

RAW QUIP

The Washington Post published Bill Donohue's letter on December 30: "Harold Meyerson ('Episcopalians Against Equality,' December 20) quipped, 'John Paul also sought to build his church in nations of the developing world where traditional morality and bigotry, most especially on matters sexual, were in greater supply than in secular Europe and the increasingly egalitarian United States, and more in sync with the Catholic Church's inimitable backwardness.'

"This smacks of elitism, anti-Catholicism and racism."

This reminds us of what Rev. Andrew Greeley recently said when asked about the growth of the Catholic population in South America and Africa. "We will depend on them for vitality. But they will continue to depend on us for ideas."

Both men have it wrong—the ideas of the Europeans are spent.