

# SAVILE'S SICK PAST HAUNTS BBC/NYT



This is the third installment of Bill Donohue's report on the BBC sexual abuse scandal and its implications for the *New York Times*:

Scotland Yard is hot on the trail of Jimmy Savile's victims, and there appears to be no end to them. Not only are the top cops pursuing 340 inquiries, dating back to 1959, they are being assisted by 14 other police agencies. Savile, the celebrity BBC icon, was not only a child rapist, he was known for groping women on the air. Indeed, he may even have had sex with the dead.

One of the many investigations now underway is being undertaken by Stoke Mandeville Hospital, a venue where Savile is alleged to have abused young disabled patients. The hospital is probing his "unaccompanied mortuary visits." They have reason to do so.

In 1990, Savile admitted that he liked to hang around Buckinghamshire hospital in the wee hours of the morning. He said in his *Q* magazine interview that he took great pleasure being alone with the dead. "One of my jobs is to take away the deceased. You can look after somebody, be alone with somebody, who has lived a whole lifetime, and I'm just saying goodbye."

It may very well be that Savile, a rough approximation of Dick Clark and Michael Jackson rolled into one, did more than pay his last respects to the dead. Why else would he volunteer, "I'm not a necrophiliac." After all, the child rapist always said he never abused children.

How far up the chain of command did knowledge of Savile's

perversions extend? George Entwistle, the new BBC director general, will appear before Parliament next week amidst several independent investigations. If Entwistle is being called, it is only a matter of time before they call Mark Thompson to testify: he has been working at the BBC since 1979, and was the director general at the time of a spiked BBC investigation of Savile. He is also the incoming president and CEO of the *New York Times* Company. More tomorrow.

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## THE MAN BEHIND BBC/NYT NIGHTMARE



This is the second installment of Bill Donohue's report on the BBC sexual abuse scandal and its implications for the *New York Times*:

When BBC icon Jimmy Savile died on October 29, 2011, he was mourned by the BBC faithful. Mark Thompson, the BBC's general director and now president/CEO-elect of the *New York Times* Company, said he was "very sad" to hear of his death. But many of those who recently grieved would now like to strangle Savile: senior BBC figure Jeremy Vine said this week that Savile is "one of the most serious predatory paedophiles in criminal history—and he was on our doorstep."

The flamboyant, cigar-chomping, big-time charitable fundraiser was, in the words of *New York Times* columnist Bill Keller, "a combination of Dick Clark of 'American Bandstand' and Jerry Lewis, maestro of the muscular dystrophy telethon." This is

true but incomplete: add Liberace, Michael Jackson and Pee-wee Herman to the mix, and the portrait is complete.

Savile was Britain's first DJ. He was also a TV host, miner, wrestler, dancehall manager, cyclist, marathon runner, book reviewer, Mensa member, and a child rapist. His most popular gig was hosting "Top of the Pops," the legendary U.K. music show. His own program, "Jim'll Fix It," lasted almost 20 years; it allowed him to make promises to kids which he tried to fulfill. Unfortunately, for a lot of these kids, Jimmy fixed them alright—they were used to fulfill his own sick needs. He was a switch-hitting, AC/DC, equal opportunity molester who preyed on boys as well as girls (he favored girls), both pre-pubescent and post-pubescent.

Everyone knew Sir Jimmy was bizarre, the kind of happy crackpot that was charming, if not engaging. Many suspected he was a pervert, but no one—not a single person over six decades—did anything about it. The question on the table is whether Mark Thompson had anything to do with nixing an investigation into Savile's sordid behavior. More tomorrow.

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## BLACK CLOUD OVER INCOMING NEW YORK TIMES CEO



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Bill Donohue comments as follows:

Mark Thompson is slated to start next month as the new president and CEO of the *New York Times* Company. He comes in

under a cloud of suspicion. Almost a year ago, a decision was made at the BBC to kill a “Newsnight” investigation into what is now becoming the most astonishing sexual abuse scandal in the history of the United Kingdom: Thompson was the director general at the BBC from 2004 to 2012, and serious questions have been raised about his role in squashing the investigation. He denies wrongdoing. The person of interest is suspected child rapist and serial predator Jimmy Savile, a celebrity icon who worked at the BBC for more than 25 years. His predatory behavior extends back six decades, and some of his sexual abuse took place on the premises of the BBC.

I have personally collected a great deal of information on this subject and will have much more to say about my findings. My interest is twofold: both the BBC and the *New York Times* have been among the harshest critics of the homosexual scandal that took place more than a quarter century ago in the Catholic Church. Let’s see how they react to a little “sunshine,” as they like to call it. I’m just beaming.

We know the BBC is already in deep trouble over this issue—two internal investigations are under way—but it cannot be trusted to report on itself. Indeed, contradictory accounts have already been offered, involving what Thompson knew and when he knew it. British Culture Secretary Maria Miller has called off an independent inquiry, but she may not have the last word. We support British Labor chief Ed Miliband’s call for a probe.

Bill Keller got out in front of this issue by writing a piece for the *New York Times* on its website; it appeared over the weekend, and it is reprinted today in the *Times*-owned *International Herald Tribune*. But why hasn’t his article been printed in the op-ed page of the *Times*?

Stay tuned. You won’t be bored.

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# PHONY ATTACK ON RYAN'S CATHOLICITY



Bill Donohue comments on an op-ed article in today's *New York Times* by Fordham theologian Michael Peppard:

Pro-abortion Catholics have long sought to equal the playing field with pro-life Catholics by arguing that there really isn't much of a difference between their side and the other. It never works. And it doesn't work for Michael Peppard as well.

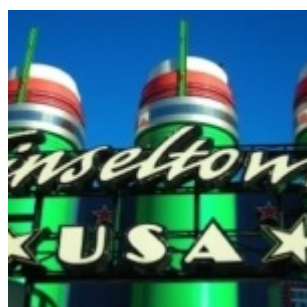
Vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan is pro-life, and Vice President Joe Biden is pro-abortion. Biden has never found an abortion he couldn't justify, and Ryan would ban all abortions save for rape, incest and the life of the mother. In the mind of Peppard, there is no difference between the two: both depart from Catholic doctrine.

Not so fast. Pope John Paul II said it was acceptable for Catholics to vote for a pro-abortion candidate in a race against another pro-abortion candidate, providing that the former is less extreme and efforts are made to persuade him to adopt a pro-life position. In other words, Catholics who exercise the virtue of prudence have no problem voting for a man whose position on abortion would save the lives of over 1 million babies a year. This is especially true when compared to a man who would not save one baby out of the 1.2 million killed every year.

In Professor Peppard's vision, a driver who goes 56 in a 55 miles an hour speed zone is equally guilty of speeding as the one who goes 106. Technically, that may be true, but in reality, only a fool would equate their culpability.

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## HOLLYWOOD BLASTED ON L.A. RADIO



Bill Donohue explains how the Catholic League is responding to the bigotry and censorship of Hollywood elites:

On October 17, FX will air the first episode of the series, "American Horror Story: Asylum." It depicts an evil Catholic home for the criminally insane where a promiscuous nun—in habit, of course—beats inmates; a Catholic doctor tortures them.

When I submitted a full-page ad [click [here](#)] to be run that is critical of the show, I was turned down by *The Hollywood Reporter's* publisher, Lynne Segall: she said the ad "was not appropriate." She did not say the show "was not appropriate." I then submitted the ad to *Variety* where it met the same fate, this time because of the alleged "mudslinging" title, "FX Trashes Nuns." No one at *Variety* said the show was guilty of "mudslinging."

Today, two Los Angeles radio stations are carrying several 30-second taped statements by me condemning Hollywood's latest assault on Catholicism: KFI is one of the biggest stations in

California, and KTLK has a loyal liberal audience. To read the statement, click [here](#).

The two radio stations stand in stark relief to the bigots at FX and the censors at *The Hollywood Reporter* and *Variety*.

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## BIDEN'S WEARY CATHOLICISM



Bill Donohue comments on Vice President Joe Biden's remarks on Catholicism that were given at the end of yesterday's debate:

Vice President Joe Biden has been instructed by bishops not to present himself for Communion; he has been the subject of many reprimands; and he has been banned from speaking at Catholic institutions. Most of these sanctions are a function of his pro-abortion views.

Last night, Biden added to his problems by saying he agrees that life begins at conception, but he doesn't want to do anything to ensure the rights of the unborn child. The Catholic Church is opposed to animal cruelty as well, yet it is a sure bet that Biden has no problem with laws that punish dog fighting. Maybe if he began to think of little Joe in his mother's womb the way he thinks of Fido, more kids would live.

Just as obnoxious was Biden's claim that the Obama administration is not interfering with the religious liberties of Catholic non-profits. Is he unaware of the dozens of lawsuits filed by the bishops, the laity, and Catholic institutions seeking to insulate themselves from the Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate? Of course not.

The vice president really outdid himself when he *twice* said it is “a fact” that there is nothing for Catholics to worry about. Here’s a real fact: Biden initially registered his misgivings about the policy, and even went so far as to warn that the HHS mandate would not sit well with Catholics. So what changed your mind, Joe?

Listening to Biden discuss his Catholicism is getting weary.

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## CATHOLIC SOCIAL SCIENTISTS TO MEET



On October 26 and 27, the Society of Catholic Social Scientists (SCSS) will meet at Kellenberg Memorial High School in Uniondale, Long Island. The 20th anniversary event will feature speakers from the Catholic clergy, religious, and laity, addressing a wide range of subjects. It is open to the public at a modest fee; pre-payment is required. See the SCSS website for details (click [here](http://SCSSconference.org)).

The Catholic League will be well represented. The co-founders of the SCSS, Dr. Stephen Krason, a political scientist at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, and Dr. Joseph Varacalli, a sociologist at Nassau Community College, have largely planned the event. Both serve on the Catholic League’s board of advisors and will speak at the conference. Other members of the advisory board will also speak.

Father Philip Eichner, chairman of the board of directors of the Catholic League, will open the conference at 9:00 a.m. on October 26; he will be speaking on “Marianist Pedagogy as an



Agent of the New Evangelization.” Dr. William Donohue will speak at the Luncheon on October 27 on his new book, *Why Catholicism Matters: How Catholic Virtues Can Reshape Society in the 21st Century*.

Hope to see you there.

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## POOR JENNY McCARTHY



Last night on “Access Hollywood,” *Playboy* Playmate Jenny McCarthy discussed her new book, *Bad Habits*; she is featured on the cover dressed as a nun. She recounted a story from 1995 when she was in Italy. She claims that a few “mafia” guys brought her to the pope’s apartment (he was allegedly out-of-town) where she tried on some of his clothes. At the suggestion of her Jewish friends, she allegedly grabbed a crucifix as a souvenir for her mother.

Bill Donohue comments on this issue today:

Poor Jenny. She has not had an easy life. A single mother, she once had this to say of her son’s seizures: “When your kid is psychotic or crazy, you go into a place of shock so you can remain calm.” Must be some “place.” She’s also said that her son contracted autism from the MMR vaccine and that he was healed through experimental treatments.

Jenny is also known for doing ads while sitting on a toilet. In a TV commercial that never aired, she was shown passing gas in a crowded elevator. On her own MTV show, she once played a character who vomits on a table to remember what she had for lunch, only to eat it again. In her new book, she tells how

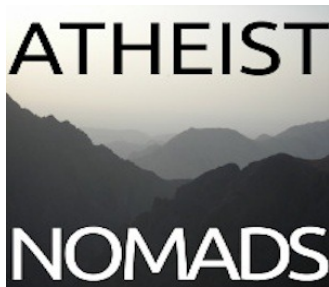
she and thirteen other Playmates got high on Ecstasy and then began making out on a beach. No wonder she's a celebrity.

Regarding religion, 15 years ago Jenny said she still thinks of herself as a Catholic, insisting that "I broke free from the chain of the pope." Free at last, she opined, "The Catholic religion was making me feel a tad bit guilty for everything I was doing." Call her what you want, but at least she's not a total sociopath.

Now you know why the Catholic League can't get too worked up about poor Jenny.

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## NO RELIGIOUS IDENTITY IS A BAD OMEN



Bill Donohue assesses the survey data on religious affiliation published today by the Pew Research Center:

In the last five years, Americans who are unaffiliated with any religion have grown from approximately 15% to 20%, the largest single block of which are young people under 30 (one-third of young people fall into this category). But the atheists have nothing to celebrate: only 6% of Americans identify themselves as atheist or agnostic, while 14% reject those labels. Indeed, almost seven in ten (68%) of all the unaffiliated overall say they believe in God. One statistic that has not changed since 1987 is the percent of Americans who pray daily, 76%.

The spike in the ranks of the “nones” (those who say they do not identify with any religion) is particularly noticeable among white, affluent, college grads who are single. It is not without significance that two-thirds of the “nones” say churches “focus too much on rules.”

Young and single. White and affluent. These are the demographic characteristics we would expect from those who have an aversion to rules. Which explains why they favor abortion rights, gay marriage, and the Democratic Party.

The tendency toward self-absorption among the “nones” is a social liability. We know from the work of Arthur C. Brooks, and more recently from Robert D. Putnam and David E. Campbell, that the most charitable Americans are the religiously affiliated; the most miserly are the “nones.” Those who ascribe to a religion are more generous with their time (voluntarism, blood drives, etc.) and money than the unaffiliated. To this extent it does not bode well for the dispossessed that the “nones” are on the rise.

A more religiously affiliated nation, then, is in the best interest of everyone, especially the poor and the needy.

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## **HOLLYWOOD'S                      BIGOTS                      AND CENSORS**



Bill Donohue comments as follows:

When we learned about a TV show this fall that offers an incredibly vicious portrayal of nuns and employees at a Catholic home for the criminally insane, I decided to write a full-page ad for placement in *The Hollywood Reporter*; the first episode is Oct. 17. The FX show, "American Horror Story: Asylum," was the subject of my ad. We were all set to go—our credit card info had been accepted—when we received an e-mail on Oct. 1 saying that the publisher, Lynne Segall, "has a concern with the artwork and the ad message and we were unable to run the ad." Forget the fact that there was no artwork, the next sentence reads, "She felt that the message was not appropriate and has chosen to reserve the right not to print it." The ad was to run in the Oct. 19 edition, hitting the studios on Oct. 10.

The next day, Oct. 2, we contacted *Variety*, and they said they would run the ad in both the daily (Oct. 10) and weekly (Oct. 8-14) editions; our credit card info was accepted. Then we received a phone call saying that the legal department had a problem with the title of the ad and that it would be rejected unless it was changed. The title reads, "FX Trashes Nuns." We asked what legal problem there could possibly be and we were told in an e-mail that "we don't allow *Variety* to be used as a forum for mud-slinging, and we feel that is the only part of the letter that crosses the line." "Mudslinging"? Consider this: on Jan. 10, *Variety* ran an article about the film, "Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked," titled, "David Cross Continues to Trash 'Chipwrecked.'" I obviously refused to change the title, hence there will be no ad.

I have long argued that Hollywood hates Catholics. Need any

further proof? A Hollywood-produced TV *series* portrays Catholics as sadists, and when a paid ad criticizing the show is offered to *two* prominent Hollywood publications, it is rejected for its “inappropriate” and “mudslinging” properties.

To read the e-mails, click [here](#). To read the ad, click [here](#).

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