

VIRGIN MARY DEFILED ON "SOUTH PARK"

Catholic League president Bill Donohue remarked today about last night's episode of "South Park" (it will run again for the next three nights):

"A 'South Park' character gets a DWI and is ordered to attend AA meetings. Told about the 12-step program, he concludes that he needs a miracle to cure him. The plot then focuses on a statue of the Virgin Mary who is 'bleeding out her ass.' The Vatican dispatches a cardinal to investigate and he is sprayed with blood when he walks behind the statue. He then declares this to be a miracle, which draws even more people. The alcoholic, now in a wheelchair, is also sprayed with blood: he then claims he is cured and jumps out of his seat.

"Pope Benedict XVI goes to investigate. He, too, is sprayed with blood when he walks behind the statue. A reporter says, 'The pope investigated further and determined that the statue was not bleeding out its ass, but its vagina.' To which the pope replies: 'A chick bleeding out her vagina is no miracle. Chicks bleed out their vaginas all the time.'

"Comedy Central is a subsidiary of MTV, which is owned by Viacom. On the board of directors of Viacom is a practicing Catholic and a distinguished public servant, Joseph A. Califano; he served under Presidents Johnson and Carter. We are writing to him today requesting that he intervene in this matter. We want a) an apology to Roman Catholics and b) a pledge that this episode be permanently retired and not be made available on DVD. In the event Viacom does not cooperate, we are asking Mr. Califano to issue his own statement of condemnation. We are asking our members to contact him as well. *Remember, they chose to insult Our Blessed Mother on the eve of the Immaculate Conception, and*

the holy day itself.

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