

RELIGIOUS BIGOTS EXPLODE AFTER ELECTION

Catholic League president William Donohue says the following examples, taken from today's newspapers and Internet sites, prove we need to build more asylums:

*In the *Wichita Eagle*, Mitch Albom of the *Detroit Free Press* wonders if President Bush understands that "he was not chosen god, bishop, rabbi or high priest?"

*The publisher of *Harper's* magazine, John R. MacArthur, blasts both President Bush and Senator Kerry for advertising "their subservience to Jesus Christ and the Christian god, without the least concern about whether it might offend me" and others like him.

*Ex-seminarian Garry Wills writes in the *New York Times*, "Can a people that believes more fervently in the Virgin Birth than in evolution still be called an Enlightened nation?" He ends by saying that "moral zealots" will scare moderate Republicans with their "jihads."

*Maureen Dowd, a *New York Times* columnist who hates Bush, says the President "ran a jihad in America so he can fight one in Iraq."

*Dowd's colleague, Thomas Friedman, accuses Bush's base of wanting "to extend the boundaries of religion" and of promoting "intolerance."

*Without providing one example, Margaret Carlson opines in the *Los Angeles Times* that Catholic bishops "demonized" Kerry's supporters by warning them "they could go to hell just for voting for him."

*Sheryl McCarthy of *Newsday* accuses Bush of "pandering to

people's fears, petty interests and prejudices" against gays and others.

*Sidney Blumenthal, writing in *Salon.com*, nervously observes that the new senate majority is "more theocratic than Republican."

*In the same spot, Sean Wilentz embarrasses his fellow Princeton faculty by saying, "religious fanaticism" has "seized control of the federal government."