

VATICAN CRITICS GET LOOPY



Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on the way some are reacting to the Vatican's decision to reform the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR):

Over the years, I have met many nuns who have been distraught over the way some in their ranks have lost their way. Now that the Vatican is seeking reforms, these nuns feel vindicated. That is why it is disturbing to read the way some of the Vatican's critics are trying to defend the indefensible. Keep in mind that only 3% of the 55,000 nuns in the U.S. actually belong to the LCWR, though one would never know this by reading the secular press. But facts don't matter to those gone loopy.

Joan Vennochi of the *Boston Globe* wants to know why the pope doesn't "crack down on protectors of pedophile priests" instead of nuns. But there is nothing to crack down about. As the latest report on priestly sexual abuse shows, no credible accusations were made in 2011 against 99.98% of the priests. Besides, the problem has been homosexuality, not pedophilia (less than 5% of the old cases dealt with pedophilia).

Monica Yant Kinney in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* says the Vatican "slammed nuns for devoting their lives to educating the poor, treating the sick, and feeding the ravenous." That she still has her job after writing such drivel is the real story here.

Melinda Henneberger of the *Washington Post* says the LCWR got in trouble for supporting ObamaCare. A little research would have disclosed that legitimate concerns about this group extend back many years, having nothing to do with ObamaCare.

Pat Buchanan was fired from MSNBC because his bosses didn't like a book he wrote. By contrast, the Vatican doesn't fire anyone for breaking ranks. So tell me which of these two organizations really can't tolerate dissent? One more thing: we await a column by these voyeurs on the sex segregation that is commonplace in Orthodox Judaism and Islam.