

Catholics Called on to Boycott eBay

by Tom Serafin

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LOS ANGELES -- Outraged by EBAY's policy to allow the sale of objects sacred to Catholics - most recently an item purported to be the Holy Eucharist - Tom Serafin, founder of the Los Angeles-based International Crusade for Holy Relics, is calling on Catholics to boycott the site.

"EBAY doesn't care about our faith, but they do care about our money," Serafin said. "Perhaps this will wake them up to the fact that offending 1.1 billion people comes with a cost."

Serafin's ICHR has been battling EBAY's policies on religious relics and other items sacred to Catholics for more than 7 years. Countless sacred items are sold each year through the website's online marketplace.

"It's not enough for them to ban the sale of stolen pieces of the Eucharist," Serafin said. "EBAY must stop creating a market for the sale of our religious heritage."

Serafin said that EBAY should extend the same ban on sales that it affords to objects from National Parks to Catholic treasures that cannot be sold under Church law.

"All we are asking is that EBAY stop creating a market for these sacrilegious sales," Serafin said.

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