

SHOWTIME GETS FILTHY

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on last night's episode of the Showtime series, "I'm Dying Up Here":

One wonders why they do it. Why do comedy writers find it next to impossible not to tell a filthy joke about Catholics?

The setting for "I'm Dying Up Here" is a comedy club in Los Angeles in the 1970s. An actor playing Richard Pryor shouts out to a character named Ralph, asking audience members if they know that Ralph is black; Ralph is then asked if he knows he is black.

Ralph: "Is the pope a virgin?"

Pryor: "Is the pope a virgin? How do I know? I ain't smelled his [male organ]. Damn. I'm sure it smell real pretty."

Maybe if they decide to clean up this show they might also stop making blacks sound as if they are illiterate.

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