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Conversation: Update

NEW ARTICLE - WHERE IS GAY MARRIAGE LEGAL?

- Nations that recognize gay marriage
- U.S. States that recognize gay marriage
- Nations that allow same-sex partnerships or unions
- U.S. States that allow same-sex partnerships or unions
- Nations that ban same-sex unions

Read the Article for the details at <http://christiangays.com/marriage/legal.shtml>

NEW ARTICLE – STAND AGAINST PROP. 8 COSTS PRIEST DEARLY

Excerpt:

A week ago, Father Geoffrey Farrow stood before his Roman Catholic parishioners in Fresno and delivered a sermon that placed him squarely at odds with his church over gay marriage.

With Proposition 8 on the November ballot, and his own bishop urging Central Valley priests to support its definition of traditional marriage, Farrow told congregants he felt obligated to break "a numbing silence" about church prejudice against homosexuals.

"How is marriage protected by intimidating gay and lesbian people into loveless and lonely lives?" he asked parishioners of the St. Paul Newman Center. "I am morally compelled to vote no on Proposition 8."

Then Farrow -- who had revealed that he was gay during a television interview immediately before Mass -- added a coda to his sermon.

"I know these words of truth will cost me dearly," he said. "But to withhold them . . . I would become an accomplice to a moral evil that strips gay and lesbian people not only

of their civil rights but of their human dignity as well."

Read the whole Article at <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-gaypriest13-2008oct13,0,2646781.story>

(Thanks Sharon!)

MAGAZINE FOR YOUTH - "BOYOBOY" - AN ALTERNATIVE ARTS & CULTURE ZINE - Not For The Average Queer Guy

BOYOBOY is a quarterly, alternative Toronto arts & culture zine for younger queer guys. We print stuff not usually found in your mainstream gay publications.

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NEW INMATE - Gloria Martinez

Gloria Martinez is 59 yo with no expected date of release. She is incarcerated in Gatesville, TX and has requested Christian support.

Please read about Gloria and the others at <http://christiangays.com/personals/prison.shtml>

Support them in prayer, and if possible, please write to one or many of them to let them know that they are not alone. Christians do care about them. Thanks!

VIDEO PRESENTATION - "THE BRIDGE"

"How Far Would You Go?"

<http://www.maximumreferrals.com/videos/bridge/bridge.html>

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TESTIMONY - LIVE SIMPLY. LOVE GENEROUSLY. LEAVE THE REST TO GOD

This remarkable testament was found amidst the papers of a martyred African pastor.

I'm a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His and I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still.

My past is redeemed. My present makes sense. My future is secure. I'm done and finished with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, or first, or tops, or recognized, or praised, or rewarded. I live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer and labor by Holy Spirit power.

My face is set. My gait is fast. My goal is heaven. My road may be narrow, my way rough, my companions few, but my guide is reliable and my mission is clear. I will not be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice or hesitate in the presence of the adversary. I will not negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, or let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up and preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must give until I drop, preach until all know and work until He comes. And when He does come for His own, He'll have no problems recognizing me. My colors will be clear!

INSPIRATION - WHAT KIND OF DAY SHALL I HAVE?

I woke up early today, excited over all I get to do before the day ends. I have responsibilities to fulfill today. I am important. My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have.

Today I can complain because the weather is rainy or ...
I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free.

Today I can feel sad that I don't have more money or...
I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste.

Today I can grumble about my health or...
I can rejoice that I am alive.

Today I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up or...
I can feel grateful that they allowed me to be born.

Today I can cry because roses have thorns or...
I can celebrate that thorns have roses.

Today I can mourn my lack of friends or...
I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships.

Today I can whine because I have to go to work or...
I can shout for joy because I have a job to do.

Today I can complain because I have to go to school or...
I can eagerly open my mind and fill it with rich new tidbits of knowledge.

Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework or...
I can feel honored because Life has provided shelter for my mind, body and soul.

Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.

What today will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day I will have!

Have a GREAT DAY ... unless you have other plans.

~Author Unknown~

(Thanks Jack!)

God bless,
Mary

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