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Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the BBC charter review.

As a Roman Catholic I'm incensed I am forced by law to pay a considerable annual sum of money to the B.B.C to have my beliefs constantly ridiculed.

Is there any moral teaching of the Catholic Church that isn't now ridiculed by the B.B.C.? In the past it was more subtle and muted. Today however it is plain for all to see. The attacks are constant, crude, vociferous and well orchestrated.

In a news programme shown not long ago and late at night, I saw a short film that was simply blatant propaganda for euthanasia.

It looked as if it had been produced and directed and approved by the euthanasia Society. Not one word was said in the defence of human life.

I note particularly on the B.B.C and particularly with respect to the Roman Catholic Church a significant number of Catholics, mainly Orthodox, were dropped from Thought For Today series with no adequate explanation, a series of attacks on Cardinal Murphy O'Connor, leader of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. In which the Today programme persistently highlighted a child abuse case which the police had already rejected and the Panorama programme accusing the Pope of causing the deaths of HIV patients because he rejected the use of the sheath as a

a protection against the disease yet failed to mention that recent research shows that the issue of free condoms failed to reduce the spread of the disease. Whereas in Uganda where all sex education programmes promote 'abstinence and faithfulness' a fall of 75% is recorded in H.I.V in the group 15 to 19 years olds

The BBC also seems to have steeped itself in the culture of death that Pope John Paul II has so often warned the world against the killing of the unborn baby and now the killing of the aged and sick, judging by many advocates for it that we see on our screens.

For an organisation that claims to have balanced programmes, I never cease to be amazed about how so-called debates on moral issues have so much imbalance and are loaded in favour of liberal permissiveness.

Surely the time is right to instruct the new Director General to ensure that all programmes are properly researched to give a balanced view and not simply propaganda programmes giving the views of one or two individuals and also to generally clean up the programmes transmitted, so that we no longer have to guard our children from these abuses of our homes.

Yours Faithfully  
Mr W.E. PALMER.