

While UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Clerk, U.S. District & Bankruptcy
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Craig,

Plaintiff,

v.

Pope John Paul II et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.

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MEMORANDUM OPINION

Plaintiff Craig (no last name) has filed an application to proceed without prepayment of fees and a pro se complaint. The application will be granted and the complaint will be dismissed as frivolous. In an

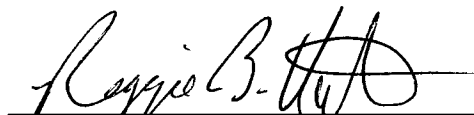
Craig, who identifies himself as a “Prisoner of the Faith in the Saint Elizabeth Prison Hospital,” brings this suit against Pope “John Paul II in Heaven with God,” Pope Benedict XVI, “the Holy Mother Roman Catholic Church,” and many Cardinals and Archbishops and Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church, seeking \$3 trillion, \$9 million. The complaint is devoid of a cause of action or a right of action, but instead implies a number of policies embraced by the Catholic Church that Craig finds offensive.

As drafted, the complaint presents no case or controversy. A federal court is limited by the Constitution to considering matters that present a case or controversy. U.S. Const. art. III, § 2. Standing is one of the justiciability doctrines that has developed to give meaning to Article III’s case or controversy requirement. *Nat’l Treas. Employees Union v. United States*, 101 F.3d 1423, 1427 (D.C. Cir. 1996). A question of Article III standing is a question of subject matter

jurisdiction. *See Ins. Corp. of Ireland, Ltd. v. Compagnie des Bauxites de Guinee*, 456 U.S. 694, 702 (1982) (“Subject matter jurisdiction, then, is an Art. III as well as a statutory requirement[.]”) Article III standing requires, among other things, that a plaintiff have suffered an injury in fact, which is an invasion of a legally protected interest that is concrete, particularized, and actual or imminent rather than conjectural or hypothetical. *Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife*, 504 U.S. 555, 560-61 (1992). In this case, Craig has not identified any concrete, particularized injury, and therefore, has not met the requirements for standing. Accordingly, this complaint will be dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

A separate order accompanies this memorandum opinion.

Date: *April 30, 2010*


United States District Judge