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## **Catholic Church Fined by NFL**

New Orleans, LA -- Earlier today the Archdiocese of New Orleans received a letter from the National Football League (NFL) about the unauthorized use of NFL trademarked property. NFL spokes person John Tallibou says that the "Catholic Church in New Orleans has been using unauthorized songs, images, and colors in their services for years that mention "saints" or the Saints color and symbols that are trademarked to the NFL by means of the New Orleans Saints franchise team."

The NFL is demanding that all colors, marks, symbols, signs, and songs that have any reference to "saints" or the colors associated with the team must be removed from the property of all Catholic Churches in New Orleans. So far, the list includes: the color gold, the fleur de lis, the color black, the color white, as well as any songs and prayers that use the words "Saints", "New" or "Orleans".

Archdiocesan spokes person Sarah Jane Caliano has said, "The Archbishop and diocese is stunned by this demand. Does not the NFL know that these symbols are sacred and older than any football franchise? Does the NFL not know that the team was named thus because of the Catholic culture of the city? Gold, gold never tarnishes and keeps its luster and beauty for centuries and there for represents God's divinity and never changing nature. Black represents those who mourn now here on earth for their sins and the sins of the world as well as the mysterious unknown parts of God. The fleur de lis is not just a symbol of the New Orleans Saints but also an ancient image of the Lilly. The same image and flower that symbolizes the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The fleur de lis also represent the purity of Mary and St. Joseph. The color white, the color associated with so many occasions in the Catholic Church: baptism, confirmation, matrimony. White is the color of purity and rebirth."

Locals are equally stunned by the request of the NFL. Johnny Ray of J-Ray tattoos said, "I don't get it. I've been tattooing saints stuff on people all my life. On their hands, arms, backs, legs. Does this mean the NFL now owns those people's body parts."

Whatever the outcome it is clear that New Orleans is not happy with the NFL's request. The Catholic Church of New Orleans is currently in the process of contacting some of its best lawyers and thinkers to help combat the situation.