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RE: Christopher Matthews - Honors Degree

Dear Father McFarland,

I met Christopher Matthews on a Friday night with his charming wife, when he spoke at the President's Council Annual Dinner several years ago. On Saturday morning we met at Mass and then at the seminar in Hogan. A charming, sharp, loquacious man of much promise as a political savant, I have taken pleasure and satisfaction at his immense success, with reservations about his selective aggressive treatment of certain of his invited guests.

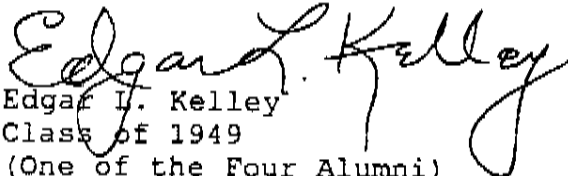
I write this letter to state my personal objection to the bestowal of Holy Cross' Honorary Degree on him, with a condescending indifference to his baffling stance on abortion. He is "Pro-Choice". Many others have expressed frustration at your attempts to impute a moral rationale to his position, saying it is within acceptable tolerance of legitimate inquiry, as reported in the April 20, 2003 Boston Sunday Globe. You are quoted as saying, "This is a matter of practical judgment that is arguable within the framework of Catholic thought." and that Holy Cross does not use an "over-simplified litmus test" in selecting recipients of honorary degrees. These are absurd positions for a Catholic College to propound and worse, to install in its policies. Are we to pretend to be ignorant of the permanent moral damage to our present and future students which will be the direct result of this honorary degree?

Aren't you aware of the origin of the euphemism "Pro-Choice"? It is an intellectual slight of hand to smuggle unlimited abortion into the national culture. Anyone with a fragmentary brain knows that. Chris knows it and you do, too.

When the Wizard's curtain is pulled, there it is, "Abortion = Pro-Choice". Having achieved a degree of candor, let's move on to the claimed constitutional sacro-sanctity of the principles of "Roe v. Wade". A construed right of privacy concocted by Justices Brennan and Douglas was foisted on a consensus-combine to produce a majority rule which bars interference by State governments in the prohibition or regulation of a woman's privacy, as it might affect her decision to abort the living creature within her. The case did not apply the rule of the 14th Amendment law to a creature living in the body of the nominal plaintiff (Roe). The so-called plaintiff is named Norma McCorvy. She is now a practicing Catholic convert. She has confessed that she was not raped and that she did not abort the baby. She charges the persons who initiated the action in the Texas court with false pleadings designed to invoke the Court's jurisdiction. NARAL invented the deception "Pro-Choice" in a stroke of political wizardry. Thus the sordid generation of the euphemism "Pro-Choice".

Perhaps Chris Matthew's would find the entire topic worthy of exposition on "HARDBALL". There is no one better qualified to expose the nature and origins of the most important and critical factor in the morality of the United States. See Pope John Paul II's "Culture Of Life", which states our basic values as God's most important creatures -- we loving humans.

Sincerely,


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