

PICTURE POLITICS

There is a story about an abusive Jesuit priest in today's *New York Times*. The headline reads, "Suit Says Jesuits Ignored Decades of Warnings About Priest." There is a large picture of Father Donald McGuire with his hand on the back of a young boy on the day of his First Communion. The caption below says that the priest "was later convicted of sexual abuse."

The inference is that McGuire was a pedophile. But as the reader quickly learns, all of McGuire's victims were teenage boys. Thus did the *Times* play politics with this picture—they made it look like he abused prepubescent boys. No, like most molesting priests, McGuire did not want the kids—he wanted adolescent young men. He was a homosexual.

*We received a phone call from someone claiming to be the boy in the picture and he alleges that the abuse started at the age of six.