



# 1995 POZ Honors: Pope Innocent He's Not

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## **You say beatification, we say beautification**

Belgian AIDS activists repeatedly interrupted the Pope's June attempt to beatify a 19th century missionary named Damien. As Mother Teresa looked on, 12 activists were arrested for repeatedly interrupting the mass, even attempting to unfurl a banner reading "The Pope Is An Assassin." Though he failed to show up, a local comic famous for throwing cream pies announced he would barrage the Popemobile with cream-filled condoms.

## **Expect the fashion industry to begin an ad campaign featuring the Pope in white shoes after Labor Day**

A British government agency was forced to withdraw a poster featuring a hard-hatted Pope with the slogan "The 11th Commandment: Thou Shalt Always Wear a Condom." Said one-well known British radio sex therapist: "Many people may have hard vaguely of the Pope as a notorious relic of medieval superstition. This apparent endorsement by him may put them off wearing condoms."

## **Smells like Pope spirit**

Perhaps the puritanical Pontiff's propaganda machine indirectly contributed to death threats that ended none-too-Catholic plans to parade a 13-foot condom-clad penis during Carnival in Brazil. If so, we hope some crank pie pranker out there gets him back.

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