

I don't know if you saw the news item, but we now have confirmation both that "zero tolerance" does not apply to negligent bishops and that Rome is really out of contact with sentiment on the street... Today, John Paul II (or at least the people around him) appointed Bernard Law as Archpriest of the Patriarchal Liberian Basilica of St. Mary Major. As archpriest not only will he get an handsome income of over 10,000 euros a month, a baroque apartment that runs the length of the basilica on its gospel side (I was once the guest of the previous archpriest, Cardinal Furno), and the right to pontificate at a gem of a church, he'll also be able to attend all the curial meetings, including those of the Congregation of Bishops on which he sits, and influence policy with regard to America. Ah...

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