

WILD REACTIONS TO CATHOLIC LEAGUE PROTEST OF “OPIE AND ANTHONY”

Catholic League president William Donohue today addressed the wild reactions to the league’s protest of the “Opie and Anthony” show that graphically described a couple having sex in St. Patrick’s Cathedral on August 15, a holy day in the Catholic Church:

“There’s good news and bad news. The good news is that legions of men and women of every race, ethnic group, religion and ideological bent have expressed their utmost support for the Catholic League’s protest of the ‘Opie and Anthony’ show and our quest to have the license of WNEW revoked. What most seem to be saying is that the envelope has been pushed too far and someone needs to hold up a huge stop sign before our culture literally spins out of control.

“Those who hate the Catholic Church—and the word hate is not used too liberally—are saying we should shut up and take it because we deserve it. Invariably, they trot out the sex abuse scandal in the Church as their weapon of choice. The venom that is being spewed cannot be exaggerated and what is being said cannot be printed in mainstream newspapers.

It should be noted that such viciousness only emboldens the Catholic League.

“Unfortunately, David Letterman is piling on as well. His monologue on Monday included a joke about people having sex in St. Patrick’s Cathedral and then getting ordained. Last night he used the St. Pat’s incident again, though this time he crossed the line for sure: he made reference to a priest molesting an altar boy in the Cathedral.

“David Letterman works for CBS and CBS is owned by Viacom, the same parent company that owns Infinity Broadcasting which, in turn, owns WNEW, the ‘Opie and Anthony’ station. There is obviously something twisted going on at Viacom and we intend to find out what it is and then act on it.”