

# The Old Battle-Axes of Liberal Catholicism Want to Blow Us Away

For years, traditional Catholicism has been ascendant, and now it's *the* dynamic force in the U.S. Catholic Church. Not surprisingly, greying liberal Catholics have been getting uptight and ticked off, and they've been lashing out.

For example, *Commonweal*, that elderly organ of liberal Catholicism with an aging readership, devoted its entire back cover to an attempt to ridicule us. We are the NEW OXFORD REVIEW, a Catholic magazine of a newer generation. The gist of their attack was that we're out of touch with "liberal post-Enlightenment culture" and are read by "ostriches." Earlier, *Commonweal* printed a letter from a homosexual claiming that we "reek of fascism." Ah, that good ol' "F" word, so serviceable in the salad days of the 60s!

The *National Catholic Reporter*, always on the cutting edge of 60s nostalgia, has nonjudgmentally accused us of taking "cheap shots" at feminism and being a "poisoned dart," while letter writers have sensitively demonized us as "triumphalistic," "abusive," and "vicious."

We placed a satirical ad in *America*, the liberal Jesuit weekly, headlined "Does St. Bozo's Parish No Longer Amuse You?" Three weeks later, *America* printed a letter accusing us of being "very callous" and favoring "thought-control." In reply, *America* offered its "sincerest apologies" to its humor-impaired reader for running our ad, and solemnly affirmed that our ad was "offensive," the Great Sacrilege of the Politically Correct. And, striking a mighty blow against "thought-control," *America* banned *all* our "offensive" ads. Ah, you didn't know

that the liberal Jesuits maintain an *Index of Forbidden Ads*, did you?

Archbishop Rembert Weakland, who paid out \$450,000 in Archdiocesan funds to cover up a homosexual affair, has called us "extremely offensive." Well, we hope so, especially to the likes of *him*.

And the liberals at the Catholic Library Association have recently banned us from their *Catholic Periodical and Literature Index* — without explanation.

Of course, all of this is so typical of liberal Catholics. They're all for inclusiveness, but love to *exclude* the non-inclusive; they're all for diversity, but not *intellectual* diversity. And oh, how they love to  *censor* speech that "offends" them.

Actually, we're delighted to be attacked and banned by the wheezing warriors of liberal Catholicism. "Banned in Boston" — notoriety is great box office.

Why are we so detested? Because we energetically support traditional Catholicism and a strong papacy. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, we're "influential." Obviously, we're *too* influential to ignore — or to tolerate.

Among those who've written for us are Walker Percy, James Hitchcock, Alice von Hildebrand, Michael S. Rose,

Fr. Peter Stravinskias, and Tom Bethell.

We've got "attitude," says Karl Keating; "heartily recommended," says *The Wanderer*; "first-rate," says *National Review*. Find out what the fireworks are about by subscribing to our incandescent monthly magazine! After all, you don't want to be an *ostrich*, do you?

