VATICAN LIKES "THE PASSION"

An influential Vatican official, Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos, has spoken highly of "The Passion." Interviewed in the Italian publication, *La Stampa*, Cardinal Hoyos said the film is not only not anti-Semitic, it is deeply inspiring. "I felt moments of deep spiritual intimacy with Jesus Christ," he said. He encouraged all Catholic priests to see the movie.

This will certainly make the blood boil of the Catholic scholars who sounded off against the movie without seeing it. From the beginning, they acted as though they had some superior authority to judge the film. Now they look rather silly.