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Part 1: The Twelve Rules of Christmas®

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Unfortunately, Christmas has become a time of controversy over what can or cannot be done in terms of celebrating the holiday. To clear up much of the misunderstanding, the following twelve rules are offered:

1. Public school students' written or spoken personal expressions concerning the religious significance of Christmas (e.g., T-shirts with the slogan, "Jesus Is the Reason for the Season") may not be censored by school officials absent evidence that the speech would cause a substantial disruption.
2. So long as teachers are generally permitted to wear clothing or jewelry or have personal items expressing their views about the holidays, Christian teachers may not be prohibited from similarly expressing their views by wearing Christmas-related clothing or jewelry or carrying Christmas-related personal items.
3. Public schools may teach students about the Christmas holiday, including its religious significance, so long as it is taught objectively for secular purposes such as its historical or cultural importance, and not for the purpose of promoting Christianity.
4. Public school teachers may send Christmas cards to the families of their students so long as they do so on their own time, outside of school hours.
5. Public schools may include Christmas music, including those with religious themes, in their choral programs if the songs are included for a secular purpose such as their musical quality or cultural value or if the songs are part of an overall performance including other holiday songs relating to Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or other similar holidays.
6. Public schools may not require students to sing Christmas songs whose messages conflict with the students' own religious or nonreligious beliefs.

HAPPENING NOW! PER DEC.5, 2023 CONGRESSIONAL REPORT, FBI AGENT IN CHARGE AT RICHMOND, VA FBI OFFICE AND AN FBI WHISTLEBLOWER INDICATE THE FBI IS STILL WORKING TO CONNECT WHAT THE FBI LABELS AS RADICAL TRADITIONALIST CATHOLICS WITH VIOLENT EXTREMIST GROUPS. Read details of the report and investigation at the National Catholic Register, Christian Post and National Review.

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