

WHERE IS LIEBERMAN ON PLAYBOY MANSION "GORGY"?

There is a report in today's on-line edition of the *Hollywood Reporter* about Senator Joseph Lieberman's "crusade to get Hollywood to clean up its act." In light of the Democratic fund-raiser scheduled for August 15 at the Playboy Mansion, it would be instructive to know how Senator Lieberman feels about the event.

Addressing this issue is Catholic League president William Donohue:

"Last December, when George W. Bush mentioned his reliance on Christ during a debate he had with other hopefuls for the Republican presidential nomination, he was the subject of much criticism. But there is comparatively little criticism of Senator Lieberman's embrace of God yesterday in Nashville. The Catholic League defended Bush from his critics last December and now stands ready to defend Lieberman from his critics: both men are free to exercise their First Amendment right to freedom of speech and to recall Americans to their religious roots. The problem here is not with either man, but with the selective indignation that many pundits exhibit.

"Regarding Senator Lieberman, however, we need to know whether his opposition to Hollywood 'sewer' fare (the senator gives out annual 'Silver Sewer' awards for offensive programming) translates into opposition to Vice President Al Gore's decision to stand by idly and watch his appointed vice chairwoman of the DNC, Rep. Loretta Sanchez, organize a Democratic fund-raiser at the Playboy Mansion; it is scheduled for August 15, a holy day of obligation for Catholics (the Feast of the Assumption). In short, does Senator Lieberman oppose the 'Gorgy,' or not? I faxed a letter to him at his Washington office today asking him just that."