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The Hypocrisy of the Gay Community: Why Do They Want Marriage?

The City Council for the District of Columbia passed a law to recognize same sex marriage in the District of Columbia without the consent of the electorate by attaching it to an unrelated law. Now they are poised, through the leadership of Councilman Catania, to pass a bill called "The Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act of 2009" that will legalize gay marriage. The church strongly believes that the city government is encroaching on its authority when it comes to marriage. The city council argues that the homosexual community has a constitutional right to marriage, and despite the objections of the church, that right is codified and protected in the city's Human Rights Law. The church not only believes that the Human Rights Law is being misinterpreted, but that the way in which it is being applied to this issue discriminates against those of us who object to the city council's reinterpreting the notion of marriage.

According to the Archdiocese of Washington and the Protestant Church the church "teaches that marriage is the unique human institution that bonds men and women in a permanent relationship. In marriage men and women experience a complementarity in which they cooperate and bond physically, psychologically and emotionally. Together in marriage, they imitate Christ's relationship with the Church. Marriage is more than two people who love each other, however. It is also the place where children are created and nurtured with the complementary gifts of mother and father. For this reason, throughout all time, cultures have recognized and valued marriage between a man and a woman."

Marriage is the authority of the church and we allow the state to help regulate marriage for the sake of children and the order of society. To tell the church that they have no right over marriage is just like telling congress that they have no right to vote on the laws of the land. The church does not take its orders from "Pope Fenty." Mayor Fenty is a man who does not even go to church and does not have a pastor and yet is trying to dictate church policies on marriage. This is not only hypocritical, but also dangerous. To tell God that he does not know what he is doing is the worst kind of sin. Marriage is the authority of the church. The church will not relinquish its authority to the gay community, the mayor or to anyone else to that effect. Marriage is not a right that is under the constitution, but a blessing from God.

The way that this Human Rights Law has been constructed in the District victimizes the very people it claims it is supposed to be helping. The Human Rights Law is a law that protects the human integrity of the individual, not any group's behavior. Homosexuality is still illegal in some states and is viewed by the general society as immoral, reprehensible and deviant. For the District government to codify sex between two men or two women, and call it protected behavior is, from the church's perspective, not only wrong, but spiritually dangerous. Why stop at homosexual behavior? Shouldn't we also codify adultery, pedophilia or bestiality? The Human Rights Law does not say anything about protecting deviant sexual behavior. Two people of the same sex having sex *is* deviant sexual behavior as defined by the church and society.

The gay community will have us believe that they have the moral authority to (a) redefine the concept of marriage, (b) codify immoral behavior that is illegal in most of the country and (c) have us believe that the behavior of two men having sex or two women having sex is justifiable behavior. What the city council is creating by their approval of this sexual deviant behavior is a protected class of individuals who will turn social norms, folkways and family practices upside down.

Gay marriage will never work in a practical or theological sense. No matter how much we wish it into being it cannot be because it goes against the grain of society and concepts of what is decent and fair and right. This is not what the church wants the gay community to go through for a lifetime. We hope they will live a life of love, but this fight is not leaving and the church will not back down. We will continue to oppose gay marriage but not gays. We will continue to love the individual and not their behavior. We will continue to try to be understood and to be fair and loving, but we will never accept gay marriage. It is dead on arrival as far as we are concerned.

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