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Yahoo Watch: Zuhlsdorf

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Leave it the hate-filled Father John Zuhlsdorf to suggest that instead of a mosque and community center near Ground Zero, there be erected a chapel dedicated to Sts. Nunilo and Adolia, two 9th century Christian martyrs who were executed as apostates under an Islamic regime. I do not know many people who look to the 9th century for inspiration on the inter-religious dialogue front, but Zuhlsdorf is happy to stoke the flames of religious hatred. This is beyond Yahoo. This is evil. And for someone who fancies himself as uber-orthodox, his Muslim-bashing could not be more different from Pope Benedict's efforts to reach out to the Muslim world and build relationships founded on common respect and common concern for the human dignity of all. Zuhlsdorf is moving into terrain that is as dangerous as it is looney, Father Coughlin territory. The harm that Coughlin did the Church was real, and he only had the radio. Who is Zuhlsdorf's religious superior? Is he one of those priests who get ordained for a diocese with which they have no association? Someone needs to bring him to heel. And, if his superiors want a suggestion for a fit punishment, I would suggest rendition.

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