

ON THE METHOD OF TRULY MAKING GAY PERSONS FEEL WELCOME IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

To discuss intelligently that which pertains to a Catholic's stand on anything requires the existence of three assumptions: that there is "objective reality," there is objective supernatural law, there is objective natural law. A rightly-formed conscience is tuned into the natural law, the supernatural law, objective reality to the degree that an individual person cooperates with the grace of God who wants to be in "conscience-based-dialogue" with him/her. The content of the objective reality (revelation – Scripture / Tradition) is Jesus Christ, the Person – who is also found in Word, Sacrament, dogma and doctrine. The fastest and easiest way to get to the bottom of any "issue" is to see it in the light of Christ!

*Second Pre-note: Everything about "same-sex-marriage" has to do with the "Culture of Death," and for this reason alone must be countered by the promotion of the "Culture of Life" – while there is still time! This said **Culture of Life** is a magnificent engagement in the fullness of life that God wants all of us to participate in. It is God who "makes the rules" in all of this: it takes a humble person of faith, one who is truly interested in the welfare of others to be willing to be a participant in Life with everyone else, rather than against everyone else!*

Third Pre-Note: The most productive way for the Catholic Church to deal with the issue of same-sex marriage is from an entirely positive pastoral as well as sociological perspective. Otherwise, the Church appear to be condemning and attacking its own homosexual members: and being caught on the horns of a self-imposed dilemma: how can we welcome individual gay persons with open arms while at the same time being unsupportive of any show or demonstration of "marital and familial" expressions that clearly go contrary to Church teaching. I propose the way to deal with this is to offer a clear, forthright and very positive presentation of the true role of a gay person in the Church and in the world today. I have written such an eagle's eye view approach entitled: CHASTE BODIES, PURE MINDS: FRIENDSHIP. I offer it to any in the Church who might find it useful. It may be found on my blog: fatherbill1975.blogspot.com/

- Marriage, as gifted to the human race by God equals (=) one man and one woman uniting to share friendship and to be the natural environment to welcome the gift of children to complete their own supernaturally blessed union and for the survival of the human race – to the point at which God himself determines that the quota has been reached – at which time the end will come – and family life in heaven will be available for all who qualify according to his criteria. God spoke this definition and it cannot be altered!
- Anything else – any other kinds of “unions” that “resemble” *true marriage* are not really marriage as intended by God. Derivative forms such as “civil marriage” may be “legal” but since for even the best of reasons God cannot be invited into the marriage directly then the legal contract is so much less than it could be. Sadly in some cases, but quite happily in others! While God can certainly be present in the individual lives of those civilly married: God is not present to the life and dynamics of the marriage itself. And why would anyone choose to have a marriage in which God is not a part: marriage is difficult enough without Divine Help!
 - Civil “marriage” at least qualifies essentially as a derivative form because it requires “one-man, one-woman”. If that is ever “redefined” then it will not be marriage at all.
- As in the case of “same-sex ‘marriage’” – there is no such thing as this fantasy arrangement. There is no possibility of “union” at all:

this union must be physical if it is to qualify as marriage.

Therefore, same sex-“marriage” is not real, it is not possible, it is ‘a dangerous sociological experiment’ that will hasten the demise of society in our country, and most likely, civilization as a whole – because our country is so “envied” and “influential worldwide!

- It is based on “emotion” rather than reason.
 - It seeks primarily to be a “legal tool” for economic purposes.
 - It makes it impossible, as does civil marriage, to allow God to be a part of the arrangement: God would never go against his own word.
 - It creates a completely false sense of “reality” which does not exist – and therefore is a “lie” – and a lie will always catch up with you sooner and later – with emotional, spiritual, psychological and physical negative consequences.
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- The Catholic Church very simply wants to in a very positive pastoral sense prevent a cataclysmic decline in civilization by presenting some “insider facts” – from God, the Author of all Life, all Friendship, Marriage – so that at the very least – everyone involved can make a rational, reasoned conclusion regarding all these things. If your “gut” tells you something is right then it had better be the result of a “faith/reason/heart” dialogue or else it is just indigestion!

 - **There is no compromising here at all: it all comes down to the fact that it is never allowable to do something that appears to be right for a wrong reason!**

- The Good News is that within the teachings of the Catholic Church there lies a solution to this issue. The Church is very much pastorally concerned about all of its members – especially those who find themselves in challenging situations within its parameters. Since homosexuality is such a “hot topic” it is important to suspend, as much as possible, feelings which surround the topic: and be ready to breathe in the light of reason, and wisdom and understanding: gifts of God for this very purpose!

- For a “bird’s-eye-view” of a very real and possible way to deal with the situation as it threatens to cause upheaval in the Church and in the State go to:

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and select: **ON CHASTE BODIES, PURE MINDS: FRIENDSHIP**

Civil grassroots methods of guiding the ambivalence to a happy conclusion can only take place if everyone begins at the starting point of a “look from high above the clouds!” When one is too close to a situation one rarely can appreciate anything at all about the possibilities of a peaceful solution to a problem! Come up and away and see what can be seen- I challenge you!