

Christians in the Crosshairs (with Bill Donohue)

Bill in the News (The Right Take With Mark Tapson): Bill Donohue discusses his new book Christianity in the Crosshairs: Ruling Class and Radicals Find a Common Enemy on "The Right Take With Mark Tapson" podcast. To listen, click [here](#).

WAS POPE LEO XIV HOODWINKED?

[Bill Donohue](#)

Last April, I wrote a [scathing review](#) of a book that smeared the Catholic Church, and Opus Dei, in particular. The following letter to the pope explains why I felt compelled to write to him.

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Secretariat of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV
00120 Vatican City

Your Holiness:

Your service to the Catholic Church is appreciated the world over, by Catholics and by those who belong to other faith communities. It is in this vein that I write to you regarding your meeting on March 16 with Gareth Gore, the author of *Opus: The Cult of Dark Money, Human Trafficking, and Right-Wing Conspiracy Inside the Catholic Church*. After the meeting, Gore said that you found his book to be a "rigorous piece of work."

I have no idea if this is true, or whether you actually had the time to read it. I read it and published my review in the April 2025 edition of *Catalyst* (see enclosed), the journal of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. I hasten to add that I am not a member of Opus Dei. I am a sociologist who has published twelve books, and I am president of the nation's largest Catholic civil rights organization.

Quite frankly, Gore's book is anything but rigorous. I labeled it "sloppy," saying it is "strewn with hyperbole, innuendo and out-and-out falsehoods. Yet he had the audacity to say in an interview that his book is '100 percent correct.'" To cite one example, any author who portrays the late Cardinal George Pell as a pedophile is either ignorant or malicious. I detail many other examples of his irresponsible commentary.

"To be fair," I concluded, "there are conspiratorial kooks on the right who claim bogeymen are trying to undermine America. However, they are mostly without effect, owing to their notorious stupidity. But those on the left, especially those who write books which appear to be well sourced, are not so easily identified. That's why they are a much bigger menace."

I respectfully request that you take another look at Gore's book. I honestly don't want to see him take advantage of your goodwill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William A. Donohue, Ph.D.
President

Mamdani rips Palestinian 'genocide' at St. Patrick's Day event – after he botches answer on unified Ireland

Bill in the News (New York Post): Mamdani also thanked Irish New Yorkers for helping to take up the "fight for a future of justice."

The remarks drew criticism from Bill Donohue, president of the Catholic League, who rapped Mamdani for politicizing St. Patrick's Day.

"Mamdani is a master of the politics of victimization. He delighted his left-wing Irish friends by saying, 'The story of the Irish, both in Ireland and in New York City, is at one time a story of oppression, of subjugation, and of discrimination,'" Donohue said in a statement. [READ MORE HERE](#)

Critics Slam Mamdani for Gaza Remarks at Irish Event

Bill in the News (Newsmax): Catholic League President Bill Donohue accused the mayor of pushing a left-wing grievance narrative.

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“He delighted his left-wing Irish friends by saying, ‘The story of the Irish, both in Ireland and in New York City, is at one time a story of oppression, of subjugation, and of discrimination,’” he continued. [READ MORE HERE](#)

MAMDANI RIPS OFF ST. PATRICK’S DAY

[Bill Donohue](#)

New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani made an 11th-hour decision to march in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, an event he previously eschewed for political reasons. But he couldn’t resist bringing his politics to bear at a breakfast he hosted at Gracie Mansion, kicking off the St. Patrick’s Day festivities.

Mamdani’s obsession with demonizing Israel was on full display. He whined about the “deafening silence from so many” about the “genocide” in Palestine. Thus did he hijack St. Patrick’s Day celebrations by turning them into a radical Muslim rant.

He fooled no one by inviting the former president of Ireland, Mary Robinson, to be there. She is a hard-core leftist who not only sides with the enemies of Israel, she sides with the enemies of the Catholic Church on matters sexual.

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discrimination.”

This is the mentality of the Left. He sees oppression everywhere, nicely teeing it up for guys like him to rescue victims from their oppressors. I have news for him: This is a happy day for the Irish, and we do not take kindly to those who want to wallow in negativity, or to those who seek to exploit it for political capital.

By the way, this is an Irish *Catholic* day, something Mamdani refuses to acknowledge. We know why.

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Mamdani distorting St. Patrick's Day, Irish history just the latest example of his shameful obsession with Israel

Bill in the News (New York Post): As Bill Donohue, president of the Catholic League, put it in a blistering statement, Mamdani “is a master of the politics of victimization” who appealed to “his left-wing Irish friends by reducing the the story of the Irish, both in Ireland and in New York City . . . to a story of oppression, of subjugation, and of discrimination.” [READ MORE HERE](#)

SALUTE TO ST. PATRICK

[Bill Donohue](#)

[Note: We run this article each year in honor of St. Patrick]

The heroics of St. Patrick are not appreciated as much as they should be. He is the first person in history to publicly condemn slavery, and one of the first leaders to champion the cause of equal rights.

There is much to celebrate on March 17. Fortunately, his writings, though slim, are eye-opening accounts of his life: *Letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus* and *Confession* reveal much about the man. Along with other sources, they paint a picture of his saintliness.

Patrick was born in Britain in the 4th century to wealthy parents. It is likely that he was baptized, though growing up he did not share his family's faith. He was an atheist.

When he was 15, he committed what he said was a grave sin, never saying exactly what it was; it appears it was a sexual encounter with a young girl. No matter, it would haunt him throughout his life.

At age 15 or 16 (the accounts vary), Patrick was kidnapped and enslaved by Irish barbarians. They had come to plunder his family's estate, and took him away in chains to Ireland. While a slave, he converted to Christianity, praying incessantly at all hours of the day. After six years, he escaped, and made his way back home.

His family thought he was dead, and with good reason: no one taken by Irish raiders had managed to escape and return. St.

Patrick biographer Philip Freeman describes how his family received him, stating "it was as if a ghost had returned from the dead."

After he returned home, he had a vision while sleeping. He felt called to return to Ireland. This seemed bizarre: this is where he was brutalized as a slave. But he knew what Jesus had commanded us to do, "Love thy enemy." He was convinced that God was calling him to become a missionary to Ireland. So he acted on it, despite the reservations of family and friends.

Patrick became a priest, practiced celibacy, and was eventually named a bishop. Contrary to what many believe, he did not introduce Christianity to Ireland, nor was he Ireland's first bishop. But he did more to bring the Gospel to Ireland than anyone, converting legions of pagans, especially in the northern parts of the island.

His missionary work in Ireland has been duly noted, but his strong defense of human rights has not been given its due.

No public person before him had denounced slavery, widespread though it was. Jesus was silent on the subject, Aristotle thought it was a natural way of life, and neither master nor slave saw anything fundamentally wrong with it. Patrick did.

Though he did not invoke natural law specifically, he was instinctively drawn to it. He taught that all men were created equal in the eyes of God, and that the inherent dignity of everyone must be respected.

Patrick did more than preach—he lashed out at the British dictator, Coroticus, harshly rebuking him for his mistreatment of the Irish. In fact, Patrick found his Irish converts to be more civilized than Coroticus and his band of thugs.

Patrick was way ahead of his time in the pursuit of human rights. Not only were men of every social status entitled to equal rights, so were women. In his *Letter to the Soldiers of*

Coroticus, he scolds “the tyrant Coroticus—a man who has no respect for God or his priests.” More important, he made a startling plea: “They must also free Christian women and captives.” His reasoning showed the power of his faith when he said, “Remember, Christ died and was crucified for these people.”

He did not mince words. “So, Coroticus, you and your wicked servants, where do you think you will end up? You have treated baptized Christian women like prizes to be handed out, all for the sake of the here and now—this brief, fleeting world.”

What makes this all the more dramatic is the way the pagan world thought about women: the idea that women were equal to men was totally foreign to them. But the women understood what Patrick was saying, and gravitated to him in large numbers. The Christian tenet that all humans possess equal dignity had taken root.

Did the Irish save civilization, as Thomas Cahill maintains? Freeman thinks not—“it had never been lost.” But everyone agrees that had it not been for St. Patrick, and the monasteries that followed, much of what we know about the ancient world would not exist.

Indeed, it is difficult to fathom how classical Greek and Roman literature would have survived had it not been for the Irish monks who attracted students from many parts of Europe. They are responsible for preserving the great works of antiquity. And all of them are indebted to St. Patrick.

It is believed that he died on March 17, sometime during the second half of the fifth century. That is his feast day, the source of many celebrations in his honor. His impact extends beyond the Irish and the Catholic Church—human rights are a global issue—making him a very special person in world history.

MAMDANI UNSURE HE'S MARCHING IN ST. PAT'S PARADE

[Bill Donohue](#)

New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani has not confirmed marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. That's to be expected given the way he treats Catholics.

He had clergy from many religions at his inauguration, but never invited Cardinal Timothy Dolan or any other priest. He had clergy from many religions at his February 6 Interfaith Breakfast, but never invited a priest. He refused to attend the installation of our new archbishop, Ronald Hicks, though virtually every other dignitary was there.

Why is Mamdani hesitant about marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade? It's not the Irish he has a problem with—it's the Catholic Church.

Mamdani is a big fan of abortion rights and LGBT rights, including the mutilation of the genitals of minors, politely called sex-reassignment surgery. The Catholic Church is opposed to both. Also, he is still unhappy that gays were not allowed to march in the parade *under their own banner* until 2015. For these reasons, he is reluctant to march.

Mamdani has marched in the following parades:

- Lunar New Year Parade

LGBT Contingent: Yes (since [2010](#))

- Panamanian Day Parade (Brooklyn)

LGBT Contingent: No

- African American Day Parade

LGBT Contingent: Yes (last marched in [2019](#))

- Labor Day Parade

LGBT Contingent: No

- West Indian Day Parade

LGBT Contingent: Yes (since [2015](#))

- Indian Day Parade (Bellerose/Floral Park)

LGBT Contingent: No

- Dominican Day Parade

LGBT Contingent: No contingent; LGBT activists marched [in 2019](#)

- Puerto Rican Day Parade

LGBT Contingent: Yes (since [1989](#))

- Sikh Day Parade

LGBT Contingent: No

- Bangladesh Day Parade (Jackson Heights, Queens)

LGBT Contingent: No

- Phagwah Parade (Richmond Hill, Queens)

LGBT Contingent: Yes (since [2016](#))

- Pat's For All Parade (Sunnyside, Queens)

LGBT Contingent: Yes (since [2000](#))

Mamdani only makes a stink about gays not marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Given the way he dismisses Catholics, it would make sense if he skipped the big parade in 2026.

It's not just Catholics he has a beef with.

Mamdani has never marched in the Salute to Israel Parade or the Veterans Day Parade, and his animus against the police and ICE is palpable. To top it off, he never stops talking about diversity and inclusion, but somehow that never seems to include Catholics, Jews, veterans or law enforcement. The man is a phony.

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MUSLIM WOMAN QUILTS TRUMP'S RELIGION PANEL

[Bill Donohue](#)

Sameerah Munshi has quit President Trump's Religious Liberty Commission. She cited "two deeply troubling developments: the official removal of Carrie Prejean Boller for her deeply held beliefs about Palestine and the federal government's illegal war against Iran, undertaken without clear constitutional or congressional authorization."

The Council on American-Islamic Relations, (CAIR), rushed to defend both women, saying they were the ones who "actually stand up for religious liberty." They commended Munshi for her courage and said it was "unconscionable" that the White House would remove Prejean for her remarks on "Israel's genocide in Gaza."

On February 11, the Catholic League called for the Religious Liberty Commission to oust Prejean Boller; minutes later it

did. We did so for reasons that both Munshi and CAIR refuse to acknowledge.

In my news release about Prejean Boller, I noted that she is “a former Miss California and a convert to Catholicism. She does not run a Catholic organization, has no Catholic credentials as an author or instructor, and indeed represents no one but herself. For her to say, without qualification, that ‘Catholics do not embrace Zionism’ is presumptuous and arrogant.”

It just wasn’t just this remark that got Prejean Boller into hot water. She blamed Jews for killing Christ, again without qualification, and was known to show up at meetings wearing a Palestinian flag pin. In other words, she is an activist, not someone sincerely committed to religious liberty.

Munshi’s comment about the “illegal” war against Iran makes her sound sophomoric. There have been five wars declared by Congress in American history: War of 1812, Mexican-American War, Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II. There is nothing illegal about U.S. operations in Iran.

We are delighted that both of these women are no longer on the panel. How they got by those doing the vetting remains a problem.

Lou Holtz and Our Lady on the Dome

Bill Donohue highly recommends an article by Fr. Wilson D. Miscamble written in *First Things* on former University of Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz and his devotion to his

Catholic faith. To read it, click [here](#).