

## *Appendix CPO*

*This is a letter sent by Colleen Perfect of Catholic Parents Online—a group who has been monitoring the growth of homosexual propaganda in Catholic high schools and parishes which had been incorporating acceptance of homosexuality in their definition of Catholic moral life. After a particularly notorious Mass in which the celebrant and all attending prayed for the church to accept the homosexual form of love, CPO alerted members and suggested independent letters to the Archbishop. The letters were not form letters but came from individuals as individuals about a grave and documented abuse of church teaching and the Eucharist. Since the Vicar General is responsible for all matters of clergy discipline we believe the chancery response was his strategy in the bishop's name.*

Dear Friends of CPO,

Today I received a large envelope in the mail from Archbishop Harry Flynn in response to my Open Letter of March 17, 2004. I was truly shocked and very deeply saddened when I read his letter. In addition to his letter, he enclosed 34 copies of letters which came from many of you (including a large Catholic organization) written to him on March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>, I assume he will be sending me more. Here for you to read is the Archbishop's letter I received today.

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March 19,2004

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Dear Ms. Perfect,

From now on I am sending to you all the letters which assault my office because of communications which you have made.

I must remind you that I am the Archbishop and choose to influence in a different manner than you and many of the people who would write to me. I think it is totally unfair of you to engage others in these letter writing, e-mail campaigns. So, since it is you who have contacted these people, you are the one who will receive all of their responses.

I would ask further that you not call and ask for an appointment concerning this.

With good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, D.D.

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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Friends, a few of the reasons I am shocked at the tone of his letter is because:

1. All the letters from you, the faithful, which he included with his letter to me (with the exception of one) were very polite and respectful of the office of the Archbishop. In my estimation they didn't even come close to an "assault" on his office. These were letters simply asking for his help as our Shepard, your letters were filled with truth, pain, confusion and love.
2. The Archbishop says, " I think it is totally unfair of you to engage others in these letter writing, e-mail campaigns". Honestly, I really do not understand his reasoning here. CPO began contacting him 6 years ago - trying our best to communicate and inform him (always in a positive, respectful manner) about the many serious abuses taking place in our beloved churches and schools. He did once, in the past, explained that he is doing his best to correct any error. We trusted his word and waited and prayed. Nothing has happened. The dissident parishes continue to host events sponsored by groups who not only teach contrary to our Catholic Church teachings, but now have become so bold as to organize additional heretical groups - display sick literature, such as "Queering Christ: Beyond Jesus ACTED UP" - and just this week disgracefully proclaimed, "We will oppose any legislation or amendment that curtails civil rights, including that which would limit marriage or it's legal equivalent to the union of one man and one woman."  
<http://www.stjoan.com/bulletinfr.htm>
3. The Archbishop wants no more contact with us, he want us to be silent. He stated, "I would ask further that you not call and ask for an appointment concerning this". This is not only shocking, but absolutely tragic that he will not listen to us, his flock. We need to ask WHY? Especially when he does take time to meet with those who continue to abuse the teaching of the Magisterium. He graciously met with the people of St. Joan of Arc parish to listen to their concerns as to why they could not have Mel White, who promotes sodomy , give the homily at a Mass last year. He also honored the request of Kathy Itzen, from St. Joan of Arc, and met with her due to her distress that Catholics spoke out against the fact that she was to receive an Archdiocesan Education Award, even though she publicly expressed actions and behavior that conflict with the teachings of our church.

To all of you who love and cherish our Catholic faith as handed down to us from our forefathers, please remember the blessed words of St. Padre Pio, "Strong and generous hearts are not grieved except for serious reasons; and then do not allow such motives to penetrate to their inmost heart. Let us ascend Calvary, burdened with the Cross but without tiring. And let us be convinced that our ascent will lead us to the heavenly vision of our sweetest Saviour.

Sincerely in His love,

Colleen Perfect, President