

## ***Report Viewed As Harmful***

**Editor:**

Several weeks ago, the front page of *The Advocate* ran a report that a number of American bishops are in favor of giving the sacraments to Catholics in invalid marriages, under certain circumstances.

This article has caused incalculable harm to souls, confused the faithful, and has undermined the work of the parish priest.

So many separated and divorced people, unfortunate victims of wayward spouses, have through God's grace, their fidelity and self-sacrifice, abstained from a second and invalid marriage. Why? Because they wished to remain faithful to Christ's teaching on the indissolubility of marriage, and the moral law concerning adultery.

A look of puzzlement! What goes, Father? You mean to say, after all these years of sacrifice, I could have married again!

*The Advocate* should never have given this material a sounding board. Some news is fit to print, some is not. The news you printed, on the front page no less, was not only unfit, but positively damaging to the cause of Jesus Christ.

More harm was done to the Church from that one issue of *The Advocate*, than 10 years of attack by enemies of the Church.

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