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CBC's anti-Catholic broadcast "despicable"

Sadly, anti-Christian programming nothing new at the CBC

OTTAWA – Brad Trost, Member of Parliament for Saskatoon-Humboldt, is deeply concerned that the CBC would broadcast a show that went out of its way to offend Catholics.

Entitled: "The Altar Boy Gang," the pilot program shows Catholic altar boys apparently using a parish to help them get into the drug trade. The show also depicts Communion wafers as snack food, poker chips and as a medium in which to store drops of LSD.

"It is despicable for the CBC to broadcast this garbage on TV," Trost said.

"The Holy Eucharist is sacred to millions of Catholics across Canada and around the world. To make matters worse, taxpayers' money was used to produce The Altar Boy Gang." Trost added.

This is not the first time the CBC has broadcast programs offensive to Christians in general and Catholics in particular.

For example, comedian Mary Walsh mocked Holy Communion by feeding the host to a dog during a CBC-TV program called "Our Daily Bread" in 2000. In addition, CBC News: Sunday ran a regular feature called "Sunday Confessions," during which show host Evan Solomon conducted interviews in a mock confessional.

The CBC refused to drop "Sunday Confessions", even though many members of the Catholic Civil Rights League complained about the segment.

Trost joins fellow Conservative MP Andrew Scheer's call for CBC officials to be brought before the House of Commons Heritage Committee to explain why the CBC broadcast "The Altar Boy Gang."

Mr. Trost will be sending a letter of complaint to the President of the CBC.