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Letters to the Editor
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To the Editor:

Whether she is disingenuous or simply confused, Margery Eagan once again was in error in her latest column on Catholicism (You have to be human before you can be a saint, 8/28/2007).

Eagan conflates Mother Teresa's personal doubts about her own relationship with God, common to a number of saints, with the position of Father Robert Bowers, whose overt dissent from Catholic moral teaching was epitomized by his public participation in the same-sex civil marriage ceremony of former State Senator Jarrett Barrios and political consultant Doug Hattaway. Blessed Mother Teresa, on the other hand, was always unfailingly orthodox in matters of Christian morality, never missing an opportunity to condemn both abortion and contraception.

One suspects that spiritual doubt is something quite alien to Margery Eagan, whose manifest rejection of core Catholic principles is comprehensive, settled, and longstanding.

Sincerely,

C. J. Doyle
Executive Director

cc: Patrick J. Purcell, *Publisher*

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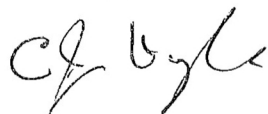
To the Editor:

The letter from Margaret Morganroth Gullette of Brandeis criticizing Cardinal O'Malley's statement on the Democratic Party and abortion contained an astonishing and libelous accusation (Abortion, politics, and the church, Letters, 11/17/2007).

Gullette claimed that the church "has been letting the women in its care die of botched abortions...". This is not only a defamatory lie intended to incite hatred for the Catholic religion, but is a self evident absurdity. What Catholic medical, charitable, or social service institution ever allowed a woman in its care to die from the complications of abortion?

Gullette's comments tell us nothing about the concerns raised by the Cardinal, and everything about her own seething contempt for Catholicism. The more troubling issue here is why New England's largest newspaper, *The Boston Globe*, would publish the ranting of a bigot engaged in such a reckless disregard for the truth.

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