"POLITICALLY INCORRECT" IS ANYTHING BUT

If ever there were a misnomer of TV show, it is "Politically Incorrect." What host Bill Maher does night after night is rip the Catholic Church, which is anything but a politically incorrect thing to do. Indeed, if he were to praise the Church, that would be politically incorrect.

The edition of "Politically Incorrect" that aired August 8 was unusually crude. Maher began his tirade against priests as pedophiles by saying "most priests are very good men"; this was supposed to function as a disclaimer for what followed. "Look, it's just a fact of life," Maher said. "Priests, a lot of times, molest boys, okay? They are celibate and it's a magnet for homosexual pedophiles."

Joining in the Catholic bashing was actor William McNamara. He advised the Church to allow priests to marry and "give the altar boys' rectum a break."

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