

VIACOM MAILED “VAGINA MANGER” PHOTO



Viacom owns Comedy Central, home to Jon Stewart's "The Daily Show." Catholic League president Bill Donohue's letter to Viacom's board of directors and senior management is printed below:

By now you are aware of the vile picture of a woman with her legs spread, with a nativity ornament in between, that was flashed on the screen of "The Daily Show" on April 16. Jon Stewart likes to call it the "vagina manger." If you haven't seen it, just look inside this mailing.

You should be as offended as we are. But if you are not, consider a picture of your own mother inserted there instead. Perhaps you now understand how the 80 percent of the nation that is Christian feel.

What Stewart did wasn't a joke. It was hate speech. We could have pressed for him to be fired, but we did not. All we want is an apology. That he refuses to do so is astonishing. Perhaps you can persuade him to act responsibly.