

Playboy Exploits Catholic Schoolgirls

On the cover of the March *Playboy* is a picture of a young woman dressed as a Catholic schoolgirl. The woman appears undressed in the magazine in a section titled "The Stripper Next Door."

Catholic League president William Donohue commented on this today:

"The cover of the March *Playboy* represents the crass sexual exploitation of Catholic schoolgirls. The title of the cover, "The Stripper Next Door," invites its readers to see Catholic schoolgirls as being indistinguishable from the tramps that typically appear in its pages. It represents a deliberate offense against Catholic sensibilities and a calculated attempt to legitimize its depravity.

"We will not ask for an apology because to do so would imply that *Playboy* occupies a position of moral responsibility. It has shown for five decades that decadence is its trademark, so it comes as no surprise that there is nothing so vulgar that Hugh Hefner wouldn't entertain."

The Catholic League is the nation's largest Catholic civil rights organization. It defends individual Catholics and the institutional Church against defamation and discrimination.