

To the Editor of *The Boston Globe*:

Interesting! **Boston College** finds its Catholic identity in hanging crucifixes (see a previous article in *The Boston Globe*); **Stonehill College**, in barring free condom distribution (*The Boston Globe*: "Catholic college bars student's free condoms," 3/5/09).

By the way, the Catholic Church's ban on birth control is based on a theistic version of the *Intelligent Design* argument; namely, God, the *Infinite Intelligent Designer*, attaches a purpose to every reality s/he creates. Thus, male and female sexual organs' purpose is *to procreate* (within the marriage state) as the eye's purpose is *to look forward*. To discover created reality's purposes, all one has to do is read God's law inscribed in one's heart: namely, the natural law. Conformity with the natural law is virtue: that is, natural; non conformity: sin, that is, unnatural. Thus both birth control and car rear view mirrors are unnatural, therefore sinful: the former frustrates the human sexual organs' purpose: namely, *openness to procreation*; the latter, the human eye's purpose: namely, *looking forward*.

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