

Pope Francis Affirms Church Teaching Homosexuality & Same Sex Marriage

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Pope Francis

Pope Francis said in the interview that the catechism, or the Roman Catholic Church's official doctrine book, c o n d e m n s homosexual acts, but he called on the Church to love gays and lesbians, who

"must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity."

In a much quoted sentence from the interview, Francis said, "Religion has the right to express its opinion in the service of the people, but God in creation has set us free: it is not possible to interfere spiritually in the life of a person."

WHAT DOES THE CATECHISM SAY?

2357 ... Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." they are contrary to the natural law.

They close the sexual act to the gift of life. ... Under no circumstances can they be approved.

2358 ... They, (homosexuals), must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every

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BETANIA XIII UPDATE FROM VENEZUELA



Coro and Fr. Tim

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Betania Communities, Our greetings from Caracas, Venezuela! Thank you very much for your prayers! Today the doctors have given Maria Francia Yovera's parents the wonderful news that her brain tumor is benign. She is going to be released from the hospital In a month the physicians will treat the tumor with radiotherapy. Therefore, her family and us thank you so much for

your prayers to the Lord, through the intercession of his Blessed Mother and our Servant of God Maria Esperanza! Glory be to God! He has had mercy on us once again!

In a message dated 3/15/2014 4:36:44 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, corom3@gmail.com writes:

Dear Fino and Carole,

We hope you, your family, and the entire community of Betania XIII are doing great! It is very nice of you to be concerned with the well-being of our people in Venezuela. These times are times predicted by my mother. We have been praying for peace and reconciliation for our nation, and we are certain that Our Lady Reconciler of All Peoples and Nations, and my mother are working greatly to help both parties in their discussions in order to find solutions to our economic and political problems. The majority are seeking an understanding but the radicals make a lot of noise and have even shocked us with the things they are capable of. It is said that there are 15 districts of the 335 districts in Venezuela that are manifesting violently, but the news only covers those who are loud.

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8:15pm Presentation, Refreshments and Witnessing.

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sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition. 1603 MARRIAGE " The intimate community of life and love constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by Him with its own proper laws... God himself is the author of marriage. 1640 The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons had been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament.



Wedding Feast at Cana

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ?

Gen-1:27, 1:28, 5:1-2 "God created man in his own image ... male and female he created them", He blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply". (God's Fourth Commandment is, Honor your Father and Mother. Not male with male or female with female) 2:24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one.

[Genesis]

{13:13} But the men of Sodom were very wicked, and they were sinners before the Lord beyond measure

{19:5} And they called out to Lot, and they said to him: "Where are the men who entered to you in the night? Bring them out here, so that we may know them." . . .

{19:24} Therefore, the Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah sulphur and fire, from the Lord, out of heaven.

(by Ronald L. Conte Jr. , Roman Catholic Theologian) :

"The sin of homosexual sex is a more serious sin than that of heterosexual sex outside of marriage, because the former act is both a sexual act outside of marriage and a sexual act between persons of the same gender. The latter act is less offensive because the man and woman who have natural heterosexual sex outside of marriage might marry at some point in time, and then any subsequent acts of the same kind would be moral. But homosexual acts are so thoroughly disordered and unnatural that there is no circumstance in which they can be moral.

Homosexual acts are unnatural, and are not open to life, and are outside of marriage, and are between persons of the same gender. To be moral, sexual relations must be natural and open to life and within a marriage and between a man and a woman. Homosexual sex offends against all these moral imperatives which God has placed in the natural law and in Divine Revelation and in the very nature of humanity. Therefore, homosexual acts are much more gravely disordered and much more sinful than heterosexual acts outside of marriage. The greater the disorder, the greater the sin. The more moral principles an act violates, the more sinful that act is."

Leviticus-18: 22, 23 & 29: You shall not lie with a male as a woman; such a thing is an abomination. You shall not have carnal relations with an animal, defiling yourself with it; ... Everyone who does any of these abominations shall be cut off from among people. Heed my charge, then, not to defile yourselves by observing the abominable customs that have been observed before you." I the Lord, am your God."

Romans 1- 24: Therefore, God handed them over to impurity through the lusts of

their hearts for the mutual degradation of their bodies. ... 27: Their females exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the males likewise gave up lust for one another. Males did shameful things with males and thus received in their own persons the due penalty for their perversity.28: And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God handed them over to their undiscerning mind to do what is improper. 32: Although they know the just decree of God that they all who that practice such things deserve death, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

1 Corinthians 6: 9-10 ... Do not be deceived: neither fornicators nor idolaters, nor adulterers nor boy prostitutes nor sodomites ... will enter the kingdom of God

Ephesians 4: 19-20 ... they have become callous and handed themselves over to licentiousness for the practice of every kind of impurity excess, that is not how you learned Christ. Chp. 5-3...Immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as fitting among holy ones.

Rev. 21: 8... But as for cowards , the unfaithful, sorcerers, the depraved, murderers, the unchaste their lot is in the burning pool of fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

Galatians 5: 22-24: "But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

1 Corinthians 10: 13: "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

The Consecration of the United States of America to Jesus Christ & His Immaculate Mother Mary-1792

In his official capacity as first Catholic Archbishop of the United States, John Carroll, in 1792, solemnly and permanently entrusted the new nation and its citizens to the Lord Jesus Christ through Mary, His Mother. George Washington, of course, would have known of the sacred consecration and its consequences. He may have participated personally. The text of the official consecration of the United States to Mary follows:

*Most Holy Trinity, Our Father in Heaven,
Who chose Mary as the fairest of Your daughters;
Holy Spirit, Who chose Mary as Your Spouse;
God the Son, Who chose Mary as Your Mother,
we acknowledge Your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.*

*Most Holy Trinity, we place the United States of America
Into the hands of Mary Immaculate
in order that she may present the country to You.
Through her we wish to thank You for the great resources of this
land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.*

*Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic
Church in America.*

*Grant us peace.
Have mercy on our President
and on all the officers of our government.*

*Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and labor.
Protect the family life of the nation.
Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations.
Through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother, have mercy on the
sick, the tempted, sinners...on all who are in need.
Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Our Mother,
Patroness of our land, we praise and honor you
and give ourselves to you.
Protect us from every harm.
Pray for us, that acting always according to your will
and the will of your Divine Son,
we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.*

John Carroll, 1792



There is historical precedent for the possibility that it truly was the Blessed Mother whom General Washington saw that bleak day at Valley Forge. Through Mary, "the Mosaic Law arrived at the threshold of its fulfillment, and God's promise to the world and covenant with Abraham was fulfilled: God promised Abraham, the

forefather, that in his seed shall the nations be blessed...And through [Mary] the promise comes to pass...It is understood that all who have known God from the beginning and have foretold the coming of Christ have received the revelation from the Son Himself."

George Washington, the Commander-in-Chief of the American cause, had great need of divine intervention on behalf of his highly distressed troops at Valley Forge. God has historically sent the Blessed Mother Mary as His ambassador of Divine Mercy, Comfort of the Afflicted in times of great human need.

An eyewitness of George Washington's testimony concerning his celestial vision, Anthony Sherman later recounted segments of the heavenly phenomenon to Wesley Bradshaw. The oral history of this apparition to the American Commander-in-Chief at Valley Forge was originally published in *The National Tribune*, Volume 4, No. 12, December 1880, and is preserved in the Library of Congress in Washington, DC.

*Excerpts from: FAITH of Our Founding Father
The Spiritual Journey of George Washington
Author: Janice T. Connell
Publisher: Hatherleigh Press 2004*



ALLEGED MESSAGES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - MEDJUGORJE

April 25, 2014: *"Dear children! I am calling you anew: begin the battle against sin as in the first days, go to confession and decide for holiness. The love of God will begin to flow through you into the world, peace will begin to rule in your hearts and God's blessing will fill you. I am with you and intercede for all of you before my Son Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call."*

We use the word alleged until the church "approves" Medjugorje. We must be obedient to whatever the church decides. Betania has full approval of the church, equal to Fatima or Lourdes.

*Betania XIII Update from Venezuela
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CNN through its anchor Christianne Amanpour interviewed our president Nicolas Maduro. We believe the interview reflects fairly enough what is really happening. If you wish to watch the interview, the link is: <http://amanpour.blogs.cnn.com/2014/03/07full-transcript.nicolas.maduro/> Now, moving on to another topic, the Betania Foundation has had a very busy beginning of the year 2014. First, it welcomed a pilgrimage from five Betania communities in early January.

Then, in February a representation of fifteen members went to a wonderful spiritual retreat given by Father Tim to the Community of Betania XIV, Grand Cayman. Each one of us returned back home with our hearts rejoicing in the love of Our Lord, of his Blessed Mother, and our Servant of God, my dear mother, Maria Esperanza. They truly made themselves felt during this occasion in each of the spiritual concepts that were developed and in every brotherly detail that we experienced together. Imagine that the representatives of Betania XIV catalogued our visit to Cayman Islands as a "heavy rain of grace", Then the group traveled to Miami, Florida, USA on February, 14 where we held a meeting with members of Betania V on Saturday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. At this reunion several miracles obtained through the intercession of our Servant of God

Maria Esperanza were shared, as took place in Cayman Islands where the healing of the young girl Hailey Ardron was celebrated. She was about to lose one leg due to an antibiotic-resistant bacteria she had. Additionally, the first days of this month were very special for the family and the Betania Foundation since my father was able to stay in Betania for Carnival. He had not been to Betania for six months, because of his health problems. We went to Mass, prayed together, had meetings every night, and visited all the religious sites (Grotto, Replica of the House of Loreto, the Oratory The Cenacle, etc.) as if it was our first time. Glory be to God for the grace of having our Patriarch back with us.

And now we are looking forward to celebrating the 38^o anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady Reconciler of All Peoples and Nations on March 25, in Betania. For this, we will be having Fr. Tim fly in for a solemn Mass for the great number of pilgrims who come to honor the Mother of God that day.

So, Fino and Carole, it would be wonderful if you could share this information with the members of Betania XIII during your meeting. We send you and the community our love, and let us keep on praying for family and universal reconciliation, one of our most cherished objectives as children of God and members of Betania.

With a fraternal embrace, Coro The Bianchini Family and Betania Foundation

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