

Thank GOD for Nuns with Rulers !

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I'm not a Roman Catholic, but many friends are. As a Presbyterian, I've even been called a "*heretic*" by one of them in jest. While I have a very low opinion of the current Pope, I am eternally grateful for Catholic Education which even Pope Francis doesn't seem able to ruin.

It is NOT a coincidence that most of the conservative, principled and credentialed Supreme Court Justices -- for whom we as conservatives have prayed the last 40 years -- received a Catholic Education. Samuel Alito is the sole exception, but maybe his moral compass is so accurate that he didn't need one. These brilliant, courageous and principled Supreme Court justices may very well become the eventual saviors of Western Civilization.

Justice Clarence Thomas attended ***St. Pius High School*** in Savannah, Georgia and then transferred to ***St. John Vianney Seminary***. He later graduated *cum laude* from the ***College of the Holy Cross*** in Worcester, Massachusetts. His Catholic education prepared him for ***Yale Law School*** and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Justice Antonin Scalia received an academic scholarship to prestigious ***Xavier High School*** in Manhattan, where he was first in his class and its valedictorian. He then attended ***Georgetown University***, where he also placed first and was valedictorian of his graduating class. Those schools prepared him for ***Yale Law School***, where he graduated *magna cum laude* and served as an editor of the ***YALE LAW REVIEW***.

Justice Neil Gorsuch was raised Catholic, and attended ***Georgetown Prep*** in Washington, D.C. two years behind Brett Kavanaugh. He attended Columbia University where he graduated *cum laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa*.

He then attended **Harvard Law School**, where he also graduated cum laude and was the Editor of the **HARVARD JOURNAL OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY**.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh attended high school at **Georgetown Prep**, a Jesuit institution in Washington where he graduated first in his class. He then graduated cum laude at **Yale**, and was on the **YALE LAW REVIEW** at **Yale Law School**. (President Trump claimed Justice Kavanaugh ranked first in his **Yale** law school class, but Trump may have misstated Kavanaugh's credentials, since **Yale** claims it does not "rank" its undergraduate or law school graduates.)

Justice Amy Barrett was student body vice president at **St. Mary's Dominican High School** in Metairie, Louisiana. She graduated *magna cum laude* from **Rhodes College**, a small, private university in Memphis, Tennessee that offers a classical education. She then graduated *summa cum laude* and was first in her class at **Notre Dame Law School** in South Bend, Indiana and *Executive Editor* of its law review.

Thank GOD for such people! Thank God we still have a society that is capable of producing such exceptional people, who are living and breathing proof that we have somehow dodged the bullet and avoided the moral blindness, cynicism and misanthropy routinely found within the ideologies of the left. One very good reason for this is the Catholic education these scholarly jurists received.

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS STILL TEACH "RIGHT AND WRONG." This may seem odd and unfashionable to leftists, whose Marxist ideology dictates that there's no such thing, but for most Catholics, these concepts are as real as a rock. Every one of them recognizes that without the *Ten Commandments* we have no basis for determining morality, at which point society devolves into the "*Law of the Jungle*" or the kleptocracy of the Obama--Biden era.

While the public schools and secular private schools were indoctrinating students with moral relativism and secular humanism, the Catholic Schools stood like a bulwark against these ideologies of the age. Nuns with rulers warned against the *Seven Deadly Sins* and punctuated their lessons with a rap across the knuckles for emphasis. Most students became better citizens for it, and were far more inclined to have a fully functioning moral compass when they reached adulthood.

My Catholic friends may reflexively wince when I say this, but **THANK GOD FOR NUNS WITH RULERS!**