

TULSA WELCOMES CATHOLIC BASHING

On November 18-20, the Nightingale Theater in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will again feature the notoriously anti-Catholic play, "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All for You"; it opened last weekend. Here's what Catholic League president William Donohue had to say about it:

"There is not an anti-Catholic anywhere in the nation who has seen 'Sister Mary Ignatius' who didn't love it. For example, on November 13, Michael Smith of the *Tulsa World* accurately said that 'the Roman Catholic church's true believers' would find that the play 'provide[s] laughs for all heathens in attendance.' Judging from his review, that would include him.

"The play, which has been around for decades, features a malicious nun who is confronted by four of her former students. All of them are obviously dysfunctional, a condition directly traceable to their Catholic upbringing. The play not only manages to mock virtually every Catholic teaching, it goes after Jesus with a vengeance—from the Nativity to the Crucifixion; the Virgin Mary is similarly disparaged. In the end, the nun shoots and kills two of her ex-students.

"The play is so vile that when it surfaced in the 1980s it was condemned as anti-Catholic by Jewish and Protestant organizations (as well as by Catholics), and even the *New York Times* found it offensive. The work of an angry homosexual ex-Catholic, Christopher Durang, it continues to entertain bigots everywhere, including Tulsa.

"According to Tulsa.org, there are 232 churches in Tulsa, almost all which are Protestant; two of them, or .008 percent, are Catholic. This would seem to suggest that the Tulsa

Christian community could use a little Reformation of its own. Accordingly, the Catholic League would be happy to supply 95 Theses outlining its concerns. All we need to know is where to nail it.”