

OF CATARACTS AND TURNCOATS

Carissimi,

I write to you from Port Colborne, Ontario, the entry point of the Welland Canal connecting Lakes Erie and Ontario. I'm spending an afternoon here during my visit home to Niagara Falls. The Good Lord has given me ten days of sunny, low humidity weather in the mid 80s in which to unwind and prepare myself for my return to the Old Dominion, where I intend to unwind yet again.

You see, my trip began with some serious unpleasantness. You might know that last month New York State became the latest to fall to the homosexual juggernaut (it seems to be a Yankee phenomenon at this point) and, thanks to the traitorous zeal of turncoat "Catholic" Gov. Andrew Cuomo, has become the latest to start equating the abomination called sodomy with the marital embrace.

The secular expression is "gay marriage," but we cannot ever acknowledge it as such, since it is a stark contradiction in terms. Nonetheless, one actual *benefit* of such legal debacles is that it serves to highlight the fact that we cannot rely on the governments of men to tell us what the Truth be. For example, were the State to declare that a watermelon and a turtle could now contract "marriage" and would henceforth be given all the corresponding legal benefits, would we then conclude that the law reflects the reality of the thing called marriage? It's an absurd comparison that I make, but try to see my point. Just because the government *calls* something marriage does not mean that it *is* marriage. And as the Angelic Doctor sagely taught, *Lex mala lex nulla* (A bad law is no law). The "gay marriage" law is a bad law and is therefore null and void. The civil law must be in conformity to the higher, natural law, which in turn is subordinate to the Eternal Law of Divine Wisdom. There is no such thing as a true "gay marriage." It is an artificial construct of the disoriented post-civilizational legal labyrinth called "liberal democracy."

Marriage can only genuinely exist between one man and one woman who are committed to a mutually exclusive and lifelong relationship that is open to new life. The State has a vested interest in the next generation and so it has an obligation to enact laws to protect that future through the civil benefits bestowed upon that particular institution most apt to bring new life forth - marriage.

How does all this pertain to my embattled summer vacation? Well, all I wanted to do was hang out with my tribe and eat Buzzy's pizza for two weeks. But on day two the headlines blared the news that the city officials of my fair and famous hometown have absolutely succumbed to the travesty and have eagerly proclaimed that they have invited "lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered folks" to "wed" on July 25th at the mighty Falls in a mass ceremony destined to bring in coveted tourist dollars. One city paper is predicting a backlash from the Black Baptists and Italian and Polish Catholics, even as it anticipates an increase in circulation.

Evidently there are enough turncoats in the City and State to see to it that the moral order is sold down the river - the Niagara River - where it will end up in Canada to be eaten by polar bears. I think they're expecting 30 pieces of silver. Chief among the friends-of-the-enemy is the above-mentioned current governor of the Empire State, who *purports* to be a Catholic but for some reason sees himself as having a civic and moral obligation to undermine the law of nature and nature's God, not to mention help establish the emerging anti-Catholic neo-pagan society that is increasingly poised to persecute the Faith to which he pays lip service. His father, former governor Mario Cuomo, was full of zeal for the legalized execution of unborn babies. One cannot but think of today's Gospel where the Lord said the wheat and the cockle will grow together, but He has His eye on who's who, and His angels are standing ready with their sickles...

My friends, persons with same-sex attractions are still God's children, and the Church is trying hard to reach out to them. No sin is too great to be forgiven. But there is a deep seated disorder that they suffer from and we cannot bow down to the golden gay idol. *Acting upon* such a disorder is intrinsically evil and mortally sinful. Such acts can never be redeemed. Common sense should tell us that the sexes *complement* each other, and for a deep reason that necessarily includes mutual love *and* procreation. The conception of a new soul is the crowning glory of physical intimacy. That is why unnatural relations are devoid of all value.

Thus it is a crime for others to affirm, condone or approve in any way another's sin. When the State cheerleads the sin of the homosexuals it performs a grave disservice to them. The truly charitable course of action in the face of someone's problem is not to affirm the *evil* but to affirm the *good*. To truly express love and concern for people struggling with same-sex attractions one must help them to maintain a chaste and morally ordered lifestyle. But to equate their debauchery with marriage mocks the dignity of human sexual love and is a veritable outrage in the eyes of God Almighty.

St Paul had this to say about it all: "*Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error*" (Romans 1:24-27).

Happy Summer,
-Don Francesco