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An official from Public Radio International, the parent organization that carries "Fair Game with Faith Salie," called to say that the offensive skit has been pulled from its website and an on-air apology has been given.

We are satisfied with this outcome—it effectively ends this issue.

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On January 7, an anti-Huckabee skit trashed Jesus on a radio show, "Fair Game with Faith Salie." It aired on KCPW, Utah's National Public Radio station. Here is a transcript of the offensive segment:

[Woman's voice]: *And now another Huckabee family recipe leaked by his opponents.*

[Male Voice]: *Tired of bland unsatisfying Eucharists? Try this Huckabee family favorite. Deep-Fried Body of Christ—boring holy wafers no more. Take one Eucharist. Preferably post transubstantiation. Deep-fry in fat, not vegetable oil, ladies, until crispy. Serve piping hot. Mike likes to top his Christ with whipped cream and sprinkles. But his wife Janet and the boys like theirs with heavy gravy and cream puffs. It goes great with red wine.*

[Woman's voice]: *Now that is just ridiculous. Everyone knows evangelicals don't believe in transubstantiation.*

Catholic League president Bill Donohue responded as follows:

"We are lodging a complaint with Ed Sweeney, KCPW's general manager. This kind of programming would be over-the-top on a shock-jock station, never mind a station funded by the taxpayers. We would also like to know who was behind this assault on Jesus. Therefore, we are asking for an investigation. Whoever it was, he or she used presidential hopeful Mike Huckabee and evangelicals as foil, saving the real sucker punch for Roman Catholics. This is despicable on several counts: it is blasphemous and bigoted. But it may also be motivated by a political calculus, making it really dirty if it is."