

WOMEN, GAYS AND “BOSTON LEGAL”

On the May 14 episode of the ABC program “Boston Legal,” David E. Kelley, the show’s creator, once again displayed his hatred for Catholicism. No one in Hollywood is more fascinated—and—angry with the Catholic Church than is Kelley. The day after the show aired we hung Kelley out to dry.

The episode was focused on the plight of yet another terribly oppressed woman. The source of her oppression, of course, was the Catholic Church. The woman desired to be a priest, but she refused to walk down the block and join the Episcopal Church. She realized Kelley’s dream by evincing a hatred for diversity and tolerance: she sued the Catholic Church for discrimination.

The same clergy strictures apply to Orthodox Judaism, Mormonism, Islam and Orthodox Christianity, why didn’t Kelley go after them? The answer is clear: these religions don’t count; it is the big bad Catholic Church that Kelley wants to knife. For example, in the show’s courtroom lies were told about the Catholic Church’s alleged support for slavery, the execution of witches and the Inquisition. [Note: It was the Catholic Church—not any other religion—which first opposed slavery, and it was St. Patrick who was the first public person in history to fight against it; and for the most part, it was the civil authorities, not the Church, who punished witches and were responsible for the Inquisition.] In the end, Kelley’s biggest fantasy is realized—the Catholic Church’s tax-exempt status is revoked. Oh, yes, Kelley also spoke vicariously about sodomy: it should not be a sin.

On May 15, the same day we issued our news release, news broke that the imperial judges at the California Supreme Court overturned the state’s ban on gay marriage. This ban was the

express will of the people, but this meant nothing to the court. Instead, they allowed Steve to marry Sam (they did not rule on whether Stan could make it a trifecta); this must have made Kelley gush. But it won't last: he'll get another reality check in November when the state votes on this issue.

We ended our news release by calling on our members to contact ABC to voice their disapproval of Kelley's portrayal of Catholicism. We also called on our members to ask her if any of Kelley's friends dying of AIDS have ever been serviced in one of those tax-exempt Catholic hospitals.

If you would like to let ABC know your opinion, e-mail ABC's Programming Senior Vice President, Kim Rozenfeld at kim.rozenfeld@abc.com