
APPENDIX A

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Notes and Transcripts of the April 24, 2002 episode of *Open Mike with Mike Bullard*

Joke during Bullard's opening monologue

You won't believe this. There's an American rabbi, this is very strange folks, who's now accused of sexually exploiting members of his congregation. I guess we're now going to hear about every religion's sex scandals. Next we'll find out the young suicide bombers were despondent because they were inappropriately touched by a horny mullah. So yesterday while the Cardinals were all meeting with the Pope in Rome, the chief rabbis have been called to a hastily arranged meeting at Streisand's house.

Conversation between Bullard and his band leader Orin Isaacs:

Isaacs: Hey tell me somethin'

Bullard: What?

Isaacs: How did you get rid of those guys that were hanging out in front of the building?

Bullard: Oh yes, yes. Well, it was easy. We had these guys, a lot like these two [points to two young boys in the audience that he had been teasing earlier] who were hanging around the building terrorizing guests, you know.

Isaacs: Uh huh.

Bullard: And terrorizing audience members on the way in and on the way out.

Isaacs: Uh huh.

Bullard: Well, actually you don't have to terrorize audience members on the way out because we take care of that while they're here. [Isaacs laughs]. But these guys were trouble, they were big trouble. So, I guess, well, we saw it as a problem so I took care of it the best way I know how. Let's go outside and take a look. Here's what I did. [Camera outside shows two young men dressed up in priests' robes with crosses around their necks.] [Audience laughs.] That's right. I hired a couple of Catholic priests. Good work fellas [the two "priests" form the sign of the cross and gives the thumbs up sign]. Today I haven't seen a young guy within ten blocks of here. Good job.

Approximately 20 minutes into the episode:

Scene of the two actors outside the studio. A young man walks past them; they look him up and down and smile approvingly.

Approximately 30 minutes into the episode:

Bullard: I hear the priests are really working out there. Let's go have another look. [Scene of the "priests" giving candy to a young man.] Hey, hey, they're handing out candy! No, no, that's not right! Don't hand out candy! No candy! Man, I think these guys have an ulterior motive. No more candy. Pull away, pull away. Pull away. Hey, we gotta tell these guys to stop doing their own comedy. They're just supposed to stand there. We do the comedy, not the hired actors. Just tell them to do what they're told next time. Those priests are on their way out.

Interview with Rick Green who works on a television program called *History Bites* that parodies historical events. Bullard asks Green if the program has ever been sued. Green says they have never been sued, but that they did receive a complaint from the CBSC from a viewer who felt an skit had promoted hatred against Catholics.

Green: Now you've got two priests outside here so you're in trouble.

Bullard: That's right. Any time you have two priests outside, you're in trouble.

Green: And, the episode was, I think the one that they complained about was "The Bubonic Plague" and we had a line where the Pope's, the Pope at the time, there were rumours the Pope had the plague and so we had him played as Bill Clinton saying "I do not have bubonic plague. I merely have a series of social diseases." Right. Now, okay, sounds awful. The Pope, hey, this Pope died of syphilis. So, and the popes back then had mistresses and wives –

Bullard: Which to me is proof positive you can get it off the toilet seat.

Green: Yeah, exactly.

Bullard: If the pope dies of syphilis, it's through the use of a public washroom.

Green: So we answered back and said you know what, it's not really hatred of Catholics because it's facts and because until Luther came along there was no Catholic Church, there was The Church and it split later. This was in 1347 or something.

Near end of episode:

Scene of the "priests" outside: one is playing guitar, the other is playing the spoons and they are singing "Kumbaya, My Lord".