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President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

Yesterday, at the National Press Club, I held a press conference to protest public funding for the New Group, a New York production company that is currently hosting the most obscene anti-Christian play ever performed, "Jerry Springer: The Opera." The New Group is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts; the play is being staged at an off-Broadway site.

Enclosed find a report that provides a script summary, as well as other relevant information.

The current NEA chairman's tenure ends in April. Thus, you have an opportunity to honor my request: Please appoint someone who will not continue to fund anti-Christian grantees, exhibitions, or performances.

I hasten to add that many Catholics and evangelicals support this request. Indeed, this was made clear by the other speakers at yesterday's event: Brent Bozell, president of the Media Research Council, Ralph Reed, chairman of the Faith and Freedom Coalition, and Dr. Deal Hudson, president of the Morley Institute on Church and Culture. They, as well as many other leaders who did not attend the press conference, strongly urge you to nominate a responsible chairman of the NEA. Thank you.

Sincerely,

William A. Donohue, Ph.D.
President