

## A Speaker Cancellation to Applaud

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[The Diocese of Worcester has canceled](#) [1] a planned speech by Robert Spencer at an upcoming Catholic Men's Conference. Normally, I do not approve of cancelling speakers slated to address a Catholic audience. I find such efforts counter-productive at best and moralistically reductionist at worst. But, there is really no reason to have a speaker who is just hateful, and Mr. Spencer's characterizations of Islam are hateful, extremely so. He never should have been invited in the first place.

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