## **TV ELITES BASH PRIESTS**

Catholic League president Bill Donohue commented today on the latest incidents of priest bashing by elites on television:

"The elites are in full gear this fall bashing Catholic priests, especially on TV. For example, consider this totally gratuitous cheap shot made during the October 10 episode of the CBS show, 'Two and a Half Men.' Here was the question: 'Do Catholic priests make good babysitters?' Here was the sarcastic reply, 'Is the pope Catholic?'

"The line could have been, 'Do gay priests make good babysitters?' But it wasn't. That's because the bigots who wrote this show don't want to offend homosexuals, even though everyone knows-but most refuse to admit it-that it is gay priests who account for about 80 percent of the cases of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church.

"And if you want to know who's the latest talking head living in denial about this matter, consider Joy Behar of the ABC show, 'The View.' On the October 13 episode, Behar showed us her brilliance with the following comment: 'This is precisely why I object to when the Church says that they are not gonna have gay priests in the Church. As if gay equals pedophilia. It does not. If it did then the gay priests would be having sex with each other if they were just gay. They're not just gay. They're sick. They're pedophiles.'

"Now no one ever said that gay equals pedophilia, though there are data which show that gays are disproportionately represented in cases of pedophilia. In any event, it's nice to know that in the same episode of 'The View,' another savant, Meredith Vieira, managed to indict most Americans when she remarked, 'I think organized religion is a dangerous thing.' Kind of the way most of us feel about organized atheism-it is so much easier to tolerate when it's unorganized.

"Of the three major networks, ABC, CBS and NBC, the first two have the worst record of bashing Catholics. Thus does the pattern continue."