it with the Trump administration.