

## It's time for the bishops to start getting serious about protection.

Cardinal Trujillo recently claimed that condoms were helping to spread HIV/AIDS. The pathogens, he said, pass through a microscopic "net" in latex condoms. Scientists and public health officials have responded repeatedly that this is false, but the Vatican persists, calling the health experts "wrong." Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, says "condoms too often fail." But it isn't the condoms that are failing us. Cardinals fail more often than condoms. It is time for the Catholic bishops to tell the truth.

We need an AIDS policy in the Catholic church that not only cares for those with HIV/AIDS but prevents its transmission. Over 10 million people with AIDS depend on the church for treatment as well as prevention. If they don't know about or trust condoms, they may transmit HIV to their wives, husbands, children and partners. This week the nation's bishops are meeting in Washington, D.C. It's time for them to reject bad science and bad religion. Lift the Ban on Condoms.

## Good Catholics Use Condoms