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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS ON COMPLAINTS RECEIVED REGARDING RADIO BROADCAST OF SEX ACT IN ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

I have received many outraged e-mails and phone calls complaining about a running on-air broadcast of a sex act in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York as part of a radio stunt. According to the complaints and press accounts, this act took place within a few feet of worshippers and visitors. I have forwarded each of the complaints to our Enforcement Bureau for action. I expect this complaint to be on the fast-track at the Commission. Congress passed laws limiting the broadcast of "obscene, indecent or profane" language and charged the FCC with the enforcement of these laws. The FCC has a responsibility to ensure that the indecency laws of the United States are being vigorously enforced. I take this responsibility with the utmost seriousness. If these complaints and press accounts prove true, this Commission should consider the strongest enforcement action possible against this station, up to and including revocation of the station's license.