

PARODY OF MADONNA OFFENDS CATHOLICS

Cathy Crimmins has written a book, *Madonna & Child*, that is celebrated as a parody of the pop star, Madonna. In it, she manages to offend Catholics in many ways. Here is a selection of her comments:

Madonna on the Virgin Mary as role model: "She's the ultimate single mother. I'll only be happy if my kid's birthday becomes a national holiday, too."

Madonna on the best cure for morning sickness: "Communion wafers. Wash'em down with San Pelligrino or Evian—they're just the thing to keep your stomach stable until you grow out of your nausea and all the garments in your closet."

Madonna on choosing a priest to be her sperm donor: "Tempting. I do like a virgin, and I do want to raise my child to be a good Catholic. But most priests are gay, anyway, right?"

William Donohue, president of the Catholic League, had this to say about the book:

It is one thing for Cathy Crimmins to boast about Madonna's moral depravity, quite another to slam Catholicism. It is not being flip to make derisive comments about Our Blessed Mother, the Eucharist or priests: it is downright irresponsible and inexcusable.

"It is important to note that two of the most scurrilous remarks about Catholicism are printed on the back cover of the book. When combined with the title of the volume and the picture of Madonna posed as Our Blessed Lady (with child), it is clear that the intent was to offend. Labeling this trash a 'parody' may satisfy some, but it will not prove persuasive to anyone with even an ounce of discernment."

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