

# Rep. Kennedy Rails at Vatican 'Bigotry'



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Scandal-plagued Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., has this opinion of the Vatican's recent statement against homosexual marriages: "I see the policy of opposing same-sex marriages or unions, whatever you call it, as bigotry or discrimination."

[Does the Vatican (Catholic) have a policy against same-sex marriages?  
Do you believe Catholics are right to oppose same-sex marriages?]

William Donohue, president of Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, has this response:

"It is one thing to disagree with the Vatican's latest statement on marriage, quite another to brand it bigoted. Patrick Kennedy has some explaining to do.

[Do you see a distinction between being bigoted or having a difference of opinion?  
Can you think of any rules or examples where the distinction is made or note made?]

"To begin with, the Catholic Church does not have a 'policy' on marriage -- it has a teaching that is rooted in Scripture; it has policies on things like keeping soup kitchens clean.

[Are we being cute, or it important to note there is a difference between a policy and a teaching, which we might further define as a doctrine?  
What's the main difference between the two categories?]

"Two, why did it take him so long to label the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage 'bigoted'? After all, it has maintained the same teaching for 2,000 years.

[Response?]

"Three, why has he not slammed all world religions -- in both Eastern and Western civilizations -- as being 'bigoted'? After all, none bless the idea that two men should be allowed to marry.

[Response?]

"Four, why has he not come clean and told us exactly how 'tolerant' he is about qualifications for marriage? To be specific, does he find it 'bigoted' to oppose incestuous marriages? How about polygamy? Or the idea that three men can marry?

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[Why is there a gray area with the qualifications of marriage?  
Is there a gray area if you have rules based upon absolutes?  
Is there a gray area if you have rules not based on absolutes?  
Have we spoken of "logical outworking" before?  
How does the "logical outworkings" of a non-traditional marriage relate?  
Using your logic, what do you foresee down the road?

Chinese Create First Human-Animal Embryo <

<http://www.newsmax.com/archives/articles/2003/8/14/153903.shtml> >

Scientists have created the world's first hybrid embryos that contain human and rabbit DNA, according to the Journal of Cell Research. Reaction ranges from moral outrage to praise for a scientific advance.

Forget Same-Sex Marriage; Now It's Same-Person Marriage

<http://www.newsmax.com/showinsidecover.shtml?a=2003/8/18/164340>

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. - Perhaps you think you've seen everything. Alas, no.

Apparently the new trend is people marrying ... themselves!

We wrote jokingly a few weeks ago that Canada was being narrow-minded for limiting marriage to two people. Unfair to bigamists, doncha know. Also unfair, it turns out, to those who really, really, really like themselves.

The local Palm Beach Post, in a lengthy article dominating the front of the features section, gushes that one Jeannie Macaluso is marrying herself.

Can you imagine "This is not my slave. I made her for this purpose."  
someday?]

"Five, why would he want to maintain membership in an organization that is 'bigoted'? Does it not make him a bigot for supporting a 'bigoted' organization on Sundays?

[Response?]

"Patrick Kennedy's brutal honesty stands in stark contrast to the Kennedy clan's predilection for spinning the truth. For this he should be applauded. Now the cat's out of the bag: Patrick Kennedy thinks the Vatican's pro-marriage statement is 'bigoted'; thus does he align himself with those who think the institution of marriage is nothing more than an alternative lifestyle."

Here's what we wonder: When is the church finally going to excommunicate politicians who claim to be Catholic but in practice are not?

[Before we write a Constitutional Amendment to deal with this issue, do you believe the Constitution of the United States already deals with this issue?

Would it if we had not progressed through the Modern and Post Modern eras where there is no absolute truth and words had no meaning?

Considering how the judiciary continues to write laws and abuse the Constitution (do you agree with this statement, or is it just an inflammatory opinion?), will new laws help?

If new laws will not help, will new Constitutional Amendments help?

If CA won't help, how about a change in attitudes / philosophy?

Did the Founding Fathers error in how they wrote the Constitution?

The UE Constitution is over 250 pages long where the US Constitution is not even a half dozen pages. Should the US Constitution been more explicit and comprehensive when originally created?]



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