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Priest Says that Maine Grassroots Coalition was Too Close to His Church

In the closing days of the Peoples Veto petition drive, a petition circulator was asked to leave his site in front of St. Mary's church on Western Avenue in Augusta. The priest who asked him to leave, Father Louis Phillips, later explained that it was a violation of diocesan policy to allow any political activity on or near church property.

Which is all well and good, were it not for the simple fact that the sidewalk where the petition circulator's table was located is a public way. Also complicating the matter is the fact that the petition circulator claims Father Phillips verbally accosted him, creating an unpleasant scene which embarrassed him in front of several people – enough so that he was forced to leave. Paul Madore, Director of the Maine Grassroots Coalition, subsequently wrote Father Phillips objecting strongly that he had used intimidation to discourage others – in

particular his parishioners - from exercising their First Amendment rights, among which is the right to “peaceably assemble and petition on public property.”

Portland Press Herald Praises Peter Mills for Insulting League Members

Peter Mills was praised in the Portland Press Herald yesterday for a gratuitous insult he made against the members of the Christian Civic League. In response to Lee Umphrey's remark that League members are cuckoo clocks, Mills said the characterization “wasn't strong enough.”

One wonders exactly what Peter Mills had in mind for our members, and the other Evangelicals in Maine. For his inane and fatuous remark, the Portland Press Herald praised Mills for his “biting wit.” When members of the Religious Right make a legitimate criticism of current trends in government – criticisms which are mild in comparison to the remark by Peter Mills - the press is quick to call them “bitter” and “divisive.”

What is not known to the general public however, is that the pro-abortion, pro-gay “liberal Republican” (a liberal conservative? a conservative liberal? a Rockefeller Republican?) Peter Mills received an A+ for his pro-gay stance.*

Mills is seeking the Republican nomination for Governor.

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