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M. LaCroix, Ms. Enkin:

Canadians pride themselves on being tolerant, understanding and accepting of the diverse cultures, customs and beliefs that make up the great mosaic of our country.

While freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press are all enshrined in the Constitution Act 1982, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms one expects that those who would invoke such freedoms would do so in a prudent and responsible manner.

On behalf of the more than 250,000 members of the Knights of Columbus and their families throughout Canada I am writing to make a complaint regarding the degradation and marginalizing of the Catholic faith during a recent episode of your program "This Hour has 22 Minutes". During this episode there is a satirical parody of the distribution of the Holy Eucharist.

The Eucharist is the central tenet of the Catholic faith as it is the Body and Blood of Christ for the believers. To have this mocked by using Tim Horton's coffee and doughnuts is in our eyes a sacrilegious act. One would think that your writers, performers and producers would have the sensitivity and good grace to respect this sacred belief of a large portion of the Canadian population. Can you imagine the reaction, if for example, your organization portrayed the central tenet of the Islamic faith with such scant respect!

I really do feel that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and its members can do a much better job representing all Canadians and taking into account their rights as well as yours. A letter of apology is definitely in order.

Yours

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