

On Catholic Supremacy

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Catholic supremacy is a form of Christian chauvinism, exceptionalism and fascism found among some prominent representatives of Catholic Christianity, especially in many Roman Catholic schools. It is the belief that Catholics are, *ipso facto*, superior to their “non-Catholic” counterparts. It is found in hiring practices and the promotion of less accomplished, less competent, and less qualified Catholics for leadership positions. The perpetuation of this form of authoritarianism and discrimination is concealed by appeals to “mission statements” and “diversity, equity, and inclusion,” including through the rhetorical device of “academic freedom” as well as sham Human Resources investigations and control of media. It is a story told by members of a religious institution that have made child rape a cottage industry. (Note too the ways in which so-called “liberal” and “progressive Catholics” are complicit and implicated, especially through appeals to the inclusion of “non-Catholics”: “We’re so liberal we let you exist.”)

