

SALLY QUINN'S VOOODOO EXERCISE



Over the weekend, Sally Quinn wrote a piece in the *Washington Post* that caught the interest of Bill Donohue. Here is his response:

It is not easy to write an op-ed on any subject and manage to be factually wrong about virtually everything. But Sally Quinn did just that.

Quinn speaks about the “child sexual abuse scandal” in the Catholic Church. The scandal did not involve children—less than 5 percent of the victims were prepubescent. The typical offense involved “inappropriate touching” of postpubescent males. In other words, it was a homosexual scandal. Furthermore, it ended more than a quarter century ago: the number of credibly accused priests over the last decade has averaged in the single digits, among a population of more than 40,000. *No religious or secular group can match that proportion today.*

Due principally to the efforts of Pope Benedict XVI, it is much harder for practicing homosexuals to enter the priesthood these days. The net result is an incredibly sharp decline in abuse. Those who were guilty are for the most part either dead or laicized.

If the Catholic Church were anti-women, then women wouldn't account for the vast majority of leadership positions in the Church.

Colm Toibin's novel, *The Testament of Mary*, is a work of fiction. So why bother cite it as evidence of anything? Moreover, Garry Wills is not "a devout Catholic." Indeed, he is no longer Catholic. How do I know? He recently said he doesn't believe in the Eucharist. End of story.

Quinn told her parents she was an atheist at the ripe old age of 13. Speaking of her upbringing, she says, "What we really believed in and practiced was voodoo, psychic phenomenon, Scottish mysticism, palm reading, astrology, séances, and ghosts." Sounds like the voodoo really took a toll on her.

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