

Gay Lobby Scrambles to Hide Truth About Child Molestation

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Homosexual groups are going into orbit over the ongoing revelations of Roman Catholic priests who have molested preteen and teen-age boys in Boston and elsewhere. A few weeks ago, for instance, a group of alleged Catholics who practice sodomy held a protest rally outside of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. Its media event was organized by Dignity/USA, a homosexual "Catholic" organization, and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).

Mary Louis Cervone, president of Dignity/USA, told reporters, "Threatening to purge the priesthood of gay men is a way for church leaders to deflect attention from the real moral crisis in the church. That is, a culture of secrecy, conspiracy and lies by priests, bishops and cardinals that has disgraced the very institution of Catholicism."

Cervone is doing what most homosexual groups now are doing. She's trying to turn public attention away from a very simple fact: The recent scandals in Boston in the Catholic Church involve priests who routinely have been caught sexually molesting preteen and teen-age boys.

One of the most notorious homosexual priests in the Boston child-molester scandal is the Rev. Paul Shanley, who allegedly has been molesting teen-age boys for decades but has been protected by the church hierarchy. Records just released by the Archdiocese of Boston provide damning evidence that Shanley was at the founding meeting of the North American Man-Boy Love Association in the late 1970s. He was at this meeting representing the "sexual-minorities" outreach program of the archdiocese.

Shanley has been an open advocate of the homosexual molestation of boys

for decades. He eventually moved to California, where he opened up a homosexual bed-and-breakfast resort in Palm Springs with a fellow homosexual priest.

It is convenient for sodomy advocates to blame a "culture of secrecy" on the molestation of hundreds of boys at the hands of homosexual priests, but the truth is obvious to any rational person: A man who molests a preteen or teenage boy is engaging in homosexual behavior. To say that he is a "pedophile" and not a homosexual is thoroughly dishonest.

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If members of the media wish to cover this story accurately, they should stop using the term "pedophile" to describe priests who molest teen-agers, because "pedophile" (in legal and clinical terms) refers to a person who is fixated on having sexual relations with boys or girls younger than 13 years old. A pedophile priest is engaging in homosexual behavior just as a priest who sodomizes a teen-age boy is engaged in homosexual assault. You can't separate homosexuality from the horrid conduct of these priests. The Rev. Ronald Cozzens, a seminary rector in Ohio, has estimated that 90 percent of "priest abusers targeted teen-age boys as their victims."

In addition, research indicates that

although homosexuals account for only 1 to 2 percent of the general population, they actually molest children at far higher rates than do their heterosexual counterparts. Dr. Judith Reisman in her book, *Kinsey: Crimes & Consequences*, notes the work done by Dr. Gene Abel, who compared the molestation rates of self-confessed homosexual and heterosexual child molesters. He found that homosexuals accounted for 150 boy victims per sex abuser, compared with 19 female victims per heterosexual child molester. In essence the study found that homosexuals are more than nine times as likely to sodomize children as are heterosexual sex predators.

In July 2001, the *New York Post* published shocking details about the high homosexual molestation rates among New York's public-school teachers. Homosexuals were seven times more likely to molest children as heterosexuals.

Even GLAAD inadvertently has admitted that homosexuals molest children at far higher rates than do heterosexuals. They note that heterosexuals are responsible for 74 percent of male assaults and 77 percent of female assaults.

This leaves a 26 percent rate for homosexual molesters of boys. Yet, as pointed out earlier, homosexuals account for only 1 to 2 percent of the population. In short, homosexuals are at least 13 times as likely as heterosexuals to molest children.

Homosexuals are going ballistic for a reason. Their carefully crafted media image as nonmolesters is being shattered by ongoing revelations of the networks of homosexual priests who finally are being exposed for their criminal actions.

Jail time is too good for men who abuse their spiritual authority and attack the souls and bodies of boys who fall into their clutches. And, please, let's call them what they are: homosexual child molesters!

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