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CATHOLIC ACTION LEAGUE CRITICIZES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR DODGING VOTE ON SUSPENSION OF PRO-ABORTION POLITICIANS

The Catholic Action League of Massachusetts is criticizing the State Council of the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus for refusing to allow a vote this morning at their annual convention on a measure which would have required them to suspend from their ranks politicians who support abortion or same-sex marriage.

Grand Knight Joseph B. Craven, Jr. of Mt. Pleasant Council in West Roxbury offered a resolution which would have directed Massachusetts State Deputy Vincent Rumasuglia "to summarily suspend those members of the Knights of Columbus who are public officials, present or former, or candidates for public office, who through their votes, campaign literature, web sites or public statements openly support abortion or homosexual marriage." Craven cited Section 162.7 of the Constitution, Laws & Rules of the Order which affixes the penalty of suspension or expulsion for those members engaged in "giving scandal, scandalous conduct or practice unbecoming a member of this Order."

Two-thirds of K of C members in the Massachusetts General Court supported recent buffer zone legislation, while more than three-quarters voted against a constitutional amendment prohibiting same-gender marriage.

Supreme Advocate Paul Devin, who was attending the convention at the Burlington Marriott Hotel, ruled the measure "unconstitutional." The State Council also attempted to impose a gag order on delegates, stifling discussion of the matter, until they were forced to relent because of vocal outbursts from the floor.

The Catholic Action League called the ruling "a disgraceful example of the disconnect between rhetoric and policy when it comes to the Knights of Columbus and Catholic teaching on the sanctity of life and the integrity of marriage."

Catholic Action League Executive Director C. J. Doyle stated: "For twenty-five years, since the 1983 attempt to expel Ted Kennedy, the Knights of Columbus have ducked, dodged, weaved, evaded, obfuscated, and dragged their feet on this issue. They never miss a public opportunity to advertise their pro-life and pro-family credentials, but they repeatedly refuse to confront the inconsistency of retaining pro-abortion and pro-homosexual political figures within their own membership. As Joseph Craven said in his remarks, it is an absolute contradiction to prohibit such politicians from using K of C facilities, while harboring them as members."

"Outrage is increasing among pro-life Catholics over the hypocrisy of Catholic institutions and organizations who embrace public officials who repudiate Catholic moral principles. There is also a rising sense of urgency that this festering scandal must be brought to an end."



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CATHOLIC ACTION LEAGUE DENOUNCES **REGIS COLLEGE FOR HONORING** **PRO-ABORTION LEGISLATOR**

The Catholic Action League of Massachusetts today criticized Regis College, founded by the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, for conferring an honorary degree upon Massachusetts House Majority Whip Lida Eistenstadt Harkins (D-Needham), a longstanding advocate of legalized abortion. Representative Harkins will also deliver the commencement address at this morning's ceremonies.

This is the second consecutive year that Regis College has honored a pro-abortion political figure. Last year's commencement speaker was Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley. Former Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Eveyln F. Murphy, another supporter of abortion, serves on the college's Board of Trustees.

The Catholic Action League called the decision by Regis to honor Harkins "another tawdry betrayal of Catholic principles by a nominally Catholic institution which has conformed to secular culture."

Catholic Action League Executive Director C. J. Doyle stated: "Representative Lida Harkins is a supporter of legal abortion, the public funding of abortion, embryonic stem cell research, same-sex marriage, mandatory contraceptive coverage in employer-sponsored group health insurance, and so-called emergency contraception, which forces Catholic hospitals to distribute abortion inducing drugs. In December 1994, she also voted against the repeal of the "Know-Nothing Amendment" to the Massachusetts Constitution, which prohibits any form of public assistance to Catholic school children, many of whom have since attended Regis College."

"Regis College claims that Representative Harkins 'exemplifies public service,' despite the fact that she denies the humanity of unborn children and refuses to afford them the protection of law. No one will treat seriously Catholic opposition to abortion so long as Catholic colleges and universities continue to compromise themselves by fawning over political mediocrities who repudiate fundamental Catholic moral teachings about the sanctity and dignity of innocent human life."



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CATHOLIC ACTION LEAGUE CRITICIZES BOSTON COLLEGE FOR *LOVE ACROSS BOUNDRIES*

The Catholic Action League of Massachusetts today criticized Jesuit administered Boston College for sponsoring and hosting *Love Across Boundries*, which is being advertised as "a panel conversation with Boston couples who focus on their own interracial, interfaith and same-sex *Love Across Boundries*". Featured participants will include Paul McLaughlin, Assistant Dean of Harvard College and his homosexual partner Jason Shumaker, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at MIT.

The event, sponsored by the New Center for Arts and Culture and Boston College's Office of the Provost, will be held this afternoon and this evening at BC's Bapst Library as part of Bloomsday Boston, the annual celebration of James Joyce and his novel *Ulysses*. Among those reading excerpts from the book will be former Lieutenant Governor Thomas P. O'Neill III, who is a longstanding supporter of legal abortion.

The Catholic Action League has called the event "another shameless betrayal of Catholic principles by the leadership of Boston College and its parent religious order, the Jesuits".

Catholic Action League Executive Director C. J. Doyle stated: "No reasonable person could be expected to believe that the Catholic Church is serious in its opposition to abortion and same-sex marriage as long as Catholic institutions publicly affirm homosexual relationships and prominently showcase pro-abortion political figures. Boston College, with the complicity of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus, continues to flaunt its infidelity to Catholic moral teaching and callously compromise what is left of its Catholic identity, while the Archdiocese of Boston, through its silence and inaction, functions as its enabler".

"This disgraceful episode is one more example of the systemic collapse of Catholic loyalties in the very leadership of the Church in the United States".



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CATHOLIC ACTION LEAGUE MOURNS CLOSING OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The Catholic Action League of Massachusetts today mourned the closing of the venerable Holy Trinity church in Boston's South End. The parish was suppressed today by a decree of Sean Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston. The last masses were celebrated yesterday, June 29th, on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

Holy Trinity was the last German Catholic parish in New England, and was one of only two venues in the Archdiocese which offered weekly Sunday celebrations of the Traditional Latin Mass. In a surprise move, the Archdiocese announced that Holy Cross Cathedral will now provide regular Sunday celebrations of the Tridentine Mass.

The Archdiocese did not consider the parish to be financially viable, although it had nearly a quarter of a million dollars in the bank and a weekly income from collections alone of more than a thousand dollars.

The parish, which opened in 1844, introduced the Christmas tree and the Christmas card to Puritan New England. Its parishioners were among the founders of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The present church building, which dates to 1877, was designed by the renowned Irish born ecclesiastical architect Patrick C. Keely, who built scores of churches and cathedrals in the eastern United States.

The Catholic Action League called the closing "another tragic and wounding loss to the spiritual and cultural patrimony of the Catholic community in Boston."

Catholic Action League Executive Director C. J. Doyle stated: "Magnificent churches of irreplaceable artistic, architectural, and historical value are being plundered for their assets and then sold off in the elusive quest by the Archdiocese to achieve financial solvency through downsizing. Meanwhile, church structures of little or no aesthetic or historical significance remain open. The destruction of our Catholic heritage must stop."



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CATHOLIC ACTION LEAGUE CRITICIZES SENATE FOR VOTE TO REPEAL MARRIAGE LAW

The Catholic Action League of Massachusetts today criticized the State Senate for voting to repeal a 1913 law which prevents out-of-state couples from marrying in the Commonwealth if their attempted marriage is illegal in their home state. The repeal measure, which passed on a voice vote, would permit homosexual and lesbian couples from all over the United States to marry in Massachusetts. If approved by the House of Representatives, Governor Deval Patrick has promised to sign the repeal bill into law.

The Catholic Action League called the vote "shameless pandering to a powerful special interest by a body of men and women who lack the courage to have a roll call."

Catholic Action League Executive Director C. J. Doyle stated: "The ultimate purpose of this measure is to deny the citizens of the other states in the Union the right to vote on the future of marriage. If passed, this legislation will lay the groundwork for legal challenges against existing marriage laws in other states, inviting court decisions which will invent a right to same gender marriage. Homosexual activists understand that they must use the battering ram of the courts against the walls of the democratic process because neither the elected representatives of the people in state legislatures, nor the people themselves, through ballot questions, will ever vote to initiate the legalization of same-sex marriage."

"The fact that a majority of Catholics, graduates of Catholic educational institutions, and members of the Knights of Columbus in the Massachusetts Senate supported this measure is one more example of the culture of corruption, infidelity, and betrayal which characterizes the Catholic political class in this Commonwealth. It is also an indication of the tolerance afforded this scandalous behavior by those in positions of authority in the Church."

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CATHOLIC ACTION LEAGUE DENOUNCES PSEUDO ORDINATIONS AT CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

The Catholic Action League of Massachusetts today criticized the simulated ordination of three women to the Catholic priesthood at a Congregational church by a fourth woman pretending to be a Catholic bishop. The ceremony, sponsored by the non-Catholic group "Roman Catholic Womenpriests", was held this afternoon at the Church of the Covenant in Boston's Back Bay. The Archdiocese of Boston has stated that the participants will incur an automatic (latae sententiae) penalty of excommunication.

The Catholic Action League called the event "a sacrilegious parody of Holy Orders conducted at a Protestant church by a collection of apostates misappropriating the Catholic name."

Catholic Action League Executive Director C. J. Doyle stated: "One must not only be a male to be a Catholic priest, one must be a Catholic. The performers in this theater of propaganda are neither. These women ought to have the intellectual honesty to admit that they left the Catholic Church some time ago. Whatever publicity value today's exercise has, it must be measured against both the manifest fraudulence and the irredeemable hopelessness of their cause."



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CATHOLIC ACTION LEAGUE DENOUNCES HOUSE VOTE TO REPEAL MARRIAGE LAW

The Catholic Action League of Massachusetts today denounced the Massachusetts House of Representatives for voting this afternoon to repeal a 1913 law which prevents out-of-state couples from marrying in the Commonwealth if their attempted marriage is illegal in their home state. The repeal measure, which passed by a vote of 119 to 36, would permit homosexual and lesbian couples from all over the United States to marry in Massachusetts. The repeal bill was passed by the state senate on July 15th in a voice vote. Governor Deval Patrick has promised to sign the measure into law.

The Catholic Action League called the vote "part of a cynical strategy to inflict same-sex marriage on the unwilling citizens of other states without the consent of the electorate."

Catholic Action League Executive Director C. J. Doyle stated: "This legislation will enable homosexuals and lesbians from other states throughout the country to contract civil marriages in Massachusetts, and then return to their home states to litigate against existing marriage laws which prohibit same-gender marriage. Once again, the judiciary will be used to evade the legislative process and circumvent the ballot box. Ironically, by voting for this measure today, Massachusetts legislators may undermine the ability of their counterparts in other states to exercise that same right on this issue."

"Today, a majority of Catholics in the Massachusetts House of Representatives voted again in favor of homosexual marriage. There is a growing sense of outrage among faithful Catholics over the conduct of nominally Catholic politicians who repudiate fundamental Catholic moral teachings about the sanctity of human life and the integrity of traditional marriage. There is also a growing sense of urgency that this scandal must be brought to an end. The time has come for the bishops to deny Communion to those who advance their political careers by working against Catholic principles in their public lives. The time has also come for the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians to expel from their ranks men, especially elected officials, who claim to be Catholic, but who betray the Faith of their baptism."



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CATHOLIC ACTION LEAGUE JOINS REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE MARRIAGE LAW

The Catholic Action League of Massachusetts today announced that it is joining a referendum campaign to restore a 1913 state law which had prohibited out-of-state couples from marrying in Massachusetts if their attempted marriages were illegal in their home states.

Under pressure from the homosexual lobby, the Massachusetts Legislature repealed the law in July. Governor Deval Patrick signed the repeal measure on July 31. At the last minute, an emergency preamble was added to the repeal bill, putting it into effect as soon as it was signed and preventing it from being suspended until a referendum could be held.

As pro-family groups, including the Catholic Action League, pointed out at the time, the repeal measure will enable homosexual and lesbian couples to enter Massachusetts, contract civil marriages, and then return to their home states to challenge existing marriage laws, thus inviting state court decisions which would invent a right to same gender marriage.

Under Article XLVIII of the Massachusetts Constitution, citizens have 30 days after a law takes effect to petition the Secretary of the Commonwealth to hold a referendum. Ten taxpayers did so on August 13. If the signatures of 33,000 registered voters can then be collected by the end of October, a referendum on the repeal measure will be held during the general election of November, 2010. The campaign to repeal the repeal is being spearheaded by Brian Camenker of Mass Resistance.

The Catholic Action League said the referendum would "finally let the people of Massachusetts vote on traditional marriage, a right that was denied to them when the pandering careerists of the Massachusetts Legislature, on June 14, 2007, refused to send to the 2008 ballot an initiative amendment which would have restored marriage as the union of one man and one woman."

Catholic Action League Executive Director C. J. Doyle stated: "Unlike a state constitutional amendment, a referendum does not require approval by a Legislature subservient to the homosexual special interest. Brian Camenker is to be commended for his courage, foresight, and resolve. Like *Roe v. Wade*, the *Goodridge* decision will never attain legitimacy. This issue will not be settled until traditional marriage is fully restored."



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CATHOLIC ACTION LEAGUE CONDEMNS BOSTON COLLEGE FOR DEAL WITH *VICTORIA'S SECRET*

The Catholic Action League of Massachusetts today criticized Jesuit administered Boston College for entering into a business relationship with *Victoria's Secret*, the self-described distributor of the "world's sexiest brands" in women's lingerie, sleepwear and swimsuits. The merchandising arrangement, which allows *Victoria's Secret* to sell university themed clothing at thirty-three stores, was disclosed in a story by reporter Christine McConville in this morning's *Boston Herald*.

The Catholic Action League called the deal "disgraceful and appalling, but not surprising."

Catholic Action League Executive Director C.J. Doyle stated: "As a nominally Catholic institution, Boston College has unconditionally surrendered to secular culture. Instead of upholding Catholic standards of decency, purity and modesty, BC has decided to make money by striking a deal with a company which distributes salacious clothing and which, in its advertising, openly appeals to prurient interests. At Boston College, Catholic principles always seem to come in a poor second to university marketing and fundraising."

"This also reveals a callous contempt for Catholic sensibilities and a complete indifference to what remains of the university's Catholic identity. At a time when our society is immersed in sensuality, a commercial agreement between a Catholic university and a company like *Victoria's Secret* is offensive to Christian values and sends the wrong message to Boston College students. BC alumni and Catholic donors need to make known their revulsion at this outrage to university President Reverend William P. Leahy, SJ. The larger and enduring issue here is why the Society of Jesus, its New England Province, and the Archdiocese of Boston continue to tolerate the unrelenting scandals of Boston College."

Catholic Action League Executive Director C. J. Doyle is an alumnus of Boston College.