

# ANTI-CATHOLICISM IN AMERICA

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## 1. **The Greatest Bias and Bigotry**

The greatest bias and bigotry in the United States today by far is anti-Catholicism. Harvard Professor Arthur Schlesinger observed that prejudice against the Catholic Church was "the deepest bias in the history of America."

## 2. **"Why"**

The Catholic Church has a no tolerance policy on idolatry, blasphemy, divorce, promiscuity, artificial birth control, pornography and even deliberately consented to impure thoughts. The Catholic Church stands tall as the antithesis of pagan and secular humanistic thinking. The world and the flesh say- "Do your own thing." the Catholic Church says, "No - Do God's thing." The world and flesh say, "Get all the money, sex and power you can." The catholic Church says, "No- live the lives of poverty, chastity and obedience. The world and the flesh say- " You only go this way once- live life in luxury, comfort, self-gratification. The Catholic Church says- "We live here in lasting homes prepared by mortification and prayer for the coming kingdom."

## 3. **God's Masterplan For Salvation**

The Catholic Church is God's masterplan for salvation. It is the Mystical Body formed by His Spirit set up to be the one, holy, universal sign and sacraments- the light for all the world to see, embrace and instate. The catholic Church alone, therefore has all the sacraments, the anointed prophetic Petrine Office, the fullness of the truth the Holy Spirit as its soul, devotion to Mary, the Sacred Heart and its saints. it alone is set up by God to be "the pillar and standard of truth" ( Cf 1/Tim 3: 15) It alone is the infallible guide to help everyone to think love and act like Jesus.

## **The Catholic Church in Right Perspective**

### **1. No institution in history has done more to promote purity, virginity and moral integrity than the Catholic Church.**

Jesus Christ established His Church in the midst of the very pagan Roman Empire. And as His Mystical Body, the Catholic Church has taught a no tolerance policy on abortion, pornography, artificial contraception, promiscuity, self-abuse, incest, sodomy, and even deliberately consented to impure thoughts. The Church has always promoted the Gospel of Life, a Legion of Decency and a Catholic School System that has promoted virginity and purity. The Church founded by Christ holds up for everyone Mary the Mother of God as our model of purity, and certain saints such as St. Cecelia and St. Maria Goretti, who died maintaining their virginity. The Church has always advocated prayer, frequent confession, modesty in dress, frequent reception of the Eucharist, and the practice of mortification and penance. In all of history, no institution has done more to promote purity, as any fair-minded person would readily admit.

### **2. There is not another institution in the United States addressing sexual abuse among minors more than the Catholic Church.**

Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, stated unequivocally, "I'm very heartened by the professionals who work with both victims and abusers who encourage us in this work, because they tell us there is not another institution in the United States that is doing more to understand and address the horror of sexual abuse of minors."

**3. The media treatment of the priests' sexual abuse scandal reflects a deeply seated, Anti-Catholic bias.**

By and large the treatment has been unfair. Mixed in with truths are half-truths and innuendos. Although it is true that a small percentage of priests and bishops have been at fault, it is definitely not true that the Catholic Church, as a whole, has been at fault. Never before have the media been so guilty of stirring up such wide sweeping religious bigotry and bias.

**4. In the American dream, all men are created equal, that is Christian and Jew, Protestant and Catholic, black and white.**

Thanks to the Civil War and the recent Civil Rights movement, much of the racial bigotry has been overcome. However, once again, we are met on a great battlefield, testing whether this nation or any nation so conceived and dedicated can long endure.

**5. There is no place for bigotry in America.**

So if you are Catholic and your notion of Catholicism allows you to be bigoted towards any group, you're not a good Catholic and you're certainly not a good American. The same would hold true of Protestants, Jews, Blacks, Hispanics - in fact, every group. Bias is not Jewish, bigotry is not Christian and neither bias nor bigotry are American.

**6. As John Leo pointed out in his article in *US News and World Report*, March 18, 2002, the news media are damaging their honesty and credibility.**

Quoting Bernard Goldberg's book, *Bias*, "the packaging of news reflects an anti-religious, anti-Christian, anti-Catholic, anti-family, anti-decency, and anti-life world view." Tammy Bruce's new book, *The New Thought Police: Inside the Left's Assault on Free Speech and Free Minds*, corroborates both Goldberg and Leo. The American newsroom culture is so strongly pro-choice, pro-homosexual, pro-pornography, and anti-religious that it cannot bring itself to report religious issues fairly.

**7. No one abuses children more than the media.**

The media back abortion, which to date has killed over 100 million of our children. It backs blatant pornography, sodomy, promiscuity, immorality, and highly-offensive speech. Howard Stern, Jerry Springer and Madonna are darlings of our media. Howard Stern, for example, has had over 3,100 sponsors, some of them being the leading radio and television stations in this country. Our media is filled with violence, immorality and highly offensive speech. Unfortunately, the media is the number one informant of the youthful souls of our country. It is common knowledge that the newspapers in this country are run by irreligious, atheistic, anti-family, and anti-Christian editorial boards. Abortion, homosexuality and the sexual revolution are widely endorsed, as well as a false feminism that is anti-God, anti-church and anti-life.

**8. For the sake of our children, we need to work toward a "no tolerance" policy of evil policy right across the board.**

We need as a nation to get rid of all pornography, all televised promiscuity, all violence, and, of course, all abortion - which is the worst and ultimate form of child abuse. Only with a "no tolerance" policy right across the board by every organization - religious and secular - will we be able to attack the problem of abuse of our children. At present, over 85 percent of all American children are being severely abused in one way or another, mostly by the entertainment, music, theatrical, and media industries who are reaping billions at the expense of the innocence of our children.