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C.c.: Trustees (Wayne Buchholtz, Marion Thomson Howell, Denise Blum, Manuel da Silva, Louise Ervin, Joseph Gowing, Fr. Robert Héту, Judy Nairn, Greg Reitzel), Most. Rev. Bishop Anthony Tonnos, Auxiliary Bishop Gerard Bergie, concerned Catholic parents, Papal Nuncio Archbishop Luigi Ventura

Subject: September '07 Family Life Meeting re: Gay-Propaganda Books

Dear Mr. Lawler,

Thank you for your letter dated May 8 in which you stated this issue has been scheduled for discussion by The Family Life Advisory Committee in September.

We're pleased it is moving ahead. At the same time we're disappointed that it will take 6 months to begin discussion on teaching resources which promote secular ideology that is anti-Catholic in nature. Where a risk exists that children may be turned against official Catholic teaching, one would've expected a greater priority.


On behalf of the concerned Catholic parents, we would also like to request that our organization be given the opportunity to present our case to The Family Life Advisory Committee. Would you be so kind as to schedule a 20 minute presentation by Defend Traditional Marriage & Family? We would also bring a representative from the concerned parents coalition. Would you please advise the date, time and location?

We also request that you please add two more items to Family Life's discussion agenda. These are serious, new issues which have been recently brought to our attention.

1) A second anonymous school board staff member has given us what appears to be an internal Waterloo School Board memo dated 'week of Feb 9/07'. It describes a March 23rd training workshop for Principals and Vice Principals. Although we do not have the program content, the title reveals that it's likely to include gay-propaganda. The title is "*Understanding and Supporting Transgender Children and Youth*".



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Sent From	Intended Audience	Email: point form
Alannah Bell	Principals, VP's, special education, CYCW's	Family Life and Equity Education: I am pleased to let you know that we have been able to secure a second date for our presentation "Understanding and Supporting Transgender Children and Youth". It is scheduled for Friday March 23 rd , 2007. Like the February 9 th workshop, this presentation will also be held at the WLU Faculty of Social Work (120 Duke St. W., Kitchener) between 9:00 - 4:00 PM. **This workshop is now full. I have attached the poster information for the Feb.9 th presentation for your information. Thank you.  Workshop Trans-youth FINAL Lr

Is your Family Life Consultant, Alannah Bell, aware that “transgender” is a propaganda term taken straight from the lexicon of the gay-activist movement? She must be aware that the Catholic Church recognizes only 2 genders – male and female. Not “gay”, “bisexual”, “transgendered” or “2-spirited” as gay lobbyists are actively working to advance in academic circles.

We contacted COURAGE headquarters, an apostolate of the Roman Catholic Church which ministers to those with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. COURAGE has been endorsed by the **Pontifical Council for the Family** and is approved by **the Holy See**. To learn more about COURAGE, visit www.couragerc.net. Here is what COURAGE had to say about any program which teaches that there are more than 2 genders:

“We believe it is most important to encourage young persons to primarily identify themselves as men and women made in the image of God. Even while acknowledging that their struggles with homosexual feelings or their experiences of gender confusion are real, they should not be encouraged to base their core identity on these difficulties. Christian anthropology teaches that we are created male and female - it does not teach that we are created gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered. Subjective feelings, thoughts and struggles, while real, do not translate into "identity". Also, these particular labels are often associated with political causes which are incompatible with Catholic moral teaching.”

Mr. Lawler, this “transgender” course could cause psychological and spiritual damage to children by causing them to identify primarily with the sexual confusion they feel. It would seem this “transgender” course is at odds with the Holy See.

2) A third individual informed us of yet another questionable program. We discovered minutes from April 27/05 in which the Family Life Committee approved a program to be used in schools that would be developed in conjunction with ACCKWA, an AIDS education group that has a prominent gay-activist component. ACCKWA’s main web (www.acckwa.com) depicts two men in the very act of homosexual sodomy (below).





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ACCKWA's main page also promotes a "Gay, Lesbian & Bi Youth Group" (below).



ACCKWA's website contains links to gay pride events, the gay bar in downtown Kitchener, GLOW (Gays & Lesbians of Waterloo), and other inappropriate content that opposes Catholic moral teaching.

Here's what COURAGE headquarters said about the School Board's association with ACCKWA when we asked for their comments:

"Courage would never recommend that site as a resource for Catholic teens, for the following reasons:

- Having young people who are struggling with gender issues join a "gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgender" group will only encourage a false and limiting type of self-labeling. It is understandable for young persons to desire a safe and confidential place to privately express their experiences in psychosexual and emotional development, but a secular group such as this will feel no need to encourage chastity, nor will it encourage a Christian self-identity.
- If one is concerned with instructing young people in Catholic moral teaching, why refer them to a secular organization which will explore sexual issues but will feel no obligation to teach young people about chastity? Several of the links on this site lead to information on condom use and also gay pride events. Does this Catholic school board want to encourage the young souls its in charge to use condoms? Do they want young people to embrace a "gay" identity, when some young people, with the right encouragement, direction, and mentorship, are able to move beyond the experience of same-sex attractions? Even if a young person finds that same-sex attractions are predominant and persistent, will he or she find encouragement for chaste living at this site? Or will it instead open up an avenue to "exploring one's sexuality" in a way that involves abandoning the Church's moral teaching?
- Young persons struggling with homosexual attractions or gender confusion do need a place to go to talk about their personal struggles and to experience love and acceptance, but we recommend a combination of spiritual direction and therapy – with both the spiritual director and the therapist being in complete agreement with the Church's moral teachings on chastity. Instead of referring youth to this site, why not go through the effort of putting together a list of local Catholic priests and Catholic therapists, all faithful to the magisterium, and referring young people to them as a resource?"



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We started this process with a concern from one Catholic teacher about two books they discovered. Since then we've been shocked to learn of at least (30) more books in Catholic libraries which likely affirm the gay lifestyle, a "transgender" training course for Principals, and a "Youth Connection" program jointly developed by the school board and a secular group which encourages youth to embrace the gay lifestyle.

With this much gay-propaganda in our Catholic school system, it would be remarkably naïve to think there is not an entrenched problem. On behalf of Catholic parents and concerned Catholics throughout the region, we request that the September Family Life meeting be opened up to discuss the wider issue of how we got to this point. And more importantly, what policies need to be implemented so this never happens again. It is our sincere desire to continue an open-minded, non-confrontational dialogue with the school board. We can turn this thing around with your support!

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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