ACTIVISTS ATTACK CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS

Bill Donohue

Catholics and Protestants who take their religion seriously have long been the target of dissidents in their ranks who seek to manipulate public opinion. The malcontents were quite busy over the weekend.

On Sunday evening, a man entered a Catholic church in San Francisco, took Communion, but did not consume the consecrated Host. When a man who was in attendance confronted the culprit, he was knocked unconscious; a knife was pulled on him as well. The offender jumped in his car and the police (after responding to a 911 call) chased after him. The man threw pipe bombs at the cops. He was arrested after he crashed his car.

Also on Sunday, the Allendale United Methodist Church in St. Petersburg, Florida hosted a "Drag Gospel Worship"; it was meant as a statement against Gov. Ron DeSantis' opposition to drag queen events for children. Several drag queens (men dressed as women) were there, and one was dressed as a Jesus look-alike. Kids were explicitly welcomed. On the church's website it lists pro-abortion and pro-transgender activities, including a bail fund for pro-abortion activists.

Catholics for Choice is an anti-Catholic letterhead (it has no members) funded by the establishment (e.g. the Ford Foundation, the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation and George Soros' Open Society Institute). It has taken out billboards in Ohio promoting the lie that it is okay to be Catholic and proabortion; this stunt is designed to affect public opinion in an upcoming referendum on abortion. But it is no more legitimate for Catholics to publicly boast their support for child abuse in the womb than it is to publicly state their support for racial discrimination.

A pastor at the First Congregational United Church of Christ (a left-wing Christian entity) is telling his flock that it is okay to be pro-abortion and a Christian in good standing. He says abortion is a "personal decision" that should reflect one's own conscience. The same is true of racial discrimination, yet no one invokes conscience rights as a defense for Christians to support it.

It's always about sex. The passion to affirm abortion and the radical LGBT agenda is as strong as it is depraved. Worse, left-wing Catholics and Protestants are desperately trying to legitimate their deeds by telling the public it is okay to adopt their causes. While they have considerable media support, serious Christians know them as the charlatans that they are.

CHURCH MALIGNED IN CANADA AND USA

Bill Donohue

In the 1980s, Jeane Kirkpatrick, foreign policy advisor to President Ronald Reagan and the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, was fond of saying that the critics of the United States *always blame* the U.S. for whatever was going wrong in the world. Similarly, I can say that in the over three decades of doing this job, I continue to be impressed by the number of critics of the Catholic Church who *always blame* the Church for whatever is going wrong in the world.

There is much more than gullibility going on here. To be

gullible is to be easily persuaded. The most consistent and severe critics of the U.S. and the Catholic Church are not naïve: they are hateful and vindictive. They are willing to believe the worst because, from the get-go, they have been seriously ill-disposed to these two titans.

Regarding Catholicism, the latest proof that critics of the Church have gone off the rails took place in Canada. Accusations that the Church's handling of indigenous peoples in Canada made big news in 2015. It was accused of "cultural genocide," if not wholesale genocide. Suffice it to say that a number of scholars, including myself, mounted a strong challenge to this rendition.

Then in 2021, the Church was accused of creating "mass graves" for indigenous children in the residential schools. That was debunked in 2022. But in 2023, new accusations of "mass graves" surfaced. More recently, that, too, has been debunked. As it turned out, both stories turned out to be a hoax. However, like vicious rumors that turn out to be false, it is hard to erase the initial perception that wrongdoing was committed.

The Report

In 2008, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada was established. It was mandated to report on the history and the ongoing legacy of the Canadian government's residential schools for indigenous peoples, many of which were run by Catholic and Protestant churches. In 2015, its findings were published. Titled "Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future," it will be referred to as the Report.

The Report found that 150,000 indigenous children were taken from their homes and forced to attend schools that would assimilate them into the dominant culture. It was the Canadian government that made this decision.

The most serious charges that initially surfaced said that the

residential school system was guilty of "cultural genocide." In due course, commentators shortened this to "genocide."

As I pointed out in my 2022 analysis of the Report, neither genocide nor cultural genocide occurred. It's all a cruel myth.

The Report cites not a single person who was killed in the residential schools. There are two testimonials of killings in the Report, and one was made by an indigenous woman who said she witnessed her older brother kill one of her other brothers when she was nine. The other cites a 2014 document that claims that "1,017 Aboriginal women and girls were killed and 164 were missing." But these killings took place between 1980 and 2012. The residential schools were closed in 1969.

There were no instances of torture listed in the Report. The one instance of whipping was committed by a government teacher in 1895. Corporal punishment did exist-disobedient boys had their hair cut off-but this was common throughout the world at this time in both secular and religious schools. No doubt there were cases of abuse, but it trivializes what has happened to true victims of genocide to pin this label on conditions in the residential schools.

The Report claims that "cultural genocide" was committed against the indigenous population. Yet on p. 6 it offers evidence that contradicts this claim. "Although Aboriginal peoples and cultures have been badly damaged," it says, "they continue to exist." By definition, cultures that continue to exist have not been wiped out.

This is not to say that ethnocentrism didn't exist. Of course it did. The lifestyle of the indigenous population was clearly perceived to be culturally inferior to Europeans. Missionaries being missionaries, they were obviously convinced that converting these peoples was in their best interest. Looking back at this from today's perspective, there is room for criticism. But to judge the past by contemporary standards is not a mature way of understanding history. To indict everyone is to indict no one.

The Report cites several instances that demonstrate the noble intent of the Catholic-run schools. Catholic officials insisted that they were better able to deal with Aboriginal students than those who ran the public schools. Their Christian training afforded them a better understanding of how to deal with these students. They also criticized the public schools for their racist attitudes. Given their impoverished condition, these students were also more likely to feel inferior to public school students than they would in a Catholic-run school.

There were other advantages to these children being served by Catholics, as opposed to Protestant and government-run schools. "The Roman Catholic schools could draw staff from a number of Catholic religious orders," the Report notes, "whose members had made explicit vows of obedience, poverty, and chastity. In the spirit of those vows, they would be obliged to go where they were sent, would not expect payment, and would have no families to support."

The Report even says that "Former staff and the children of former staff members have expressed the view that much of the discussion of the history of residential schools has overlooked both the positive intent with which many staff members approached their work, and the positive accomplishments of the school system." Indeed, many of these Catholic staff members continued "teaching, cooking, cleaning, farming, and supervising children" long after they completed their assignment (which lasted a year or two).

The Report is replete with criticism about the "Doctrine of Discovery" that provided legal justification for granting rights to land discovered by European colonizers. What it doesn't say is that idea was never a doctrine or a part of the teaching of the Catholic Church. It also doesn't say that the so-called "Doctrine of Discovery" was officially repudiated by the Catholic Church in 1537.

"The Mass Grave Hoaxes"

The Report said nothing about "mass graves" being erected on Catholic property. That accusation surfaced in May 2021.

Who was responsible for spreading the hoax? Scholars, Indian activists and the American media.

In May 2021, a young anthropologist, Sarah Beaulieu, after assessing the land near a former Catholic residential school with radar, hypothesized that there was a "mass grave" there. This position was shared by Chief Rosanne Casimir, who maintained that "ground-penetrating radar" discovered the remains of 215 children in a mass grave on the grounds of the school in British Columbia.

As Canada's National Post reported in September 2023, "One of the first mentions of the term 'mass grave' came from the New York Times." In fact, this is where Chief Casimir's claim was made public; it appeared in the May 28, 2021 edition of the paper.

The Associated Press (AP) issued a similar story the next day, claiming up to 6,000 indigenous peoples died during the residential school years. No source was given. This was strange given that in the same news story, it said the Report put the number who died at 3,200. More important, AP did not say why there were so many deaths. But as the *National Post* reported, they were "mostly due to disease." And as the Report documents, it was tuberculosis that claimed the lives of more children than any other disease.

Authoritative articles debunking the "mass grave" thesis began appearing in January 2022. Jacques Rouillard, professor emeritus in the Department of History at the University of Montreal, questioned, "After seven months of recrimination and denunciation, where are the remains of the children buried at the Kamloops Indian Residential School?"

"In the wake of unsubstantiated claims by Aboriginal Indians," he wrote, "several media outlets amplified and hyped the story by alleging that the bodies of 215 children had been *found*, adding 'thousands' of children had 'gone missing' from residential schools and that parents had not been informed (his italic)."

John Daniel Davison, senior editor at The Federalist, wrote that "In the seven months since this shocking news broke, not one body has been found, and not a single shovel-full of dirt has been excavated from the site in question."

Tom Flanagan and Brian Giesbrecht in the Dorchester Review slammed the initial reports for the "lies" that were told. They also wrote that much of the criticism reflects the "anti-Christian sentiment [that] has been largely directed at the Catholic Church and the Catholic religious orders which operated and staffed many residential schools," despite the fact that "Catholic-run institutions comprised only 43% of all Indian residential schools in Canada."

While the hoax was exposed, the damage done to the Catholic Church's reputation was severe. It also led to violence.

In retaliation to the bogus story, 68 Catholic churches were desecrated, damaged or destroyed. This includes ten churches that suffered significant damage from arson. Some, like St. Ann's on the Chuchuwayha reserve in British Columbia, were set on fire and burned to the ground. The worst of the violence took place between June 21 and July 9, 2021.

A second round of accusations emerged in the summer of 2023 when excavations of the "mass grave" began. In August, the National Post reported that "No evidence of human remains has been found during the excavation of a Catholic church basement on the site of a former Manitoba residential school." Again, the body count was zero.

Neither the New York Times nor AP has run a news story about the two hoaxes. One of the sources cited by the Times, Chief Casimir, was briefly mentioned in January 2023, but this was before the second hoax was exposed. In essence, both media outlets have shamelessly allowed their false stories to go unchecked.

In fairness, there were some Indian activists, such as First Nation Chief Cadmus Delorme, who were cautious about making wild generalizations from the beginning. He said that the "mass graves" were actually plots within a larger Catholic cemetery whose headstones had been removed by Catholic authorities. "This is not a mass grave site. These are unmarked graves." Too bad the American media weren't as honest.

Conclusion

Smearing the Catholic Church is commonplace, especially among elites in Western nations. What is particularly galling is the rank hypocrisy of the ruling class.

In 2017, in the wake of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's appeal to Pope Francis to apologize for the mistreatment of indigenous peoples, I wrote him a letter, which I made public, that requested an apology from him for "the Canadian government's oppression of Indians, Africans, Asians, Jews, Protestants, and Catholics." The victimization of Catholics continues to this day in Canada, making my plea all the more urgent.

In 2022, I accused Trudeau of "cultural genocide" by shoving his radical LGBTQ agenda down the throat of Third World nations. There are many such examples.

If the truth were told, the world would come to realize the

great good that Catholic missionaries have done. They would also conclude that the Church's biggest critics don't have a moral leg to stand on.

ANTI-CATHOLIC HALLOWEEN COSTUMES: A TALE OF THE FETISHIZED AND MACABRE

Michael P. McDonald

Halloween should be a time for youthful joy when children don fanciful costumes and collect candy. Unfortunately, because of the endless adolescence of so many adults, it has morphed into a night of debauchery as grown men and women put on ridiculous outfits and drink themselves into oblivion. Unfortunately for Catholics, these over-commercialized festivities drown out All Saints Day on November 1st, but even worse, every year there are always some bigots trying to make a quick buck pushing apparel that disrespects and belittles our faith.

While there are plenty of Halloween costumes that offend Catholic sensibilities, we have made progress in crushing the infamous priest with an erection costume, also known as "Keep Up The Faith Priest." After years of condemning this odious outfit, our search found it has been relegated to the fringe corners of the internet. While a few smaller novelty costume shops have it on sale, none of the major stores carried the disgusting costume.

On a similar note, the big retailers (Amazon, Walmart, and Target) appeared to have mostly behaved themselves this year. Directly from these stores, there were no examples of anything offensive. However, particularly Amazon and Walmart, the stores' online market places, where third-party vendors can hock their wares, had a smattering of outrageous costumes consisting of either sexualized or ghoulish nuns and priests.

Any true Catholic should be morally outraged by these nauseating costumes, and in a perfect world the big retailers would not allow third-party vendors to sell this smut on their websites. However, we do not live in a perfect world, and prudence dictates that we save our fire for the truly worst of the bunch.

Without a doubt, the distinct dishonor of promoting the most anti-Catholic apparel belongs to HalloweenCostumes.com. By far, the costumes available on this website are the most offensive anywhere. It did not take long to find the "Pregnant Nun" costume. However, this perennial staple of Catholic bashing is just the beginning of the anti-Catholic costumes on offer.

A motif among the outfits on HalloweenCostumes.com is the sexualization of nuns. Trashy apparel like "Sinfully Hot Nun" "Sultry Sexy Sinner" feature sleeveless, low-cut habits and with white crosses designed to accentuate the figure, and skirts well above the knee. Others such as "Sexy Blasphemous Babe" and "Heavenly Hottie Nun" look like a cross between a skimpy superhero costume and a habit leaving very little to the imagination. For the extra deviant crowd, HalloweenCostumes.com also has "Sexy Latex Nun," "Say Your Prayers Nun," and "Misbeheaven Nun" that would appear more at home in a 50 Shades of Grey novel than they would in a convent. Meanwhile, for plus-size anti-Catholic bigots seeking to sexualize nuns, the website has "Sacrilege Sister" and "Flirty Nun" available in bigger sizes.

Of course, HalloweenCostumes.com does not limit their sexualization to just nuns. Priests are also ridiculed in a similar fashion. For instance, "Sexy Priest" and "Sexy Sinfully Confession" are available. Both feature sheer, sleeveless tops and shorts that cover only what they have to.

In addition to the sexualization of nuns and priests, HalloweenCostumes.com also draws on the old anti-Catholic tropes that portrays Church figures as monsters and demons. The website offered seven women's costumes and one girl's costume with some sort of nun depicted as a blood-soaked murderer, demon, skeleton, specter, or zombie. Meanwhile, it sells two men's costumes of fiendish priests.

If these costumes alone were not enough to raise the ire of Catholics, HalloweenCostumes.com compounds this outrage in how it treats other religions. Rather than the apparent scorn and derision the vendor displays for Catholics, these groups are spared such ignominy.

Searching for Jewish costumes reveals a handful of tasteful rabbi outfits, and the one women's costume of Esther from the Old Testament is neither provocative nor vulgar. Meanwhile, HalloweenCostumes.com does not offer any costumes for the other major religions, thus sparing them the mockery of having their holy men and women portrayed as either sexualized or macabre figures.

While HalloweenCostumes.com profits off promoting anti-Catholic bigotry, it does not always have to be this way. Just as we had success in relegating "Keep Up The Faith Priest" to the obscure corners of the internet, in large part thanks to the dedication of our members who tirelessly contacted the vendors pushing that outrageous costume, it is time we push back against the filth on HalloweenCostumes.com.

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ILLITERATE SOCIOLOGISTS HATE JEWS

Bill Donohue

Hating Jews is now the number-one sport in the world among left-wing activists. They may say they don't hate Jews—it's Israeli policies they find detestable. Don't believe them: They hate Jews. Here's the latest proof.

Thanks to a splendid piece by sociologist David Ayers in The American Spectator, I learned of an open letter titled, "Sociologists in Solidarity with Gaza and the Palestinian People"; it was signed by more than 1,900 sociologists (and students pursuing a doctorate). After reading it, I am almost embarrassed to be a sociologist. Almost.

I stopped being embarrassed years ago about my fellow sociologists—I simply gave up on most of them. But I never gave up on sociology. They did. They are nothing but left-wing ideologues disguised as sociologists. Indeed, they don't even know what sociology is.

"Sociology as a discipline is rooted in a recognition of relationships of power and inequality." That's how the letter begins. They are wrong. That is not an accurate definition. What they are describing is social stratification and political sociology, two areas of study within sociology (which happen to be the focus of my own sociological work).

Emile Durkheim, who did more to make sociology a legitimate social science than anyone else, was proud to call sociology the "queen of the social sciences." In capable hands, it still is. He wrote that "the object of sociology as a whole is to determine the conditions for the conservation of societies." That is clearly not what motivates these charlatans. As leftwing activists, they are more interested in destroying Western societies than they are in conserving them.

Now for the Jew-hating part of the letter. "As sociologists and human beings [are there sociologists who are not human?], we unreservedly condemn the latest violence against the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank at the hands of the Israeli regime."

Throughout the letter, the Israelis are called "murderers" who are committing "genocide" against the Palestinians. Never once does the letter comment on the unprovoked assault on innocent Jews.

Children have been beheaded, women have been raped, hospitals have been bombed and yet not a word of protest. It's as if October 7 never happened. Instead, the deep thinkers lash out at Jewish leaders who said they are "fighting human animals." The sociologists labeled such language "dehumanizing"—not the savagery of Hamas.

These savants are also illiterate, and not just in the sociological sense. Here is my favorite sentence. "As of writing, over 6,500 Palestinians have been murdered, including a staggering 2,360, and over 17,400 injured."

Did they not notice that the word "this" belongs in between "of" and "writing"? More revealing is the bit about "over 6,500 Palestinians have been murdered, *including* a staggering 2,360 (my italic)." Only an illiterate would write such gibberish and only a dunce would sign such a letter.

Here's another great part of the letter. They say that as educators "it is our duty to stand by the principles of critical inquiry and learning." But as the letter shows, it more accurately reflects a groupthink mindset, one anchored in hate.

If these sociologists read more of Durkheim's works and less of Marx's, they might mature intellectually. In the meantime,

NEW HOUSE SPEAKER'S RELIGION ALREADY AN ISSUE

Bill Donohue

No sooner had Rep. Mike Johnson, a Republican from Louisiana, been elected Speaker of the House when his Christian religion became an issue for some in the media. In England, *The Guardian*, the most left-wing newspaper in the U.K., couldn't resist warning their readers that he is in a "covenant" marriage. At least they mentioned this toward the end of their news story.

"Speaker Mike Johnson in 'Covenant Marriage, Harder to Get Divorced.'" That was the headline of the story written by Business Insider reporter Bryan Metzger. It went over so well with Yahoo that it featured the story on the front page of its website.

Metzger is obviously taken aback that serious Christians like Johnson are in positions of power. He went to great lengths to tell readers that the "evangelical Christian" is in a marriage that makes it difficult to get a divorce.

Why was such a personal story flagged this way? Two adults voluntarily agree to submit themselves to a super-serious marriage, one that is grounded in their religious convictions, and all of a sudden it is the subject of public scrutiny. We all know why this was red flagged to readers.

We saw this anti-Christian game played out before when Amy

Coney Barrett, a Catholic, was being considered for a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals (and to a less extent when she was nominated to be on the Supreme Court). Her detractors focused heavily on her membership in People of Praise, a small, tightly knit Christian group.

It was no one's business then what Barrett and her family agreed to, and it is no one's business now whether Johnson and his wife have agreed to a covenant marriage.

To show how duplicitous matters are, consider that when the vote for Johnson was taken, Rep. Angie Craig, a lesbian Democrat from Minnesota, screamed out, "Happy Anniversary to my wife."

No one took issue with that, and you can bet your last dime that if Johnson were a promiscuous lout-straight or gay-the same people who want the world to know that Johnson is a committed Christian would say it is no one's business what he does in his spare time.

No wonder surveys show the media's reputation is in the toilet.

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POPETHANKSCATHOLICDISSIDENTFORHISWORK

Bill Donohue

Is anyone at the Vatican vetting the pope's mail, including emails, or doing a little digging to find out if the letter writers are using him for their own agenda? A <u>Catholic News Agency</u> story today says that Pope Francis recently thanked Stan "JR" Zerkowski for his work with homosexuals and the sexually confused. But does he really know what this guy has been up to?

Zerkowski is the most famous Catholic LGBT activist in Kentucky. He is the head of the "LGBTQ Outreach Community" for the Diocese of Lexington, and the leader of Fortunate Families, another queer dissident outlet. He received a letter from the pope earlier this month—it is posted online—in which the pope said, "Thank you for your ministry."

I am well aware of Zerkowski's mission. Over two years ago, I wrote to his boss, Lexington Bishop John Stowe, asking whether he agreed with his public support for the Equality Act, the most anti-Catholic piece of legislation ever written. He did not reply.

What prompted me to write was Zerkowski's op-ed of June 17, 2021 in the *Lexington Herald-Leader* lauding the bill. Here is part of what I said.

"The Equality Act has several times been highly criticized by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and many religious bodies. According to the USCCB, 'The Equality Act takes the unprecedented step of exempting itself from RFRA (the Religious Freedom Restoration Act), thereby explicitly shrinking Americans' federal right of free exercise of religion. This would greatly diminish individuals' and faithbased organizations' ability to prevail in the court decision.'"

I added that "If the Equality Act were to become law, it could close Catholic hospitals that do not perform abortions and force Catholic doctors who are capable of doing sexreassignment surgery to do so, thus violating their conscience rights. There are many other serious elements to this bill that threaten Catholic civil rights." I also made mention of Fortunate Families' extremism, stating that "it has a history of clashing with Catholic teachings. In 2015, its application to exhibit at the World Meeting of Families [a major Catholic event] was denied precisely for this reason."

Does Pope Francis know about any of this?

Does he know that under the tutelage of Zerkowski that his ministry draped an image of Our Blessed Mother in a gay pride flag, posting it online, calling Jesus' mother the "Mother of Pride"?

Does the pope know that on the website of Fortunate Families they are hawking a book that says it is "unethical" and "harmful to children" for parents to accept "the gender [of their child] that matches the sex on their birth certificates"?

In other words, if parents do not object to their son being a boy, or their daughter being a girl, they are acting in an "unethical" and "harmful" way. The logical remedy is for parents to invite their children to rebel against their nature. In a sane society, such parents would be arrested for child abuse.

This is not normal. Pope Francis has previously called gender ideology "demonic." That is too kind a word to describe this obscenity.

CHURCH IDEOLOGUES NEVER LEARN

Bill Donohue

How ironic it is that those who boast how open-minded they

typically prove to be the most intolerant. Indeed, they are more likely to be die-hard ideologues who have made up their mind and are impervious to reason. It is no different in the Catholic Church.

Those who follow Church trends know that the most left-leaning clergy in the world are the Germans; the Africans are the most orthodox. There is one German bishop in the news this week that proves this point, and he is Essen Bishop Franz Josef Overbeck. He is participating in the Synod on Synodality in Rome, which ends its 2023 session this week.

Overbeck said many people have asked, "Are you still Catholics and part of the Catholic Church?" He replied, "Yes, of course, we are Catholics, and we are here to stay." But on whose terms?

The reason Catholics are asking this question, and why even Pope Francis has expressed concerns about their dissidence, has to do with the results of a German Bishops' Synod in 2019: they approved blessings for homosexual unions, infused transgender ideology into their ministry, and advocated for women priests. Overbeck says he is now in favor of ending priestly celibacy.

In short, these members of the German clergy want to Protestantize the Catholic Church. But that hasn't worked out too well-few Lutherans attend church services.

Few are also attending Mass in Germany. Trendiness has failed completely, and yet clergy like Overbeck persist. In the last 13 years, he ordained 15 priests, and currently has no one in his seminary. So who is going to replace the 300 priests who died during this span?

The Catholic and Protestant churches are dying not because, as Overbeck says, we are ignoring the "signs of the times," but because they are mimicking them. Orthodoxy sells; heterodoxy fails. The data prove it in Germany and around the world. But to ideologues, none of this matters. Irrationalism reigns supreme.

So why are the German dissidents committing institutional suicide? Overbeck says the reason why he is pushing to change the teachings of the Catholic Church on matters such as sexuality, ordination and governance (more women and lay persons) is to correct the systemic causes of clergy sexual abuse.

As I detailed in <u>The Truth about Clergy Sexual Abuse</u>: <u>Clarifying the Facts and the Causes</u>, the factors cited by Overbeck played no role in the scandal. It was driven by a refusal of Church leaders to insist on fidelity to Church teachings on sexuality. The breakdown in discipline, in particular with promiscuous homosexuals—they are the ones who caused the crisis—was commonplace in the late 1960s and the 1970s. The evidence is overwhelming.

It is astonishing to see at this late date, after all the damage that predatory homosexual priests have done, that there are senior voices in the Catholic Church in 2023 who still don't get it. Ideologues never learn.

MICK JAGGER'S FILTHY NUN SKIT ON "SNL"

Bill Donohue

Rolling Stones singer Mick Jagger is an old man, but the octogenarian proved on "Saturday Night Live" that his obscene legacy is still extant. He played the role of an imposter male nun, dressed in habit, of course, who has sex with the sisters. One of the nuns admitted liking it, saying of "Sister Kevin" (Jagger), "He needs to repent me again over the dining table."

"Sister Kevin" confesses, "I was the one who corrupted these poor women with my lips and my hips, and I was the one who rang the bell with my penis and yelled, 'Ding-dong!'" He continued, "I know this is the worst sex scandal in the history of the church, but look at the bright side, before I got here, these sisters just mumbled, 'Our Father,' and now they are screaming, 'Oh Goddd!'"

When he got the news that the nuns wanted him to stay at the convent, "Sister Kevin" said, "Now let's go sisters-I'm thinking I'm ready for the second coming!"

This is the second consecutive week that "SNL" has attacked Catholics; last week its host, Pete Davidson, smeared priests as child molesters. It's also the second consecutive week that the show's writers crafted the script after being out on strike.

This is revealing. It shows the pathological hatred that the writers have for priests and nuns-they couldn't wait to demonize Catholics, even though there was no news story to draw on; both skits were totally out of the blue.

The fact that they are fixated on sex is also revealing. The homosexual scandal in the Catholic Church—which ended a half century ago—has been a source of embarrassment for gay writers and their sympathetic gay friends in the business. It's so obvious what is going on. Sick dudes.

Both Davidson and Jagger have a sordid past, which helps to explain why they did their skits.

Davidson insulted Navy SEAL Dan Crenshaw, mocking him for being blind in one eye (he lost his eye during a bomb explosion while serving in Afghanistan). His treatment of women has been the source of much chatter in Hollywood. Known for cutting himself and his suicide threats, he is perhaps most famous for his never-ending masturbation jokes.

Jagger is an accused child rapist who allegedly had sex with a 15-year-old when he was 33 (he was married at the time). Arrested several times for drugs, he has bragged about his "racist and sexist" song lyrics. Yet he is adored by his fans, much the way Michael Jackson was.

These are the kinds of guys that "SNL" employs to smear Catholics.

Last week we asked our email subscribers to contact someone who handles entertainment publicity at NBC. Now that the show is doubling down, it is time that the chairman of NBCUniversal Entertainment heard from us.

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BIDEN'S LGBT LOVE FEST

Bill Donohue

On October 14, President Biden and First Lady Jill Biden addressed their gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender friends at the Washington Center in the nation's capital. It was one of the most dishonest, pandering exercises imaginable. It was nothing short of a love fest.

Lady Jill bemoaned how "LGBTQ individuals" apparently can't walk school halls "as their authentic self." This was the first lie.

Any person who subjects himself to puberty blockers and

chemical castration—in a vain attempt to deny his authentic self—is living an inauthentic life, strewn with psychological and physiological problems. They need our help, not our condolences.

Armed with her Ed.D.-it is a degree in administration, not research-"Dr. Jill" is opposed to conversion therapy, thus has this "pro-choice" activist decided to deny people who have made the wrong choice the opportunity to make the right choice. Her husband outdid her, calling conversion therapy a "cruel practice."

The president celebrated "LGBTQ youth" for being "among the bravest people" he knows, not saying what the source of their bravery is. Rebelling against nature and nature's God?

Similarly, he did not offer any examples of LGBT people valiantly defending the "equal rights and dignity of all people." It would be helpful to know when and where they have come to the defense of Catholics.

"We've made human rights for LGBT around the world a top priority in our foreign policy." This may explain the many foreign policy failures of this administration—if they spent as much time on military preparedness as they do on "pronoun workshops" for the Pentagon, we wouldn't be in such a pickle.

Moreover, by what right do Americans have to tell Africans-Biden singles out the Ugandans as not cooperating with his LGBT agenda-how they should think about sexuality? This kind of cultural imperialism is what breeds contempt for America abroad.

Biden was right to say to transgender persons that they were "made in the image of God," but he was negligent in not saying that attempts to butcher their sex is an affront to this verity.

The Biden administration recently said that foster parents who

object to their adopted children "transitioning" to the opposite sex should not be allowed to do so, and that their children should be taken from them if they resist. Therefore, we know what he meant when he said he wants to "protect kids in foster care."

There are hundreds of state and local laws on the books banning teachers, therapists and others from usurping the rights of parents by seeking to entice their children to "transition." Biden should be hailing these laws; instead he sides with the child abusers, calling the laws "hateful."

Biden said his LGBT policies respect many rights, including "the right to free expression." False. By unleashing the "pronoun police" to ensure that the right words are used to describe the transitioners, he is denying free speech rights to employees.

He is even more off base when he complains, without offering one iota of evidence, that families are being "terrorized" and doctors and nurses are being "criminalized" by those who oppose his LGBT policies. No one is being terrorized, and the only doctors and nurses who are in danger of being "criminalized" are those who refuse to cooperate with his agenda.

Perversely, Biden's support for the Equality Act, which he said needs to be passed, would force Catholic doctors to perform abortions and sex-reassignment surgery. In other words, he is the problem-not those who disagree with him.

Biden trotted out the old canard about the tragic death of Matthew Shepard, saying he was "brutally taken from us." He was, but the homosexual was not killed by gay bashers.

A gay reporter, Stephen Jimenez, initially thought Shepard was killed by anti-gay bigots, but concluded otherwise after his investigation. He spent 13 years interviewing more than 100 people with a connection to the case. What he found was startling.

Shepard was killed by two drug-addicted homosexuals, one of whom was a sex partner of his. Shepard was a gay streetwalking prostitute who tested positive for HIV at the time of his death. He was addicted to crystal meth and heroin, and was known to deal in meth. Indeed, his gay assailants were after his stash when they assaulted him. In other words, it wasn't redneck homophobes who killed Shepard—it was drug-addicted homosexuals just like him.

It is one thing for Mr. "Devout Catholic" to laud the LGBT crowd; it is quite another to lie about his reasons for doing so.

POPE WELCOMES CATHOLIC DISSIDENTS

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Yesterday, Pope Francis <u>welcomed</u> Catholic dissidents who have previously been condemned by U.S. cardinals and bishops. He met for almost an hour with Sister Jeannine Gramick, cofounder of New Ways Ministry (NWM).

(When the pope commended the rogue entity at the end of 2021, I said he had been manipulated. I was wrong.)

Sr. Gramick was best friends with the most notorious serial child rapist priest in American history, Fr. Paul Shanley. She credited him with having "motivated her to activism." More telling, after Shanley's predatory behavior was made public, she said she "grieved for the man I had not seen in almost 20 years, but whose principles and whose advocacy for the downtrodden I had applauded for three decades." That he molested the downtrodden didn't seem to matter.

As I pointed out in my book, <u>The Truth About Clergy Sexual</u> <u>Abuse: Clarifying the Facts and the Causes</u>, journalist Maureen Orth (who was married to "Meet the Press" host Tim Russert) ripped Gramick for never once speaking to any of Shanley's victims.

Fr. James Martin, who is holding forth in Rome at the Synod on Synodality-at the request of the pope-said in 2017 that he would like to "canonize" Gramick.

On December 15, 2021 I wrote to Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops, about the propriety of providing a link to the New Ways Ministry webinar on synodality. After detailing some of the objections that the Catholic hierarchy have had with the dissident group, I asked, "Were all the senior members of the Catholic Church wrong about NWM? Or is the decision to welcome them to the synodal process wrong? They can't both be right."

He never replied.