PZ MYERS HATEMAIL

We were deluged with nasty phone calls and e-mails after we called attention to Paul Z. Myers' pledge to desecrate the Holy Eucharist. The following is just a small sample of the hate-filled messages we received. All comments appear as we received them:

- "You bunch of death worshipping, closed minded, gay hating, poverty causing, child abusing bigots."
- · "You silly fools. F*** the pope and the body of christ."
- "It is hard to think of anything more vile than to intentionally desecrate the Body of Christ." Well, priests f^{***} ing altar boys seems a lot more vile to me."
- · "I guess wanking over your Eucharist wafer is a no no then?! Get a life you're a waste of space- go do something useful. "Ooh someone called the pope a bad name...". Wake up-the POPE is the greatest enemy you people have."
- · "Uh oh, better increase security! A biology professor in Minnesota said he would do bad things to a cracker."
- · "What's so sacred about a flavorless wafer? Apparently it's supposed to turn into a piece of "the body of Christ" when a priest blesses it...The whole "body of Christ" bull**** is symbolic?"
- · "I stuck the cracker in my mouth but I didn't try to walk out of the church with it, I went to their public bathroom, took it out of my mouth, and ejaculated all over the cracker, and flushed it down the toilet."
- · "Do you really need to start acting like the American Taliban and exhibiting the same thinness of skin we saw in the Danish Carton/Muslim fiasco? Can we expect future generations of Catholics in the US to be incited to riot and even commit

assault because someone disrespected the sacraments? Is this Iran? Is the Catholic League ready to start issuing fatwas?"

- · "Please recall to your mind the long history of such intolerance and the egregious acts committed against individuals and groups who spoke against it or were simply on the sidelines and caught up in the insanity of those who cannot or will not tolerate any form of criticism of their beliefs, rituals, or actions. Such criticism could lead to torture and death."
- · "In the past, the Catholic Church has also been accused (with a great deal of historical evidence) of doing violence against those that disagree with them...Please note that this is not a hate letter or one that could even remotely be classified as one."
- · "Mr. Bill Donohue stated "It is hard to think of anything more vile than to intentionally desecrate the Body of Christ." Really? Perhaps he is forgetful of the sexual abuse of thousands of children worldwide by ordained Catholic priests, and the consequent exercise in covering-up this abuse?"
- "You people are loony for "christs" sake whining about a cracker!!!!!!!!!!!!!"
- · "You people disgust me with your puerile magical beliefs. It's obvious that all religions were made up by people."
- · "With all due respect, sir, it is not against any law that I know of to laugh at another person's silly beliefs nor to "abuse" a cracker—whatever that means. If your magic cookie is REALLY the body and blood of Jesus Christ, then submit one to DNA testing for the absence before "Hocuc Pocus" and the presence afterward of Jesus" DNA. He was both god and MAN, wasn't he?

;MOVE TO THE FKD, CROOKED, LYING VATICAN!!!!!!!"

- · "You are utter morons. I previously had little or no desire to insult Catholics in particular but following "Crackergate" I will do so if I get the chance. You and your imaginary friend are beneath contempt."
- · "Is the Catholic Church trying to cash in on the "respectour-religion-of-peace-or-we-will-kill-you" scheme that radical Islam is using? If so, can we expect the acts of terrorism required to back it up? Are we going to see internet videos of nuns beheading people?"
- · "Crackers are not people and people who believe that they are, or who believe that the crackers in question are the actual body of God, are themselves a bit crackers. In the past it has always been polite to accept and afford a modicum of respect for these silly beliefs, all in the spirit of live and let live. However in this post 9-11 world, it has become obvious that these harmless delusions are not so harmless. It's time that we called a cracker a cracker and face reality...After watching Bill Donohue's choleric diatribes, I've come to the conclusion that the Catholic League is no better than Al-Qaeda and the world will know now peace until self-righteous ideologs like Bill Donohue are recognized as the lunatics they are...You should worry less about people insulting crackers and more about pedophile Priests."
- \cdot "A cracker is stolen and you go ballistic. Perhaps you would be better served directing your disgusting venom at your child-f***ing priests."
- · "Crackers are crackers both before and after the Catholic wizard casts his magic spell on them. It doesn't matter what anyone does to them because they are crackers. They don't feel anything. They don't scream when you them. They are little no very good tasting-crackers."
- \cdot "You are delusional. Do you really think that some invisible

man in the sky exists, and that by consuming some little cracker that you're eating his flesh? That is not only pathetic, it's disgusting."

- · "You're the same thing, if not worse then. Those nutty Islamist bastards you always talk about. F U, F— jesus and his slut mother."
- · "It's hard to think of anything more vile than to intentionally desecrate the Body of Christ" How about having priests like that to f*** little boys up the a**??? That was pretty f***ing easy to think of and it certainly is more vile than intentionally desecrating a f***ing cracker."
- · "Perhaps the long history of psychological abuse practiced by the church in how they have used fear to keep their adherents in place. And let's not forget all of the condemnation of homosexuals and others that the Catholic Church has issued (often from the mouth of the Pope)."
- · "This kind of retaliation makes both religion and the Catholic League very foolish and no less fanatical then the Muslim fundamentalists who bombed Danish embassys after Salman Rushdie's cartoon containing the profit Muhammed. These such actions only breed the kind of atheists who would rudely steal your holy cracker."
- "I have, in the past, had no real animus toward the catholic church in spite of their history of oppressing non-believers, child rape, support of politicians, qualifications and beliefs on a multitude of other important matters, and medieval rejection of science and all that it has done for us...I am now of the belief that any restraints pit on catholithism are to be supported. Indeed, catholithism is reminding those of us who are rational that it deserves a place amongst those religions, like fundamental christianity and islam that needs to be resisted and constrained for the good of society."
- · "You're as insane as the muslims who want to kill Danish

cartoonists over some cartoons in which the prophet Mohammed appears...You're delusional. It's a cracker. It's bad enough that you are engaged in an act of ritual cannibalism, but to give someone this level of grief over it; get serious."

- · "You want to know why there is so much so called bias against you? Because you have to be loopy or a crook to believe what you believe. I don't mean any disrespect. It's just a fact...Then there is the killings and all sorts of suffering you cause."
- · "Are you people insane? You are calling the non-eating of a CRACKER a HATE CRIME? You people ARE crazy. A hate crime is what happened to Matthew Shephard/ NOT WHAT HAPPENED TO A F***ING CRACKER you think is "JESUS."...Your church is crazy. You are crazy...YOU ARE THE HATE THAT RUINS THE WORLD."
- · "I would suggest you read and try to understand the writings of Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens. These scholars follow simple logic and not the entirely unfounded (head in sand) beliefs in religious myth and fanatism...I am certain (or at least hopeful) that the day will come when Catholic (and all other religious) fanatism will disappear, using simple logic rather than blind belief and "fairy tales" crated and repeated by the various religions."
- \cdot "You are a bunch of bigoted, intolerant throwbacks to the Inquisition."
- · "How can I sign up to desecrate a piece of food. If it makes your heads explode I will pay double for the privilege."
- · "I'm going to call out Donohue and his merry band of haters for what they are heretics and blasphemers...It's time to be bold and say that Bill Donohue and the "Catholic" League are, in fact, acting against Christ, and need to repent of their hatefulness."
- · "Apparently conspiracy to wound a biscuit is a cardinal sin

if you're an insane Catholic."

- · "Personally, I've always thought Gingerbread Jesus would get the point across much more efficiently. But then you get into sticky area if you bite off Jesus' head."
- · "Several crackers met an untimely death in my bowl of vegetable soup today."
- · "The irony of all this is that the agenda is basically to turn America into a theocracy where the rights of atheists are threatened."
- "Catholics are f***ing nuts. Religious f***ing idiots."
- · "You guys started the inquisition and murdered Giordano Bruno for believing there might be planets around other stars and you have the audacity to worry about anti catholic bias."
- · "Are you completely nuts? It's a cracker! Your god doesn't even exist. Get over it and grow up."