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March 5, 2008

Letters to the Editor,
The Boston Globe,
P.O. Box 55819,
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To the Editor,

The Boston Globe's absolutist approach to children outside of the public school system surfaced once again in your editorial opposing city supported school bus transportation for private and parochial school students in Boston (No free ride to private school, 3/5/2008).

Like public school students, Catholic school students are citizens of the City of Boston, and their parents are taxpayers in the city. School bus transportation has traditionally been viewed as a health and safety issue. No group of Boston students ought to be discriminated against in this vital matter simply because they do not attend a government school.

Without wishing to demonize immigrants, one cannot help but note the glaring inconsistency, if not hypocrisy, in the *Globe's* opposition to a safety program for the children of taxpaying citizens, while endorsing in-state tuition breaks at state colleges for the children of illegal aliens (A vote for citizenship, 4/9/2007). This apparent contradiction might cause reasonable people to conclude that the *Globe's* position in the current controversy is rooted in an anti-Catholic animus, or perhaps, just a kind of secularist fundamentalism, or both.

Sincerely,

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16 April 2008
Letters to the Editor
The Boston Herald
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To the Editor:

Margery Eagan's counterfeit Catholicism, and the malice underlying it, were once again on display in her tediously predictable column on the Pope's visit to the United States (Pope's Visit Shines Light On Old Sins, 4/13/2008).

Eagan suggests that Catholics can follow the example of Christ without worrying about papal admonitions against birth control. It may come as a shock to her, but that has been tried before. In this country, it's called mainline Protestantism.

Eagan needs to end the hypocrisy and admit that although she may be taking up space in a pew, she left the Catholic Church decades ago.

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July 17, 2008

Letters to the Editor,
The Boston Globe
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To the Editor,

Journalists, of whatever ideology, who criticize the powerful deserve to be respected for their courage. It took no courage at all for Kevin Cullen to deride Bay State opponents of homosexual marriage (Tilting at windmills, 7/17/2008).

Cullen, without offering any evidence, asserts that "Some who oppose gay marriage are deeply principled. Others are bigots." Two of the most negative contemporary assessments of homosexuality have come not from Massachusetts, but from Rome. Pope John Paul II's *Catechism of the Catholic Church* refers to homosexual behavior as "grave depravity". Pope Benedict XVI, as Cardinal Ratzinger, called homosexual adoption "violence against children".

When Cullen writes of "bigots" and "the self-righteous family values crowd", does he mean the two most recent occupants of the Chair of St. Peter, and those who agree with them?

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July 24, 2008

Letters to the Editor,
The Patriot Ledger
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To the Editor,

If one distills the venom from Dan Thomasson's angry diatribe against the religious freedom rights of pharmacists who refuse to dispense the morning after pill, what you have left is a formula for overt discrimination against Catholics, and others, in the healthcare industry (Unmitigated arrogance on birth control, 7/14/2008).

Should Thomasson and those who agree with him prevail, then persons with sincerely held moral and religious beliefs about the sanctity of innocent human life from conception to natural death will be confronted with the choice of violating their consciences or sacrificing their jobs.

The abolition of conscience clauses in healthcare means that those who refuse to participate in abortions or in the distribution of abortifacient contraceptives will ultimately be excluded from professions such as pharmacy, medicine, nursing and hospital administration.

Tomasson adheres to an ideology which claims to defend the right of choice. He evidently sees no hypocrisy in demanding that people be fired for choosing not to kill.

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July 24, 2008

Letters,
Boston Herald
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To the Editor,

Margery Eagan's bitter enmity towards the Catholic Faith was revealed once again with her loathsome crack alleging that the Church will not be able to find enough future priests who are not molesters (Church errors in casting out women, but not predator priests, 7/22/2008).

If bigotry may be defined as a mixture of malice and ignorance, then Eagan's ludicrous assertions about the Church, slavery, and the Holocaust qualify on both counts. Eagan's long-standing belief that facts should never be allowed to get in the way of a good argument was also on display when she misidentified pedophile priest Francis E. Bass as a bishop.

After nearly two decades of anti-Catholic polemics, of the most shrill and mean spirited sort, Boston Catholics have figured out that Margery Eagan despises their religion and never misses an opportunity to attack it. She should stop insulting their intelligence by pretending that she is still a member of the Church.

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August 8, 2008

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To the Editor,

Planned Parenthood functionary Joan Malin claims to support the right to choose, but the only choice she is willing to give to a pro-life professional in healthcare is: betray your conscience or lose your job (Women beware of parting gift from Bush, 8/6/08).

The same crowd that have been accusing Catholics of "imposing their morality" now want to fire pharmacists who refrain from dispensing the morning after pill.

With Planned Parenthood, abortion and contraception are big business, not just matters of ideology. Planned Parenthood is a billion dollar industry, with \$336 million in annual revenue coming from the taxpayers.

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October 31, 2008

Letters to the Editor

Boston Herald

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To the Editor:

Margery Eagan's shameless mendacity was once again on display with her laughable assertion that "huge numbers of prominent pro-life Catholics" are supporting Obama (What constitutes a mother's 'health'? Candidates' positions reveal a clear choice, 10/19/2008).

The case of the only individual which she bothered to cite, law professor Doug Kmiec, just goes to prove that every community has its quislings, a concept long familiar to Margery Eagan.

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December 23, 2008

Letters to the Editor

The Boston Globe

PO Box 55819

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To the Editor:

Perhaps the day will come when Christians in Boston will be able to celebrate the birth of their Savior without having to endure James Carroll's dreary and tendentious revisionism (Jesus and the promise of Christmas, 12/22/08). What is an occasion of joy and goodwill for most people, is for Carroll another opportunity for a tedious lecture on the "actual Jesus", which invariably reduces Jesus Christ to a merely human figure of only temporal significance.

Carroll was right to leave the priesthood. His manifest rejection of both the divinity of Christ and the historicity of the gospels not only places him outside the Catholic Faith, but beyond even the most minimal definition of a Christian.

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