

Harvard student opines on state-church law

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Are states too deferential to the Catholic church and its code of canon law? asks Olivia M. Goldhill, an editorial writer for *The Harvard (University) Crimson*.

In [Punishment for the Pope? Blind acceptance of canon law is wrong](#) [1], Goldhill writes, "Perhaps to arrest the pope is a step too far, but the Roman Catholic Church should know that its jurisdiction does not supersede that of national justice systems."

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