"SOUTH PARK" CREATORS GOT IT WRONG

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on remarks by the creators of "South Park":

"South Park" creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker are quoted in today's New York Post saying their work has been the subject of "various lawsuits," adding that they have been criticized so many times "we can't even remember." But they did remember one critic: the Catholic League.

"It [the criticism] was all coming from the right, we were considered counterculture. The Catholic League are always on our a-s—it kind of always came from that side."

Sorry, fellows, you've got this wrong.

After I was lampooned on April 4, 2007—I was portrayed as taking over as pope from Pope Benedict XVI (only to be done in by Jesus)—I was asked on TV why I didn't sue them. I didn't and that is because I am a public figure, and therefore under New York Times v. Sullivan (1964), I am fair game.

Here is what I said in a news release the next day.

"I have no idea why 'South Park' creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker caricature me as a heartless thug. In any event, I stand convicted and have no defense. Now I have to get back to business—I hear someone just took liberties with the Easter Bunny."

So unlike the Left, which is always seeking to censor their critics, I have a sense of humor. It's never good to take oneself too seriously.