

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM HOMOSEXUAL PREDATORS:

The Boy Scouts were right. So is Catholic Church doctrine.

"Why are 90 percent to 95 percent, and some estimates say as high as 98 percent of the victims of clergy (sexual abuse) teenage boys?" Father Donald Cozzens, former vicar of the Diocese of Cleveland, asked on *Meet the Press*, March 31, 2002.

The answer is indisputable: It's a homosexual problem

"Relatively little attention has been paid to this phenomenon by Church authorities. Perhaps it is fear that it will call attention to the disproportionate number of gay priests," Fr. Cozzens answered.

Cardinal Adam Maida of Detroit agreed: "What the behavioral scientists are telling us, the sociologists, it's not truly a pedophilia-type problem but a homosexual-type problem." —*Associated Press*, April 23, 2002

"The overwhelming majority of the sexual abuse cases involve adult men having sex with teenage boys and young men, and by ordinary English usage we call that a homosexual relationship." —The Rev. Richard John Neuhaus. —*New York Times*, April 19, 2002

"The major problem of the current scandal is homosexual ephebophilia — the attraction of adults to same-sex adolescents. We are talking in this case about a great problem with homosexual behavior...At the root of the present scandal is not pedophilia, but homosexuality." —Dr. Gladys Sweeney, Institute for the Psychological Sciences, reported by *Zenit News Agency*, "The World Seen From Rome", June 6, 2002

Homosexuals admit: It's a "gay" problem

Hastings Wyman, syndicated homosexual columnist, wrote: "Perhaps because they don't want to provoke the 'intergenerational sex' defenders — sadly, there are some within the gay community — neither (major 'gay rights' lobby has) addressed the main problem among the Roman Catholic clergy, that of adults having sex with teenage boys...the pattern of sexual abuse among Catholic clergy *does* suggest a gay problem...90 percent of the cases of sex with adolescents that have come to light in the Church involved teenage boys, not girls. Do the math." —*Between the Lines*, May 22, 2002

"Many of the victims of clergy abuse in Boston, as elsewhere, have been adolescent boys, and not the prepubescent children who are victimized by the standard pedophile," said Joe Murray of the homosexual group Rainbow Sash, a Detroit homosexual newsmagazine reported. —*Between the Lines*, March 13, 2002

How can this be when Vatican policy bans homosexual priests?

Bishop Wilton Gregory, head of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, revealed that the extent of the problem is greater than previously known, saying the Catholic Church is locked in "an ongoing struggle to make sure that the priesthood is not dominated by homosexual men." —*USA Today*, April 25, 2002

This despite the Vatican's 1961 directive to bishops, which states: "Advancement to religious vows and ordination should be barred to those who are afflicted with evil tendencies to homosexuality or pederasty, since for them the common life and the priestly ministry would constitute serious dangers."

"Persons with a homosexual inclination should not be admitted to the seminary."
—Archbishop Tarcisio Bertone, secretary, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, The Vatican, *Catholic News Service*, March 6, 2002.

"People with (homosexual) inclinations just cannot be ordained."

—Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls, *New York Times*, March 3, 2002

Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua of Philadelphia: "We feel a person who is homosexual-oriented is not a suitable candidate for the priesthood even if he had never committed any homosexual act...what the Church considers an aberration, a moral evil."
—*Detroit News*, April 27, 2002

And for good cause

Syndicated lesbian columnist Paula Martinac openly admits: "Some gay men still maintain that an adult who has same-sex relations with someone under the legal age of consent is on some level doing the kid a favor...It's not pedophilia, this thinking goes, pedophilia only refers to 'little' kids. Instead, adult-youth sex is viewed as an important aspect of gay culture."
—*Between the Lines*, March, 2002

"Based on data from a study of non-incarcerated child sex offenders, Gene G. Abel, M.D., has found that homosexuals 'sexually molest young boys with an incidence that is occurring five times greater than the molestation of girls.'"
—*World Net Daily*, October 5, 2000

"In proportion to their numbers (about 1 out of 36 men), homosexual males are more likely to engage in sex with minors: in fact, they appear to be three times more likely than straight men to engage in adult-child sexual relations," reports the National Association for Rehabilitation and Treatment of Homosexuality.

Among convicted child molesters, "86 percent of offenders against males described themselves as homosexual or bisexual."
—*Archives of Sexual Behavior* 17 (1988):83



"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea." —Matthew 18:6

Bishops must protect children, despite homosexual activist protests

Despite overwhelming evidence, homosexual activists predictably are vilifying and demonizing Catholic leaders such as Cardinal Bevilacqua who've courageously told the truth about the threat homosexual predators in the priesthood pose to children.

"Even when the practice of homosexuality may seriously threaten the lives and well-being of a large number of people, its advocates remain undeterred and refuse to consider the magnitude of the risks involved. The Church can never be so callous... she is really concerned about the many who are not represented by the pro-homosexual movement and about those who may have been tempted to believe its deceitful propaganda." —*Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith*, The Vatican, 1986

No doubt Church officials who move to faithfully obey Vatican policy prohibiting the ordination of homosexual priests will be victims of demonization and character assassination by homosexual activists. Ironically, the same people who attack the Catholic Church for doing "nothing" attacked the Boy Scouts for doing *something*.

To the Catholic bishops of America, we pledge to stand with you — and publicly defend you — as you act to protect children, remove those priests found guilty of sexual abuse and commit to remove the root cause of this scandal by obeying Church doctrine at *all* of America's Catholic seminaries. Our children deserve nothing less.

Catholic and Protestant alike stand with you as you move to protect children by faithfully obeying Vatican policy.