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CBS PETITION

As Viacom's flagship holding, CBS bears corporate responsibility for the outrageous "Penn and Teller" episode that was aired on Showtime attacking Mother Teresa. This was not a parody—it was hate speech. Portraying Mother Teresa as a person who plundered the poor was sick enough, but calling her "Mother F—king Teresa" was a kick in the face, the kind of low-class invective that people of all faiths find despicable.

Accordingly, justice demands that those who orchestrated this hit job on Catholicism be held accountable. We have no confidence in Matthew Blank, Showtime's CEO, and thus we are petitioning CBS to exercise leadership in this matter.

Specifically, we want Leslie Moonves, CBS Chairman and CEO, and Nancy Tellem, President of CBS Paramount Network Television (Showtime is a Paramount studio), to lead the way. Like it or not, what Showtime did reflects badly on CBS.

[Leslie Moonves can be reached at (323) 575-2600; or fax him at (212) 975-1893. You can offer your own comments in the box below. They will be sent to Nancy Tellem, President of CBS Paramount Network Television at nancy.tellem@tvc.cbs.com on the West coast and to press@viacom.com on the East coast.]

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