

## ANOTHER OPEN LETTER TO CATHOLICS

In preparing to go to Mass, some men think this way:  
“Let’s see. What shall I wear for Mass? Will it be something that advertises my favorite sports team, or my favorite player? It’s a difficult choice. The weather makes it somewhat easier. In the winter it’s my sports jacket, and in the summer it’s one of my sports shirts - depending on the sports season. Of course, I can wear my favorite rock band shirt or favorite movie star shirt any season. While I may distract everyone behind me - and I sit up front to be seen by the most people - it is my best way to cause attention to me rather than the Sacrifice of the Mass that is taking place. Since it is cold outside, I’ll wear long pants. When it warms up, then I can wear my shorts.

I tell myself, that "Christ doesn't care how I dress for church." Fortunately, no one has ever asked me, "Really? When did he tell you that?"

In preparing for Mass, some women think this way:  
"Let's see. How shall I dress for Mass? I shouldn't even think that way, because I know I'm not going to wear a dress. I wear pants everywhere else, and Mass is nothing special. I know I have to ignore what the Bible says in Deuteronomy 22:5, about *"a woman in man's clothing is an abomination to the Lord, your God."* Since I can pick and choose what I want to believe in the Bible - that's what the non-Catholics do - I can rationalize it like them. After all, they made exceptions to the Mortal Sin of contraception at their Lambeth Conference in 1930, and now almost 100 years later, I can certainly follow suit - in that, and other things of my choosing. Anyway, I'm wearing pants today like I do all Sundays - or Saturday evenings, when I play to spend Sunday shopping. And I choose to believe that spending the day shopping on Sunday does not go against the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment, *"Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day."* Today, though, is a harder choice on which pants to wear. I have a pimple on my butt, so I can't wear my tightest pants, as the size and shape of my pimple will be obvious. That's okay. Even my loose pants are made so they tuck under my butt and some even into my butt crack. So I can still have men and boys giving me attention as a sex object. Now for my top. Someone may object to me exposing my boobs, but I can at least wear a tight sweater to accentuate them. And I'm glad since my husband doesn't think of himself as the "Head of the

House," he will not tell me I'm inappropriately attired for Mass and try to make me dress differently. And since priests now want to be popular, they're not going to tell me anything either. I haven't heard any priest ever saying anything from the pulpit about dressing appropriately - or even modestly - for Mass, or any other place for that matter."

Now it is appropriate to look at other passages in the Bible. For instance, women like what St. Paul said in Ephesians 5:25, *"Husbands love your wives, just as Christ also loved the Church, and delivered himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, cleansing her in the bath of water by means of the word."* However, they don't like what he said just before that in Ephesians 5:22-24, *"Let wives be subject to their husbands as to the Lord, because a husband is head of the wife, just as Christ is head of the Church, being himself savior of the body. But just as the Church is subject to Christ, so also let wives be to their husbands in all things."* And in this case, it is not just a matter of women taking from the Bible only what is appealing. It is falling for the temptation of the Satan-inspired "Woman's Liberation Movement." Actually, that doesn't liberate women - it puts them into bondage to the devil - by following his plan instead of God's

Another point involving shorts, while they are inappropriate for men in Mass, they involve immodesty for women. And any woman who claims that showing her bare legs is not for sex appeal, should let the hair on her legs grow for six months - and then go out in exhibit them anywhere in public with it not being an issue for her.

Before leaving for church, both men and women should stand before a mirror and ask themselves, "Would I go to a dance at a Country Club attired like this?" If the answer is, "No," then they are admitting that a dance is more important than a Mass, and a Country Club is more important than the House of God.

And does anyone really believe that Christ approves of that?