

An Open Letter to the President of the College of the Holy Cross

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Dear Fr. McFarland,

By now, unless you are profoundly insulated, you are aware of the fact that the Vagina Monologues play is scheduled at Holy Cross for Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. As an organization concerned with the Catholic family, we have a few questions and a few suggestions.

Our understanding is that Holy Cross is the 13th Jesuit College to host this atrocious molestation of Catholic adolescent students. Is this a continuation of the Jesuits new spirituality paradigm?

Will you be signing a National Organization for Women's guest book at the door to the play? As a self-professed lesbian group (70%) and ferocious abortion supporter, what is the logo doing on a Catholic Campus? Does **error** have "rights" on the Catholic Holy Cross campus? Will there be "Cunt Power!" buttons sold on campus, a common occurrence when this play is held on college grounds?

When the audience is urged to chant "Cunt! CUNT!! CUNT!!!, will you be there chanting, as they did at Wesleyan?, Perhaps in the front row reserved for dignitaries (rather hard not to snicker at the word)? E. Michael Jones observed in his April, 2000 issue of Culture Wars magazine article V-Day at St. Mary's College:

"Cunt, Cunt, Cunt, Cunt," chanted Sister Linda wearing a black T-shirt with the question "Can you say vagina?" on the front and "It's coming" on the back. Having seen the nuns' habits come and go with all sorts of dowdy polyester variations in between, I found myself wondering whether this was the new habit for the Holy Cross nuns."

Are these Holy Cross nuns from Notra Dame associated with your college? Or are you just beginning a local tradition?

Jones also notes:

"Lesbianism, as you probably gathered, was portrayed in uniformly glowing

terms throughout the play. Even a graphic description of a 13-year-old girl being sexually molested was proposed in unabashedly positive terms, primarily because it was a 24-year-old lesbian who was doing the molesting. No one in the cast, least of all Sister Linda, seemed to have any objection to child pornography, as long as it was being perpetrated by lesbians."

Will you, Fr. McFarland be cheering on the lesbian rape from a front row seat? Perhaps you can announce that promotion of obscenity and pederasty is protected by "academic freedom", the scandals in Boston not-withstanding.

On Wednesday, will voyeurs, I means viewers, begin with a candle-light procession so that this play glorifying prostitution, masturbation, homosexual child molestation and homosexuality be given at a veneer of solemnity that will probably be missing from their usual Catholic Ash Wednesday? Since feces is usually associated with the demonic, will a broken cross be smeared on each attendees forehead with same, to match the marking of their souls?

If the girls form a Cunt Club, as they did at nearby Wesleyan University, will you be their spiritual advisor? If they ask Betty Dobson to come and provide a sex workshop with a guided masturbation ritual, as they did at Wesleyan, will they get course credit? If student funding is denied, will those who cannot afford Dobson's \$200 per head workshop be provided for through the renowned Jesuit "preferential option for the poor"?

Given the downward spiral of Jesuit education, will seminars on bestiality be entertained for future Catholic children entrusted to your care by unwitting parents?

Do you think alumni would contribute to your \$75 million campaign if they knew how spiritually bankrupt Holy Cross has become?

The phrase "the banality of evil" has earned a certain cache; do you think trying to link it with "academic freedom" makes it more or less so?

When you contemplate this matter think about a play that is most suitable for a Catholic college: **A Man For All Seasons**. My favorite line is that spoken by St. Thomas Moore to his betrayer, Richard Rich: "Why, Richard, it profits a man nothing to give his whole soul for the world...but for Wales?"

Lastly, we are initiating a formal petition to Bishop Reilly to begin a canonical action towards removing the authorization of College of the Holy Cross to operate as a Catholic institute of higher learning.

Sincerely in Christ,

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President

cc: Most Reverend Daniel P. Reilly, Bishop of Worcester, MA Various Department Heads, various alumni, various Catholic media.