

October 1, 2019

Dear Father Jenkins,

The malignant poster recently displayed on campus and the venomous video that is posted on vimeo (<http://tinyurl.com/y3tns4xe>) surely must be major violations of the University's Standards of Conduct. In addition, they seem plainly to violate Indiana's "intimidation law," which makes it a crime to incite violence or to take action intended to expose a person "to hatred, contempt, disgrace, or ridicule." See Indiana Code Title 35, Criminal Law and Procedure § 35-45-2-1.

The students' malicious and culpable intention is vividly evidenced on the poster by the perpetrators' circling in fake blood the names of student, faculty and alumni authors of Irish Rover and Observer "homophobic" articles upholding Church teaching, and on the video by one perpetrator repeatedly bashing the photos on the poster with a crowbar while another holds up a copy of The Irish Rover.

In addition, the video leader assailed students associated with The Irish Rover and SCOP collectively, and in her Observer screed this morning she included students associated with Young Americans for Freedom and alumni associated with our organization, Sycamore Trust:

"leak brimstone into your
praying mouths
Young Americans for Freedom
Child Oriented Policy
Sycamore Trust
Irish Rover"

This is beyond vile. It is provocative and dangerous.

Red Dreher is evidently the first to pick this up, but he certainly won't be the last. See "Anti-Catholic Hate at Notre Dame"
<http://tinyurl.com/yxnt8q87>.

His conclusion:

“Whoever put this sign up slandered others at Notre Dame, attacked free speech, and is clearly trying to incite violence against them with that kind of incendiary rhetoric and symbolism. A line has been crossed. What is the university going to do about it?”

Since we are included as targets, we believe we have standing to ask precisely that question. We respectfully ask what you intend to do about it so that we can come to an informed judgment as to what we should do about it. As an immediate step, we strongly urge you to require the incendiary video be taken down. The longer it spews hatred, the more the risk of another Virginia Tech.

Very truly,

Bill Dempsey

Chairman

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