## WALMART'S HALLOWEEN BAGGAGE



Bill Donohue comments on Halloween costumes sold by Walmart:

I would like to dress as an imam on Halloween, but Walmart won't let me. Nor can I come as Muhammad. The online selections also carry no Muslim costumes. What gives? Where is Walmart's sense of humor?

When it comes to Jews, Walmart has a sense of humor: it sells rabbi costumes and one that features Moses. But Jews are not nearly as much fun as Catholics. Here is a list of Catholic Halloween costumes that can be purchased from Walmart:

Jesus; Joseph; Mary; Virgin Mary; Monk; Cardinal; Priest; Nun; Saint; Joan of Arc; Pope; Angel; Adult Confessional; Adam and Eve; Catholic School; School Girl (the last two feature "Sexy Miss Prep School Girl" costumes).

Most of these costumes are in good taste, though there are three that cross the line: "Scary Mary Adult Halloween Costume" comes with a mask of Our Blessed Mother showing blood dripping from her eyes; "Adult Evil Religious Nun Scary Men's Halloween Costume" shows a nun in habit wearing a mask with a skeleton's face; and, "Adult Confessional Costume" features a priest with a mock confessional unit over his head extending to his waist (his face is shown in the middle of the confessional box).

Just this week, Walmart apologized for labeling plus-size Halloween wear as "Fat Girl Costumes." So upset was the megastore that its representative said, "This never should have been on our site. It is unacceptable, and we apologize. We are working to remove it as soon as possible and ensure this never happens again."

Perhaps Walmart can work to remove the offensive Catholic costumes from its website as well.

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