

NEW YORK TIMES HAS NO MORAL AUTHORITY

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on an editorial in today's *New York Times*:

When New York State was considering two bills dealing with the sexual abuse of minors, the *New York Times* endorsed the one that *did not apply* to the public schools. And today it has the nerve to lecture the pope for not having a universal policy on this issue. Too bad the pope didn't hold a news conference saying he is taking his cues from the *New York Times* and has chosen to adopt the weakest of all measures.

When Family Planning Advocates, the lobbying arm of Planned Parenthood, and the New York Civil Liberties Union, blocked a bill in New York State mandating that all cases involving the sexual abuse of minors be reported, the *New York Times* said nothing! Looks like it saves its condemnatory language for the Catholic Church. By the way, the two liberal groups did so because they know that Planned Parenthood learns of cases involving statutory rape on a regular basis.

Does the *New York Times* want to compare the record of the Catholic Church to all other religious and secular institutions on this issue? Not for a moment. Indeed, when it was reported a few months ago that there were exactly six allegations made against over 40,000 priests between 2008 and 2009, the newspaper gave it a whopping 92 words.

The *Times* wonders why the Catholic Church doesn't have the same policy everywhere. Does the *Boston Globe*, which the *Times* owns, have the same policies on misconduct as the *Times*? What about all the other companies the *Times* owns? Does it have even a clue as to how incredibly *decentralized* the Catholic Church is?

Finally, let's get it straight, one more time. There is no "pedophilia scandal" as the *Times* says today. It's always been a "homosexual scandal," but the gay-happy *New York Times* doesn't have the guts to tell the truth. In short, its moral authority is spent.

ORDER PRIESTS CONTACTED; MOTHER TERESA CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on Day 41 of the protest campaign on behalf of Mother Teresa:

Today I am writing to the order priests in the New York Tri-State area informing them of our protest demonstration on August 26 outside the Empire State Building on 34th Street and 5th Avenue.

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JAY LENO CROSSES THE LINE

On last night's "Tonight Show," Jay Leno said the following: "Oh, and a Catholic priest in Connecticut has been charged with stealing \$1.3 million in church money and using the money for male escorts. Of course, his parish is very upset about this—except the altar boys. They're going, huh, dodged a bullet on that one. Yeah, he spent \$1.3 million on male escorts and, of course, the other priests were very confused. They said: Why buy the escort when the altar boys are free?"

Catholic League president Bill Donohue commented as follows:

Jay Leno called many years ago to apologize for insulting Catholics. I accepted his apology and told him why he crossed the line. At that time, he was making fun of the Eucharist. He got the point, and the conversation ended amicably. But now I know the man is insincere.

For the past several years, wayward priests have been fodder for his material; miscreant rabbis and imams never seem to get

mentioned. Occasionally, he sticks to the culprit, which is not necessarily objectionable, but most of the time he indicts all priests. He did that last night in a most vicious way.

The priest he was talking about was a homosexual; so are most of the abusing priests. Does Jay Leno have the guts to tell jokes about gay priests? Not that he should, but he doesn't. So he takes the cheap way out and sticks it to over 40,000 priests.

Jay Leno's jokes painting all priests as child abusers is not comedy. It is bigotry. He has crossed the line too many times.

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NUNS AND BROTHERS CONTACTED; MOTHER TERESA CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on Day 40 of the protest campaign on behalf of Mother Teresa:

Today I am writing to the nuns and brothers in the New York Tri-State area informing them of our protest demonstration on August 26 outside the Empire State Building on 34th Street and 5th Avenue.

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INDIAN COMMUNITY GROUPS CONTACTED; MOTHER TERESA CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on Day 39 of the protest campaign on behalf of Mother Teresa:

Today I am writing to the Indian community groups in the New York Tri-State area informing them of our protest demonstration on August 26 outside the Empire State Building

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HOLY NAME SOCIETIES

CONTACTED; MOTHER TERESA CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

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Today I am writing to the Holy Name Societies in the New York Tri-State area informing them of our protest demonstration on August 26 outside the Empire State Building on 34th Street and 5th Avenue.

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NEW YORK TIMES TRIES TO TAG POPE—AGAIN!

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on today's front-page article on Pope Benedict XVI:

The purpose of this story is to do what the *Times* failed to do in March: blame the pope for the sexual abuse scandal. It failed again.

We are told that when Joseph Ratzinger (now the pope) was in charge of the Office of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, he had authority over sex abuse cases, but never exercised it. It cites as evidence some old instructions dating back to 1922 that Australian Archbishop Philip Edward Wilson “stumbled across” when he was a student in the early 1990s. When he mentioned this 10 years ago at a Vatican meeting, “few people in the room had any idea what [he] was talking about.” In other words, there is no proof that even Ratzinger knew of this alleged authority.

“Bishops had a variety of disciplinary tools at their disposal” when Ratzinger headed the Doctrine of the Faith Office. This is not only true; it undercuts attempts to blame him. We also learn that there were at least a half-dozen offices (besides the one run by Ratzinger) that bishops reported abuse cases to. This is also true, and while it does suggest a bureaucratic problem, this is not the same as moral irresponsibility. We also learn that Ratzinger was preoccupied with all kinds of issues at the time, which is also true, but it is malicious to say he went after Latin American priests for preaching on behalf of the poor: the few liberation theology priests who were questioned were Marxist

sympathizers.

The most accurate summation comes from Irish bishop Eamonn Walsh. At the meeting a decade ago, he said of Ratzinger, “this guy gets it, he’s understanding the situation we’re facing.” Yet he also acknowledges that those in Rome never had firsthand experience with some devious priests, and therefore took the position that the accused was “innocent until proven guilty.” Not only is this understandable, from a civil libertarian perspective, it is highly commendable.

LEGION OF MARY CONTACTED; MOTHER TERESA CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on Day 37 of the protest campaign on behalf of Mother Teresa:

Today I am writing to the Legion of Mary offices in the New York Tri-State area informing them of our protest demonstration on August 26 outside the Empire State Building on 34th Street and 5th Avenue.

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LADIES OF CHARITY CONTACTED; MOTHER TERESA CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on Day 36 of the protest campaign on behalf of Mother Teresa:

Today I am writing to the Ladies of Charity in the New York Tri-State area informing them of our protest demonstration on August 26 outside the Empire State Building on 34th Street and 5th Avenue.

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