

GOD'S CLEANSING AND CHASTISEMENT ALWAYS BEGINS WITH THE CHURCH

Mostly everyone has heard of the priests scandals in the Archdiocese of Boston and the public outcry which surrounds them. Many are asking for the resignation of Cardinal Bernard Law. We live in a sin, lust, and greed-saturated culture. This New America which began to crumble after the Supreme Court officially banned prayer, Bible reading and the teaching and observance of the Ten Commandments from our public school system has degenerated to the point where promiscuity, perversion, and pornography have become mainstream. It is no wonder that God has begun His chastisements and purification. As always, they begin with the Church itself.

Sodomy, A National Problem

Sodomy is a horrendous national problem. It affects millions, but most especially men and boys. The homosexual revolution is now in its most sinful stage. Many millions have accepted sodomy as a way of life, and many of them have said the real culprit is Christ and His Church, which is not tolerant of these horrendous sexual sins.

Cuts Right Across the Board

Now God has begun to act, to cleanse sodomy from our land as He did long ago in Sodom and Gomorrah. He had to begin with the Church. Statistics and sociologists tell us that sodomites are less than 2% of the population. And pedophilic sodomites are less than 1% of the population, infecting all men right across the boards; not only priests, but lawyers, doctors, ministers, rabbis, teachers, school principals, as well as fathers, brothers, sons, and even grandfathers. Even though, the percentages in general are small, there are millions of sins of sodomy committed every years in this country alone. Each one seriously affects the souls of both the perpetrators and the victims. An act of sodomy on a young boy can damage his soul for life and many times begin him on the road of becoming a life-time sodomite himself.

Can Be Healed

Some Christian psychologists say homosexuality is a acquired through early inter-relationships and within the field of Christian counseling many homosexuals have been healed. The tendency in the media to widely publicize cases of Catholic priest abuse have given Americans a very distorted picture, as Phillip Jenkins pointed out in an Oxford University Press book on the subject, published just last year.

Extremely Rare

Jenkins reported that pedophilia is extremely rare in the priesthood, with a best estimate being that 0.3% are guilty of that crime. The most extensive study, of 2,252 priests over a thirty year period, found only one case of pedophilia, and in that case, the abuse occurred among members of the priest's extended family.

Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul has pointed out the need to insure that problematic seminarians are deterred from the priesthood. In a March 20, 1998, message sent to Cardinal William Baum, Major Penitentiary of the Church, the Holy Father stated, "The confessor of priesthood candidates has a very serious obligation of making every effort to dissuade from going on to the priesthood those who in confession demonstrate they lack the necessary virtues (this particularly applies to mastering chastity, which is indispensable for the commitment to celibacy), the necessary psychological balance for sufficient maturity of judgment."

Vigilance

All priests are called to added vigilance to avoid pedophilia cases in the future. Cardinal Law in a statement called for a "no tolerance policy." Hopefully, this will lead to a widespread no tolerance policy in the general public as well, with the Church leading the way. Every American citizen should work toward a no tolerance policy towards any sexual disorder, especially as it touches children and youth.

A No-Tolerance Policy for All Child Abuse

Every American should pray for a no tolerance policy, therefore concerning pornography, child abuse, pagan sexual education, the rampant immorality on our school campuses, an all too liberal and permissive secular media and blatantly exploitive organizations such as Planned Parenthood, National Organization of Women, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Parental Obligation

A new field of law is now being born. Not only do lawyers and prosecutors go after the perpetrators of sexual abuse, but even after the parent organization, in this case, the Church. This trend will continue in the future as victims and lawyers will continue to sue parents, hospitals, medical centers, abortion clinics, businesses, who in any way contribute to child abuse.

Everyone Take Responsibility

Only when everyone takes responsibility by every means possible with the victimizing of our children cease. God is calling for that. His cleansing and chastisement begins as always, with the Church, only so that the Church can be more brightly the light that shows the way to everyone else.

A Real Hypocrisy

Many Americans are willing to point their fingers at priests, not only because they are concerned with children, but because of deep-seated anti-Catholic biases. Those who are really concerned with the victimizing of children, will fight just as diligently against any person or any institution that pushes sexual abuse in any form against children.

Widespread Dehumanization of Children

Since the immorality that leads to the dehumanization of children is so widespread, in our courts, in our media, in our colleges, in our legal system, this will call for a long and difficult journey back into the Light.

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