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Mr. Jeff Bewkes
Chairman of the Board and CEO
Time Warner Inc.
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Dear Mr. Bewkes:

Could you please tell me how many practicing Catholics—the ones who actually accept the teachings of the Magisterium of the Catholic Church—work for Time Warner in the production and writing of its programs? I am not expecting a definitive tally: a guesstimate will do.

I ask this because many producers and writers in your employ obviously hate Catholicism. Moreover, as someone who touts his commitment to diversity and inclusion, perhaps you can tell me what's driving this double standard.

Just this week I launched a petition asking HBO chairman and CEO Richard Plepler to treat Catholics the way HBO treated African Americans (and Maher) when Maher offended them in June; Maher seriously offended Catholics on his last show. I also noted that HBO pulled the plug on Louis C.K. Free speech arguments in their defense were never invoked, so please spare me a First Amendment response.

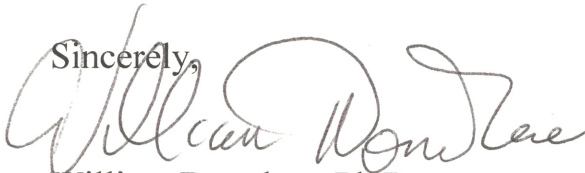
Also this week, on November 14, TNT, another Time Warner outlet, painted priests as pedophiles, indicting the Catholic Church. This episode of "Major Crimes" must have been written by someone who traffics in pernicious stereotypes of the Catholic Church. Why? To be explicit, why didn't the script target Hollywood? After all, there is plenty of rich material to draw on. And the predatory behavior is on-going.

Strike three occurred on November 15 when Samantha Bee, on your TBS station, mocked Jesus and his mother.

There is obviously a serious problem at Time Warner. Indeed, the animus against Catholicism is so deep-seated as to be pathological.

I await your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Donohue".

William Donohue, Ph.D.

President

cc: Time Warner and HBO senior executives