

TRYING TO SILENCE BISHOP CORDILEONE

Recently, Oakland Bishop Salvatore Cordileone was stopped at a DUI checkpoint and was arrested after it was determined that his blood-alcohol level was above the legal limit. He apologized.

That wasn't the end of the story, not because of what happened, but who it happened to. It just so happens that Cordileone holds orthodox Catholic positions on sexuality, the kind of views hated by both secularists and left-wing Catholics. Consider Michael Sean Winters of the dissident *National Catholic Reporter*.

Winters, like a lot of embittered Catholic "progressives," is obsessed with homosexuality. That is why he was unable to write one paragraph in his screed against Cordileone without mentioning this subject. Winters wanted the bishop to "think with greater compassion about the complicated lives we all lead today." He also wanted the bishop to show "humility and humanness." All of this is code for "shut up and leave the culture to us."

Gay blog sites also picked up on this theme. Why? San Francisco is a city where men [read: gays] are free to walk around naked in the street in front of women and children. It's where homosexuals whip each other in the street and have sex in public at the Folsom Street Fair. This is also the city that Cordileone is inheriting.

Winters, and his ilk, want nothing more than to intimidate Bishop Cordileone. They know he is bright, courageous and faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. That is why they would like to silence him, especially on sexual issues. We stand with Bishop Cordileone and urge him not to break

stride. We are confident he will not.