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New Head of US Bishops: Woe is Us

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The blockheaded new leader of the US Catholic Church -- who has just declared bankruptcy so his region can avoid paying the full price for harboring, protecting and defending pedophiles -- **just gave his first press conference.**

One of Bishop William Skylstad's first comments? According to USA Today:

"Acknowledging "tension" between his responsibilities to his diocese and his role as leader of the bishops' group, Skylstad said, "It's been a tough time **for bishops**, honestly, a very tough time."

A tough time for bishops? BISHOPS? Not for the parishioners who saw their private church records turned over to Republican hacks to contact voters? Not for people of faith who saw bishops roaming the country trying to stir up votes for a presidential candidate who defied the Pope and launched a war the Pontiff declared immoral, a candidate who defied the Church and executed more people as governor (including the mentally retarded) than anyone else in history in the same amount of time? And most of all, not a difficult time for the victims of rape who finally found the courage to come forward and were treated as a nuisance or as money-grubbing people trying to bilk the Church out of funds?

But in fact a difficult time **for bishops**. Skylstad clearly is in no mood to reach out or seek pastorally what the people of the Church are thinking and feeling. God help us practicing Catholics.



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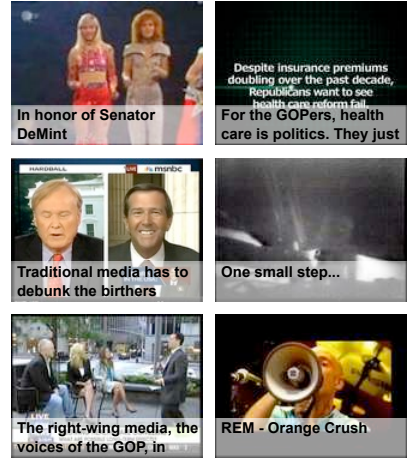
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