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## Coming Events:

Thurs, July 13: Public Info  
Meeting

Sat, July 15: Ottawa  
rally on parliament hill.  
Young people (or young at  
heart) for righteousness in  
Canada, Contact: Beth  
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Thurs, Aug 10: Guest  
speaker, Joseph Ben-Ami,  
Executive Director, The  
Institute for Canadian  
Values

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## Local pro-family MP's present marriage petitions to House of Commons

Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> would mark the last day for the current session of parliament. The last day for the sitting of the assembled House - this consists of the Prime Minister and 307 other M.P.'s who collectively, hold the fate of the institution of marriage in their hands. After June 23<sup>rd</sup> parliamentarians would take a couple of months off, go on vacation and return to their ridings.

The final weeks and days of a parliamentary session are important ones because the last issues raised are the ones that will stick in the minds of MP's as they return home.

We are so pleased to report that two of our local MP's presented pro-marriage petitions in these crucial final days of parliament.

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:15pm, Gary Goodyear presented petitions on behalf of his constituents who demanded the reinstatement of marriage as one man + one woman. Below is an excerpt from his presentation to the House:



**Gary Goodyear**  
M.P.  
Cambridge

### EDITED HANSARD • NUMBER 038

**Mr. Gary Goodyear (Cambridge, CPC):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to rise today to present a petition from my riding of Cambridge. These petitioners call upon the government to use every means necessary, including invoking section 33 of the charter, the notwithstanding clause, to ensure that the definition of marriage remains that of one between one man and one woman.

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Then on June 21 at 4:00pm, just 2 days

before the House rose, Mr. Harold Albrecht presented petitions on behalf of hundreds of constituents and concerned Canadians. See excerpt below:



**Harold Albrecht**  
M.P.  
Kitchener-Conestoga

### EDITED HANSARD • NUMBER 045

**Mr. Harold Albrecht (Kitchener—Conestoga, CPC):** Mr. Speaker, it is an honour to rise in the House today to present a petition on behalf of the people of Kitchener-Conestoga in the greater Kitchener-Waterloo area. The petitioners are asking Parliament to use all possible legislative and administrative measures, including invoking section 33 of the charter if necessary, to preserve and protect the traditional definition of marriage as between one man and one woman.

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We at Defend Traditional Marriage & Family (DTMF) wish to thank Mr. Goodyear & Mr. Albrecht for making known the voices of those who might otherwise have no voice in this debate. May God bless them, their families and their continued service to our country.

Let us pray that Prime Minister Harper and all the M.P.'s took the words to heart. May they also be moved to defend marriage & family life.

FOR YOU THE READER: Please continue to fill out petitions. Call us to request more. Visit or phone your MP. Write the Prime Minister and tell him your wishes for marriage. This article proves that your political involvement can make a difference in Ottawa.



Richard Marchak will lead a workshop July 13, "Changing Canada through the Political Process". Location: Historic St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Queens & Church St, Kitchener Time: 7:30pm

## July 13 – People of Faith changing Canada through the Political Process

Family values have been under attack for decades. Movies, television, music and even mainstream news media have steadily undermined traditional moral values.

This assault on the family has culminated in the reality of today's Canadian society. Powerful elites casually dismiss morals as the backwater ideas of "unenlightened religious people". They mean you and me, of course.

Even many in the government who's duty it is to protect the Common Good, cannot bring themselves to admit that some things are simply wrong. To admit that some things, such as same-sex "marriage", are bad public policy which harms rather than

promotes, *the Common Good* of society.

In fact, we find ourselves in the bizarre scenario of having government officials & agencies, who for ideological reasons, promote public policy which they **know** is harmful to society. Ex: Dec 21, 2005, a few radical judges simply stood up and declared that public orgies are no longer indecent and no longer illegal.

Well, it's time to straighten that crooked picture on the wall. Join us Thurs, July 13. Richard Marchak will teach us what steps we can take now to restore moral values to our nation.

Richard has over 20 years of political experience and knows what it takes to put good men and women in power. Please - come learn how you can help!



The LAW has a teaching role. As a result, same-sex 'marriage' legislation will legitimize homosexual behaviour. What's the consequence to the faith of millions of young Christians and young people of other faiths, who will have to decide at some point in their lives: "Who's correct: the government or my religion?"

## Losing Faith: the hidden danger of gay marriage laws

By Jack Fonseca

I've read articles where commentators speculate on reasons why clergy have been silent on the issue of same-sex "marriage". They frequently offer the explanation that "*clergy are afraid of losing congregation members who have liberal views*".

Whether it's true or not, that theory makes sense ...on the surface. The reality however, is that silence from the pulpit will actually result in the very thing that is feared - the emptying of pews. The loss of younger generations.

Think about it. As young Christians (or Jews, Muslims, Sikhs) grow up, they'll be taught directly or indirectly by schools, television, movies and the law itself that their Sacred Scripture is wrong about homosexuality. Remember - the Law is a Teacher. And it is natural for a teenager to put more faith in the law than in what their "outdated" parents may believe. After all the law is there to protect us, right?

The culture is busily indoctrinating our kids with many compassionate "reasons" for accepting homosexuality. If the indoctrination is not countered by a natural law explanation of the church's belief,

many kids will feel that the culture's position "just seems more fair".

Many young people will reason therefore, that homosexuality is normal and natural. After all "Why would the government legalize & celebrate homosexual marriages, if it weren't a good thing?"

As a Roman Catholic, I see bill C-38 as a particular danger to my own faith community. Catholic teens are learning every day from the culture that "the Church is wrong about pre-marital sex, wrong about contraception, wrong about abortion...and now, it's wrong about homosexuality." For many teens and young adults, it will get to the point of thinking "Hey, the church is so wrong about so many things. Why should I believe any of it? Why should I even believe in the Bible if it's so flawed?"

When a person gets to this point, they're only a step away from rejecting Christianity altogether. The same danger applies to other religions.

If pundits are correct about this reason for clergy silence, I have one piece of advice for clergy of all faiths: *Use it or Lose it*. Either teach young people the reasons for their religious belief now, or risk losing those people.

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