

PROTEST TO MOUNT OVER “GAY JESUS” PLAY

Last week, Catholic League president William Donohue wrote to playwright Terrence McNally requesting that he delete some offensive references to Christ that appear in his script for “Corpus Christi”; the play, which is scheduled to open this fall in New York, features Christ having sex with the apostles. McNally has not replied and a news report in the *New York Post*, which broke the story, suggests that McNally has no intention of replying. Donohue outlined the league’s latest strategy today:

“The letter I wrote to McNally was reasonable in its demands and temperate in its language. Yet he remains obstinate. Accordingly, the Catholic League has no other choice than to write to every federal, state and local official who has oversight responsibilities for the arts. The Manhattan Theatre Club, which is producing the play, receives federal, state and local funds and is therefore just as culpable as McNally (he sits on the club’s board of directors).

“McNally’s blasphemy is apparently of no interest to those in McNally’s home, namely the gay and artistic communities. These mavens of political correctness seem only to get exercised about animal rights and nicotine these days and that is why Catholic bashing leaves them unfazed. Indeed, to say it leaves them unfazed is actually quite generous.”