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This Week, 24,300 More American Citizens were tortured to death in U.S. Abortuaries

## **Rendering Unto Caesar**

by Patrick J. Buchanan

At the request of the White House, Georgetown University covered up all the symbols in Gaston Hall, before the Great Man spoke, including IHS, the millennia-old monogram for the name of Jesus Christ.

Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, had adopted the monogram in his seal and it became an emblem of the Jesuit order.

When it comes to rendering unto Caesar, Georgetown is not going to be outshone by Notre Dame, which stole a march by offering the nation's avatar of abortion a doctorate of laws degree, honoris causa.

Actually, it is regrettable the IHS in Gaston Hall was not covered up in shame the first week of Lent. For that week Georgetown's feminist and homosexual clubs, such as GU Pride, put on a Gomorrah festival about alternative lifestyles called "Sex Positive Week."

Monday, according to The Newman Club, featured a speaker for Black Rose, which "provides a forum for many different expressions of power in love and play. This can include dominance & submission, bondage and discipline, fetishism, cross-dressing, to name a few."

Ash Wednesday's talk was "Torn About Porn," advertised as a "discussion about arguably alternative forms of pornography that are not supposed to be exploitative, but rather radical and empowering."

Saturday's talk was by a pornographic film director and was titled "Relationships Beyond Monogamy."

At Loyola of Chicago that week, the Student Diversity and Cultural Affairs Office presented "Brother to Brother," a film the Newman Society reports, about "a homosexual African-American who is transported in time to cavort with the allegedly homosexual Langston Hughes."

The movie is said to be part of "a semester-long 'Color of Queer Film Series,' sponsored by the university."

At Catholic Seattle University, that first week of Lent was "Transgender Awareness Week," featuring a "session on allegedly transgender Bible heroes and heroines and 'Criss-Cross Day' where students are encouraged to 'come dressed for the day in your best gender-bending outfit.'"

This is surely anecdotal evidence to confirm Newsweek in the conclusion reached in its cover story of Holy Week, "The End of Christian America."

Indeed, not only are many once-Catholic colleges and universities now wandering in what Pope Benedict XVI calls a "desert of godlessness," Catholic belief and practice are not remotely what they were before Vatican II. Where three-fourth of Catholics attended mass weekly in the 1950s, today it is one-fourth. A third of all Catholics raised in the Faith have fallen away.

One in ten American adults is a lapsed Catholic. Catholicism's quarter of the population is maintained only by mass immigration and, secondarily, by conversions.

Self-identified Christians in the United States have fallen from 86 percent of the population in 1990 to 76 percent today. Those who say they have no religion have doubled as a share of the nation from 8 to 16 percent. Where 69 percent of Americans said we are a Christian country in 1990, only 62 percent say that today.

America is being systematically de-Christianized and secularized.



**Rendering Unto Caesar**

The social, moral and cultural revolution of the 1960s, rooted in non- and anti-Christian beliefs and values, has captured the culture, and converted many of the young. Among Americans 18 to 29, a fourth profess to be atheist, agnostic, or of no religious faith.

The figure is surely higher among the college young.

Second reason for the triumph of secularism is that it long ago captured the Supreme Court. Since the Everson decision of 1947, justices have expunged Christianity and all its books and symbols from the public square and public schools.

Voluntary prayer, the Ten Commandments, Bible reading, Christmas plays and carols, Nativity scenes, Easter vacation, before-game prayers, benedictions at graduations -- all have been ordered terminated by unelected judges -- against the will of the majority.

Abortion on demand, too, was imposed by judicial fiat.

Thus, as America ceases to be a Christian country, it is ceasing to be a democratic one.

Consider in every referendum in 16 states, where homosexual marriage has been on the ballot, majorities ranging from 52 to 86 percent have voted to outlaw it as an absurdity and an abomination.

Yet, in Massachusetts, California and Iowa, unelected judges have imposed it, as they will in other states, regardless of what the people want or how the people vote. For secularism has become the established religion of the American state and judges are the high priests of the new order.

Yet, one wonders if they know what lies at the end of the road upon which they have set the nation.

For five decades, Americans resisted Godless Communism. If they come to realize they did so to save Godless Capitalism, or Godless Socialism, what happens to loyalty and love of country?

To love one's country, said Edmund Burke, one's country ought to be lovely. If this is not God's country anymore, whose country is it?

234 *economic units* affirm their membership in this Catholic Community by accepting envelopes. If each of these units would pledge (and pay off) **\$65.00** we would reach our Parish Goal. If you watch the Money Matters page in the weekly *Fatima Mirror* you are aware that typically only one half of our registered membership uses the envelopes.

**I, Fr. JDZ, am turning to that 1/2 of the parish family which pays the bills around here asking each one to make a \$120.00 pledge -- pay it off in 6 twenty dollar monthly payments -- to this year's A.C.A. campaign.**

Marking my 65th birthday on May 1, I'm pledging (and paying off) \$650.00 to the 2009 A.C.A. That's enough to cover me, the six parishioners who genuinely can't afford to pledge to this year's campaign, and three of our usual malcontented slackers.

**Your minimal pledge of \$65 or \$120 will help keep these Diocesan ministries alive in 2009-10**

Adult Enrichment  
Buildings and Ground  
Catholic Charities  
Campus Ministry  
Chancery  
Christian Initiation  
Communications  
Development

Diocesan Shrines  
Dmitri Manor  
Ecumenical Minister  
Education Office  
Evangelization  
Family Life Office  
Finance Office  
Fulton County Mission

Information Technology  
Inter-Faith Minister  
Lay Ecclesial Ministry,  
Liturgy Office  
Office of the Bishop  
Ongoing Clergy Formation  
Parish Life Office  
Permanent Diaconate

Priestly Formation  
Religious Education  
Sacramental Preparation  
Scouting  
Stewardship  
Tribunal  
Vicar for Religious  
Youth Ministry

**MONEY MATTERS****Divine Mercy Sunday (April 19)**

267 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$2,232.75 of which \$ 632.70 accounted for "loose".

# Envelopes In Circulation 234 # Used 110 # Unused 124

2009 Annual Catholic Appeal Parish Goal = \$15,144.00 Pledged to date = \$650.00

**Study Confirms Decline of Catholicism at Catholic Colleges** by Patrick J. Reilly

We have long known of the collapse of morals and fidelity to Catholic teaching on many Catholic campuses. Now we have national survey data to prove it.

The Cardinal Newman Society's new national survey of students at Catholic colleges and universities -- looking at both current students and recent graduates under the age of 30 -- is the only such nationally representative data publicly available. The results are frightening:

- Nearly one of every five respondents knows another student who had an abortion or paid for one.
- Three out of five agree strongly or somewhat that abortion should be legal.
- 46 percent of all respondents say they had premarital sex in the last year they attended a Catholic college.
- 57 percent agree strongly or somewhat that same-sex "marriage" should be legal.
- 78 percent say that using a condom to prevent pregnancy is not a serious sin.

But given an increasingly secular society that is moving further away from Catholic morality, it may not be all that surprising that a snapshot of young adults shows disagreement with the Church. The big question is: What impact are Catholic colleges having in reversing those trends?

Here the data are even more disconcerting: the majority of respondents say that their experience at a Catholic college or university did not increase their respect for the Vatican and the Catholic bishops, did not increase their support for Catholic teachings, and did not increase their own participation in the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Instead, the experience simply had no impact on their affinity for the Church.

Another 10 to 13 percent of respondents say their experience at a Catholic college caused their respect for Church leaders, support for Catholic teaching, and sacramental participation to decline.

And we found evidence that certain scandalous practices at Catholic colleges strongly correlate with students' immorality. Of the 39 percent of respondents who say they experienced college officials or staff encouraging students to use contraceptives, 53 percent had sex during their last year at a Catholic college, 10 points higher than respondents who were not encouraged to use artificial contraception.

Of the 31 percent of respondents who say they experienced college officials or staff encouraging the acceptance of homosexual activity, 56 percent agree that homosexual sex is morally acceptable (26 points higher than those who were not encouraged to support illicit sex), 45 percent support homosexual "marriage" (16 points higher than the other respondents), and 43 percent say the visibility of homosexual students on campus is high (32 points higher than the remaining respondents).

Pope Benedict XVI has repeatedly expressed alarm about the "educational emergency" in the West: the failure to transmit the truth about Jesus Christ and man's place in the world to the younger generations.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR April 27 - May 3, 2009**

Monday	04/27	08:00 AM	Special Intention, M/M James Riley	<i>Easter Weekday</i>
Tuesday	04/28	08:00 AM	Bill Stitt, Wife & Family	<i>Peter Chanel, priest, martyr</i>
Wednesday	04/29	08:00 AM	Don Shuma, Chuck & Ceil Hennigan	<i>Catherine of Sienna, virg, Doc</i>
Thursday	04/30	08:00 AM	Fr Zatalava Birthday May 1st, Staff	<i>Pius V, pope</i>
Friday	05/01	08:00 AM	Sally Colledge, Wedd Anniv, Husband Pete	<i>Joseph the Worker</i>
Saturday	05/02	04:30 PM	Rita Raichle, Jay, Maryann & Anna Bistline	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
Sunday	05/03	09:00 AM	Michael Zaczck, Birthday, Sister	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
Sunday	05/03	11:00 AM	Liv&Dec'd Members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>