

WHY NO MENTION IN THE SECULAR PRESS
IT IS IMPORTANT TO MILLIONS

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Don't ban religion from workplace

The federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is attempting to ban any sign of religion in the workplace.

According to proposed EEOC policies, "religion" would be treated the same as sexual harrassment. The new policies would not allow a worker to hang a religious picture or symbol such as a crucifix on a wall, have a Bible on a desk, or wear a religious symbol such as a cross or medal.

An office worker would also be unable to discuss religious matters, such as bible study, or even try to counsel a fellow worker by saying, "I'll pray for you." Charges of religious harrassment could be brought

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against a worker for these activities.

It is a sorry state of affairs when individuals in our country must, in effect, adopt an atheistic code of conduct at work.

What harm is there in workers displaying signs of their religious beliefs in their own office or wearing religious items? Is it any different than displaying posters or buttons for political candidates, pennants for favorite sports teams, or slogans for causes, such as environmental awareness, in one's office?

I don't feel it's wrong to discuss

one's religious beliefs with co-workers. We talk about many issues during the workday. Unless one is truly harrassed by excessive, unwelcome proselytizing (which **should** be subject to charges), I don't feel talk about religion hurts anyone; in fact, it might be helpful in many cases.

The EEOC has extended its period of public comment on this proposal **until June 12**. If you oppose this policy of eliminating religion from the workplace, write to the commission requesting the removal of the word "religion" from the proposed guidelines. **Write to the Office of the Executive Secretariat, Room 10428, 1801 L Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20509.**

See mid-life changes as challenges, speaker urges state Catholic women

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MIDDLETON — Women attending the 79th annual conference of the Wisconsin Council of Catholic Women (WCCW) at St. Benedict Center here recently were encouraged to see mid-life changes as challenges, rather than problems.

"In mid-life we face many changes. Changes can always be challenges," said banquet speaker Dr. Marilyn Bonjean, university professor.

"Some are good, some are bad or even a little bit disturbing," she said of changes.

She stated that since our life span is longer, there are now many generations with fewer people in them.

"The obligation seems to rest with the women. We now have to

Be women of action like Mary, Bishop Bullock advises convention

to do what God asks of her."

The early church Fathers presented Mary not only as the Mother of God, but as the perfect model for all Christians. "She accepted the will of God as a woman of faith and put it into practice as a woman of action," said Bullock.

"So often we are asked to do something in our world, to respond to the needs of our day and the environment of our global society; we need the attitude of Mary as believer and servant. As a Council of Catholic Women, united in faith and service, many areas of concern lie open before you, ready to be addressed."

A primary issue is concern for human life, said Bullock. "Violence

religion from public discourse and treat God as a hobby."

Countered the bishop, "Religious belief must be a part of public life, for public life must call us to the good, protect the rights of the weak and solve human problems with the strongest emphasis on the human. Religious belief enables ordinary people to transcend the here and now, to transcend themselves, and enter into dialogue with the eternal, the infinite, the divine: to enter into dialogue with mystery — with God.

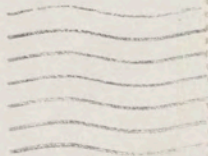
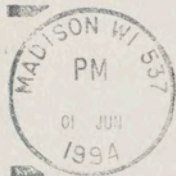
"As we do that, we enter into dialogue with the world, to bring the redemption of Jesus, our share in his resurrection and new life, the challenge of the Gospel, and the healing of the Holy Spirit to a world which badly needs them," said Bullock.



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The Madison Catholic Woman's members of the University of W at the club's 80th annual banquet. Women's state convention held president; Mary Hubanks, chair recipients; Kay Smith, awards

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