



THE TRUTH ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY, PART II

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Dr. Joseph Nicolosi, a leading world expert who has worked with hundreds of homosexual men over the past fifteen years, states, "I have never met a single homosexual man who said he had a close, loving, and respectful relationship with his father." Dr. Nicolosi explains that boys have a critical developmental task that girls don't: a boy needs to disidentify with his mother and identify with his father if he's to grow into a normal heterosexual man. "Every boy has a deep longing to be held, to be loved by a father figure, to be mentored into the world of men, and to have his masculine nature affirmed and declared good enough by his male peers, his male elders, and mentors."

Anne Paulk, a former lesbian, published a book in 2003, *Restoring Sexual Identity: Hope for Women Who Struggle with Same-Sex Attraction*. The core of her book is based upon results of a survey she conducted of ex-gay women who described their family relationships, sexual abuse, youthful experimentation, and emotions. Paulk concludes that for a girl to develop a healthy female identity, it's critical that she have: (1) a mother who enjoys being a woman and esteems her role as a wife and mother, (2) a family where the mother loves her husband and supports his role as the head of the family, (3) a father who respects and cherishes his wife and does not degrade her.

Mrs. Paulk notes that the following are significant factors in women developing an attraction to other women: childhood trauma, poor self-image, anger at men, poor relationships with either or both parents, and pro-homosexual media propaganda.

An integral part of the Church's pastoral ministry to homosexuals must be to address the aforementioned issues with honesty, compassion, sensitivity, trust in God, and reliance on His grace.

The shedding of our Savior's Precious Blood witnesses to *the monstrosity of sin*. Our Blessed Lord is afflicted from head to foot, torn and reddened by the spilling of His adorable Blood ... **and we continue to sin?** Under no

circumstances can sinful homosexual acts ever be approved. **Woe to the Christian who denies the reality of sin!** It is never loving and respectful to lie to homosexuals by telling them that homosexual behavior is o.k. or "normal." Don't be fooled by the well-orchestrated campaigns of misinformation and deceit by pro-homosexual groups which have infested the media. *Instead, trust in God and His commandments! Trust in the teachings of His Church!* Homosexual **acts** were, are, and always will be an abomination before God and man. This is an infallible moral teaching of the Catholic Church to which every Catholic must give assent.

Therefore, all Catholics have a moral obligation before God to oppose any government attempt to legalize same-sex unions. Here in El Paso, certain City Council members have remained obstinate in promoting public recognition and legitimization of homosexual unions. Whether they realize it or not, their actions are objectively immoral and gravely harmful to marriage and the family. It should be obvious to all Catholics what our duty is with respect to these members of City Council.

The U.S. Catholic bishops wrote in their Pastoral Letter on Marriage (Nov. 2009), "The legal recognition of same-sex unions poses a multifaceted threat to the very fabric of society, striking at the source from which society and culture come and which they are meant to serve. Such recognition affects all people, married and non-married: not only at the fundamental levels of the good of the spouses, the good of children, the intrinsic dignity of every human person, and the common good, but also at the levels of education, cultural imagination and influence, and religious freedom."

We beseech thee, O Immaculate Virgin Mary, offer to the Eternal Father the Precious Blood of thy Son in reparation for sins against the Sixth and Ninth Commandments. *Sancta Dei Genetrix, ora pro nobis.*

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