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## **A slow erosion of Christmas**

It may be the local radio station which harps continuously on the latest craze of a New Year's Eve party rather than instilling some form of Christmas spirit in its young listeners or it may be the brazen attempts throughout Europe to despoil Christmas of anything which vaguely resounds of Jesus and Christianity, but we are currently witnessing a relentless campaign to devalue Christmas.

The "political correctness" campaign embarked upon by neo-liberals throughout Europe is bearing its first fruit - the omission of the word Jesus from a Christmas carol sung in schools in Bolzano, Italy, for example, or the attempts to remove cribs and other Christian paraphernalia from supermarkets in the UK. This is ridiculous since it is tantamount to any Christian living in a Muslim state to asking the muezzin to refrain from his daily chores in the minaret.

To this effect, any local attempt to reinstate religious occasions, over pagan ones, such as the January 6 one, should be commended. In addition, local radio stations, especially those targeting adolescents, should be asked to reduce their party advertisement humbug in favour of some more Christmas spirit. Only then can we proudly state that "Jesus is the reason for the season!"