



St. Raymond of Penafort

**GENDER IDEOLOGY:
THE CULTURAL CHALLENGE AND THE
CATHOLIC RESPONSE**

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Preliminaries – “disclaimers”

- “Thank you!” – St. Raymond’s, colleagues, audience
- **Speaking from Catholic perspective**
 - As **individuals**, not representatives of affiliated institutions
 - **Not speaking for the diocese** – bishop sets policies within diocese
- **Time constraints – overview**, not “everything”
 - Resources: <https://catholicwomensforum.org/resources/>
- **Not the “final word”** – thinking with the Church, from our areas of expertise.
 - Church documents, papal statements, Ukrainian bishops, USCCB leadership. Defer to authoritative Church statements – CDF (pending)
- **Distinction: cultural activists** or advocates (LGBTQ agenda) v. individuals (personal struggles)
- **Q & A** after talks, not during. Respect for dignity of all.



THE GENDER REVOLUTION CULTURE AND POLITICAL CHANGE

“Accompany...never abandon them”



“Diego”



Photo Credit: Daniel Ibanez/CNA
Diego Neria, Credit: Catholic Herald 5 Feb 2015



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Taking the Catholic Pulse

Pope calls gender theory a ‘global war’ against the family

Inés San Martín October 1, 2016
VATICAN CORRESPONDENT

**“Gender theory ... wicked”
“Enemy of marriage”
-- Pope Francis**

Pope Benedict XVI (Dec. 22, 2012): “When the freedom to be creative becomes **the freedom to create oneself**, then necessarily **the Maker himself is denied and ultimately man too is stripped of his dignity as a creature of God...**”

Theory- “Ideas”

Dr. John Money: “Gender” Nature? Nurture?

Coined “gender” to distinguish social roles from bio sex.



Image: BBC

1960s Experiment

Nature v nurture

Circumcision tragedy

Dr. Money:

castrated baby

At 5 yrs – “success”

Teen -- truth

Reverts to male

Later suicide

Dr. Money – never retracted

Atheistic-Marxist-feminism to gender ideology

Feminist Revolution (1970s): Subversion

End sex distinction. End male privilege.

Ideal: pansexuality v. hetero/homo/bisexual

Artificial reproduction (M/F/other).
Replace child's dependence on mom

“The tyranny of the biological family would be broken.”

--Shulamith Firestone, *The Dialectic of Sex* (1970)

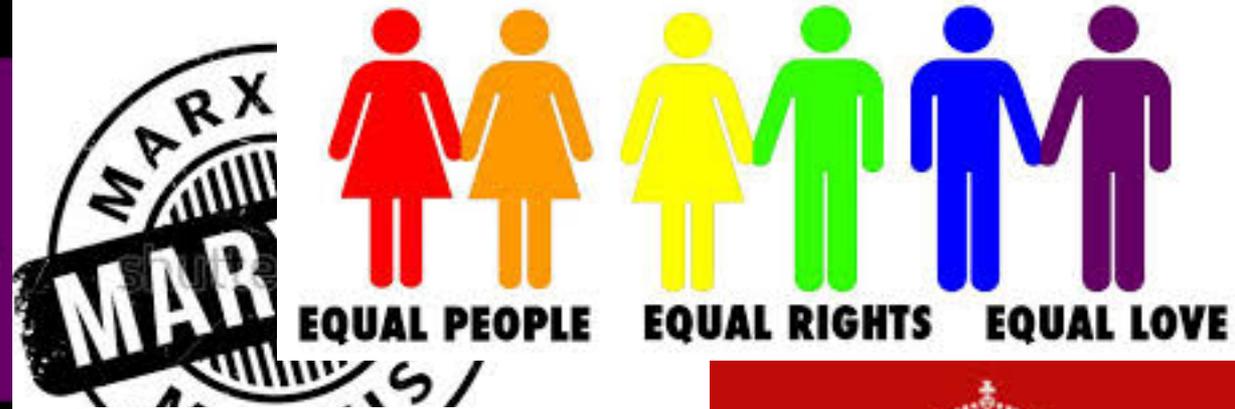
Today: Gender Feminist Judith Butler:

“Gender”= social construct / performance
Resist oppression by SUBVERSION, parody. DRAG

***Gender Trouble* - 1990**



“true believers”- “everywhere”



...in the beginning...
Man created God



**MARRIAGE
IS ABOUT
LOVE
NOT GENDER**



MARXIST WORLD

A Clash of Anthropologies

Christian Anthropology

- **Created Being**
- Relational being
- **immortal soul**
- Meaning/Purpose: love, eternal life, God
- **Unity of body and soul**
- Dignity: Image and likeness of God
- **“Male and female He created them”**
- Created for love and relationships--self-gift imaged in body. marriage=covenant, loving intimacy + procreation
- **Family=natural - man, woman in marriage + children**
- Redeemed and revealed: “Christ reveals man to himself” V II, PII

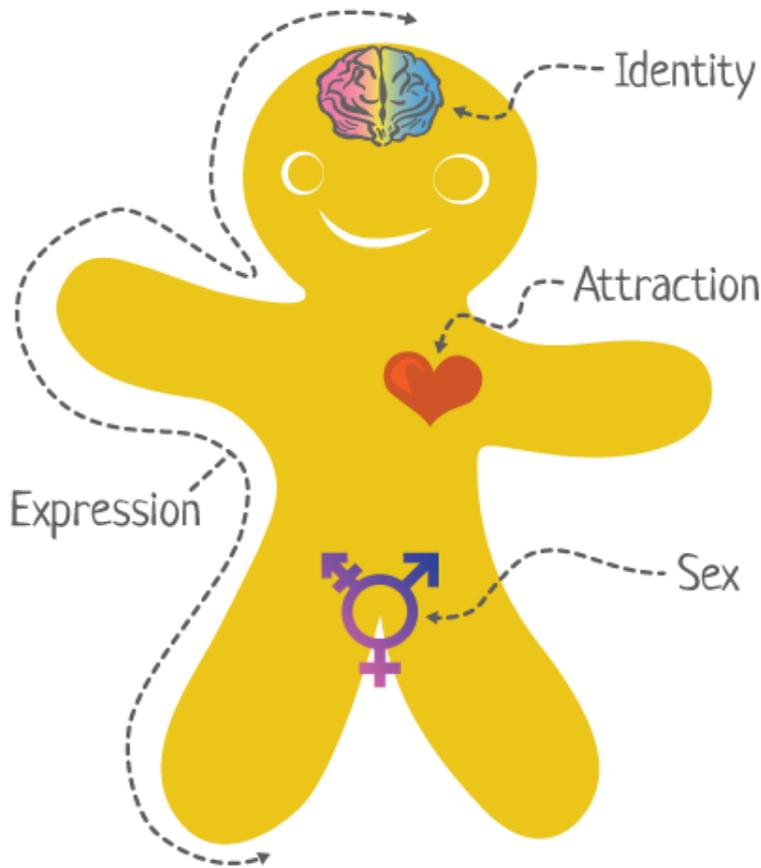
Gender Ideology

- **Self-creating**
- *Sexual being*
- *material being*
- Meaning/Purpose: pleasure, will to power
- **Dualism: Autonomous will/ body= tool**
- Dignity: conferred by agency, state, law, “acceptance”
- **No “binary” (M/F)--Infinite # genders, sexualities, identities**
- Sex /gender/procreation –delinked; Autonomous self. Relationships by consent. Marriage = contract for companionship
- **Families = intentional, consent-based. Any group of consenting individuals**
- Unintelligible, even to ourselves



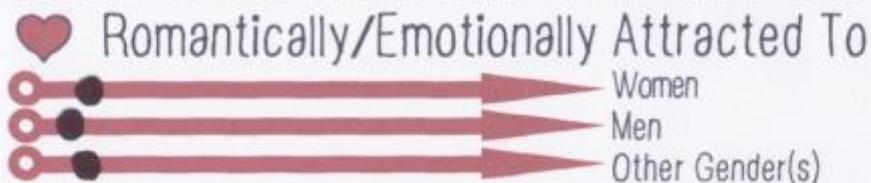
Language

The "Genderbread Person"



The Gender Unicorn

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Trans Student Equality Resources



AMAB
AFAB

To learn more go to:
www.transstudent.org/gender

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“My Brother’s Pregnancy” + “Chestfeeding”



Allie Peregory @AlliePeregory · Nov 25

"The term "**chestfeeding**" is meaningful because it's a neutral term for something that is so often gendered..." 🙄🙄🙄



How Do Trans Men Breastfeed Their Babies?

Here are five things you need to know about chestfeeding

cosmopolitan.com

TIME, Sept. 12, 2016

My Brother's Pregnancy and the Making of a New American Family



My Brother's Pregnancy and the Making of a New American Family

My brother Evan was born female. He came out as transgender 16 years ago but never stopped wanting to have a baby. This spring he gave birth ...

time.com



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ABC20/20



Transgender Parents Who Conceived Two Sons Naturally | 20/20 | ABC News



ABC News

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2015

“Dad” has ovaries, and “Mom” has testes

Relationships Deformed

OUR STORY "I HAVE A DAD AND A MOM IN THE SAME BODY"

Brianna Harris, 50, and Aidan Harris, 14

"When I came out to Aidan when he was six, his initial reaction was, 'But I'm gonna miss my Dad!' And I told him, 'I will always be your dad. No matter what happens we can't change that. I'm not going anywhere.'

"The first year he marched at Pride with me he was seven. He made up a T-shirt that said 'I'm proud of my trans mom!' On the front, he drew a stick figure in a baseball cap with the words FROM THIS, and on the back it said TO THIS with a stick figure in a dress.

"Only on a few occasions that I'm aware of has he had trouble in school, but he's always handled it great. When he was in third grade, a fifth-grader made some comment about his dad wearing dresses. He just turned to the kid and said, 'Well, you're just jealous that I have a dad and a mom in the same body.'"



"I have a Dad and Mom in the same body."



It's a Theyby! Is it possible to raise your child entirely without gender from birth? Some parents are trying.

By Alex Morris



APRIL 3, 2018

For months leading up to the birth of his child, Bobby

Photograph by Bobby Doherty

The Cut, April 3, 2018

Laws and Culture

Schools, Parents, Religion

The Gender Revolution -- what happened?



Griswold v Connecticut





Legal Changes:

Anti-discrimination laws and regulations – protect “**sex**”

Add terms: “**sexual orientation**,” “**gender identity**”

Title VII (EEOC), Title IX -- “sex” = “gender identity”

“**Conversion therapy**” bans (state, local)

Prohibit talk therapy aimed at changing **behavior, expression, identity, orientation**

Foster care / vulnerable children – “**affirm LGBT**”

Insurance coverage / transgender medical treatments
– required?

No / few religious exemptions

“religious refusal” or “license to discriminate”

“**Hate speech**” (Canada, UK) “**Misgendering**” (NY, CA)

Extra-legal: Campus speech codes.

Internet / Tech suppression of “anti-LGBTQ” speech

The next step in transgender rights could be on screen. Here's why



Entertainment has more power than news events when shaping attitudes on health and social issues.

Image: REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst

- **Transgender entertainment narratives** -the more portrayals viewers saw, the more supportive their attitudes.
- **Fictional stories were more influential than news events.**
-- USC researchers 2017

Fashion – transgender replacements for women



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2017

Transgender

Cover models



Meet parents whose “unconditional love...will inspire you to be a more supportive parent” – Megyn Kelly, *Today*, Feb. 20, 2018



Video

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Favorite color was pink...Chaz liked fashion...played dress up with girls” til 4th grade



Manipulating Children

Drag Kid Desmond- Age 10 -YouTube

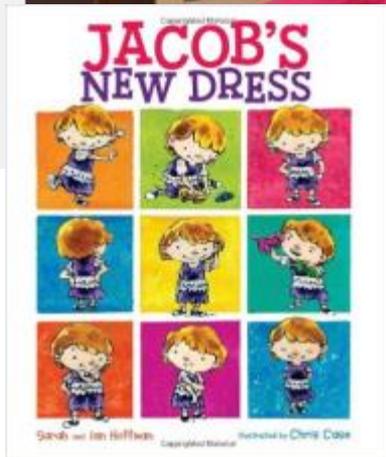
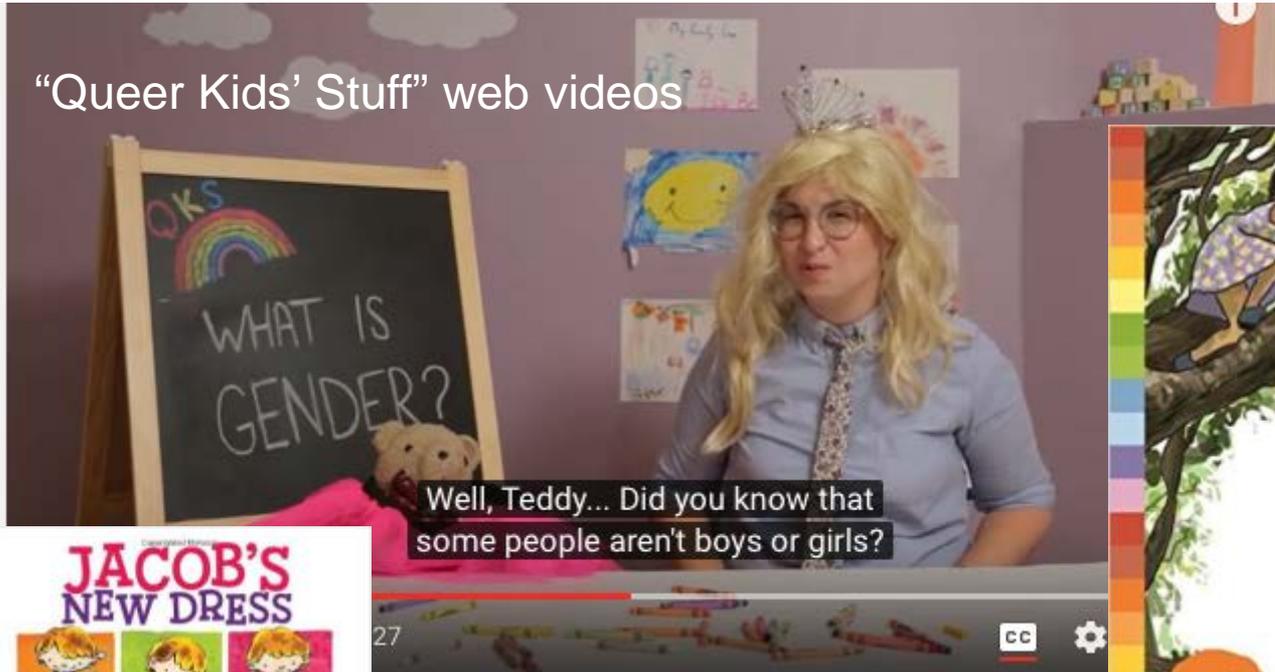


Photo: Sarah Rogers The Daily Beast

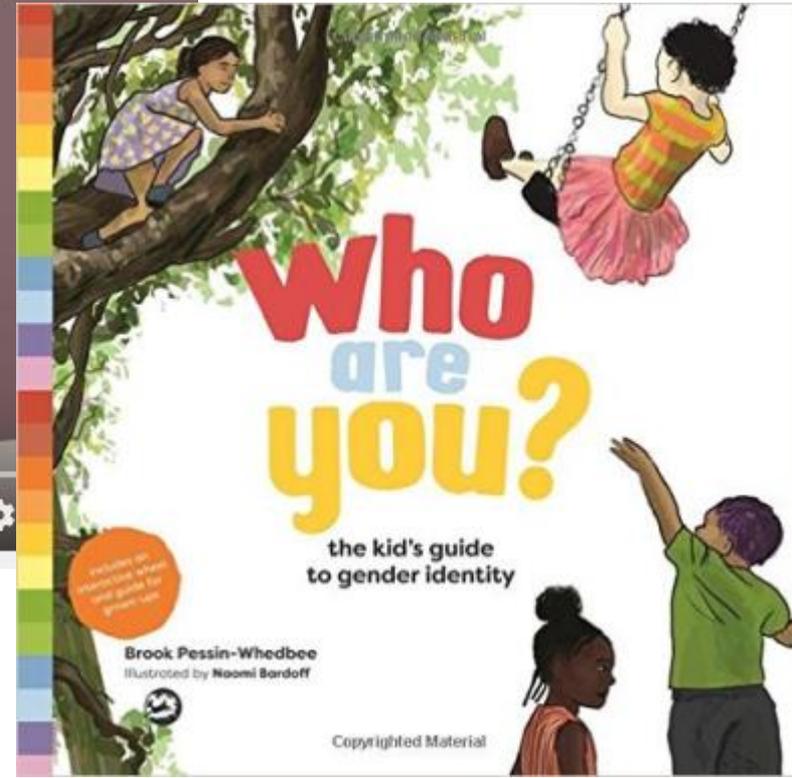
LGBTQ books, websites, videos target children

“This is how we end stigmatization of queerness.”

“Queer Kids’ Stuff” web videos



SCHOLASTIC
picture books about
what it means to be
transgender



Kids' Guide to Gender Identity

Anti-bullying programs normalize LGBTQ

“Safe schools” = gateway to teach new “normal”
Definitions, family diversity, “inclusive” Language

hetero-normative /cisgender assumptions= bias



Human Rights Campaign
“Welcoming Schools”

25 states + DC (2014)

videos, curriculum,
activities, role-playing

[new back-to-school
guide](#)

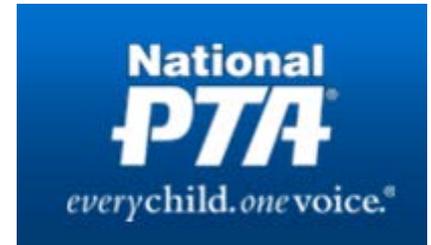
Facilitator Certification, staff training, best practices
“Seal of Excellence”

“Indoctrination” by Education, Inc.

“National PTA Adopts Resolution on the Recognition of LGBTQ Individuals as a Protected Class”

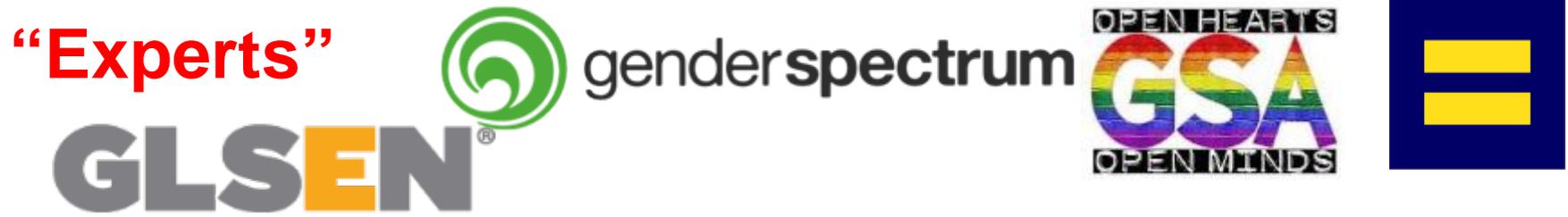
Schools In Transition

A Guide for Supporting Transgender Students in K-12 Schools



Partners: ACLU, HRC, PFLAG, Gender Spectrum

Schools: change norms, language, attitudes



Championing LGBTQ issues in K-12 education since 1990

Language- pronouns, “respect” = affirmation, no dissent

Train the trainer “Cultural competency” - **all** staff, bus driver > principal

“Privacy” - Parents- **NO right to know** if child is “out” / “trans” @ school.

Policies/Facilities- Gender-neutral (bathrooms, overnight, teams, hiring)

Curriculum- Integrated. **No opt out. LGBTQ sex ed**

PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF TRAINING LGBT CULTURAL COMPETENCY

PARENTS = HARMFUL

Broward County Public Schools
Broward County Public Schools
Cultural Competency for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth:
101 – Awareness and Se
January 23, 2015
WEBINAR
De Palazzo
LGBTQ Coordinator, Staff
Diversity, Prevention & Interven

Families: A Unique Challenge for LGBT Students and Relatives



2015 BROWARD
COUNTY, FLA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
**15% OF
BROWARD HS
KIDS IDENTIFY
AS LGBTQ.
8% AS "Q"**



(New) Child Autonomy- Diminished Parents' Rights

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New Jersey Law Journal

Transgender Name Change Case Hinges on Child's Best Interest

Michael Booth, New Jersey Law Journal

June 28, 2017 |  0 Comments

Divorced parents; Child identifies as trans and seeks name change with Mother's approval. Father disapproves. Court ruled that 'best interests of The child' determines case – allows child to change name to match new "gender"

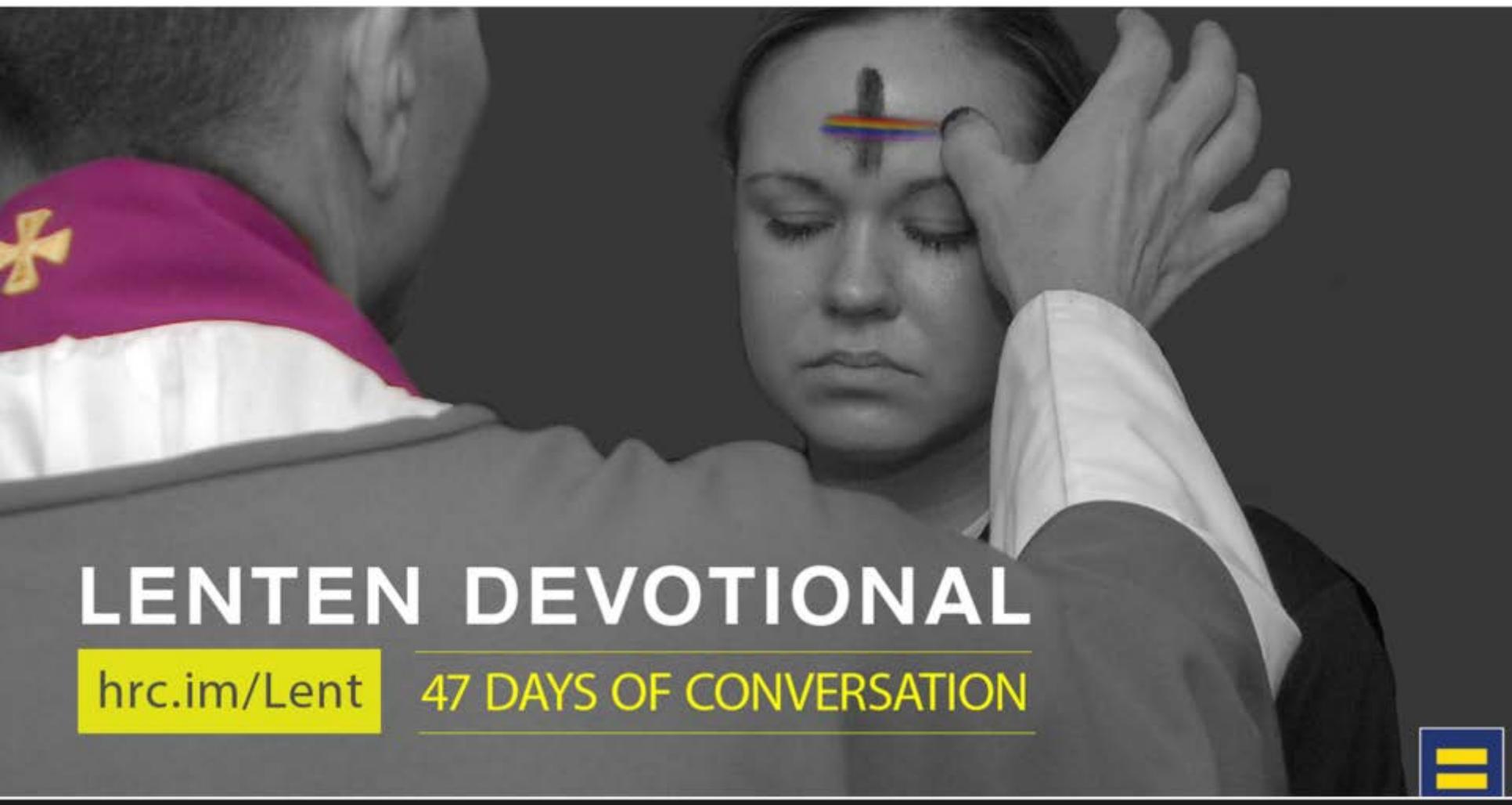


LGBT Funders 2017 – “Liberating Religious Liberty”



A Progressive Vision for Religious Freedom

**RECLAIMING THE NARRATIVE &
NORMS ON RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS**



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

hrc.im/Lent

47 DAYS OF CONVERSATION



**Human Rights Campaign:
3rd annual Lenten campaign to encourage LGBTQ acceptance In faith communities**

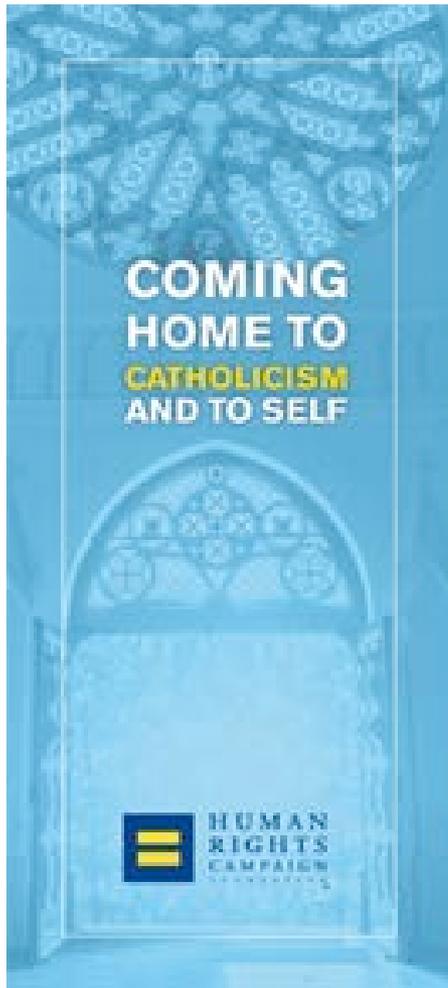
Confusing the faithful from the inside out.

“Christian Upstander”

Faith in America/Tyler Clementi



Targeting “conflicted” U.S. Catholics...



“For LGBTQ Catholics, the struggle for the soul of the Catholic Church is ongoing [and]... bruising”

– HRC, *Coming Home to Catholicism*



“We seek to empower...the voices of **lay Catholics**...whos e significant **support for equality** stands in **stark contrast** to the U.S. **hierarchy’s anti-LGBTQ actions**”
--HRC

Gender Ideology today: woven into fabric of daily life

SPORTS



WORK:



ENTERTAINMENT



SCHOOL



HEALTH CARE



COUNSELING



RETAIL



MEDIA



Gender Ideology: Explosive Change

Unlike dynamite (containable)



More like a mushroom cloud (diffuse, permeates)



Who is driving
the “gender revolution”?

(And why are they winning?)