

30th January 2013.

Dear Sir Gerald,

I am writing to you with great concern for the future of our culture and our institutions & Freedom of Religion. I write about the same sex marriage bill which begins its journey through the Commons soon.

I see marriage as an institution from time immemorial to involve male and female. To change that is to redefine language like Orwell described. You can make it whatever you want- including "truth" going out of the window.

Your Party already has made it impossible for us to exercise our rights to bring up our orphans as Roman Catholics by barring the Catholic Church from Adoption work because we cannot accept that homosexual couples are the right moral environment to bring up vulnerable children who have had a bad enough start in life.

The civil rights of Roman Catholics and particularly my teachers in our schools and me as a Priest and Teacher will soon come under the watchful eye of Stonewall and other very wealthy pressure groups. They will pursue this "normalization of gay marriage" to the nth degree and I / we will be their victims.

As Mr Gove said – there can be no protection of our right to teach Catholic Morality to our young or to our Engaged Couples if the European Court rules against us at some future date. Already the youth are being organised by people like Stonewall to question us and attack us as we teach the Faith in our own schools and Sixth Forms.

Besides the re definition of Marriage to include Same Sex Marriage will water down the meaning of Marriage for heterosexual folk. As I have said to you before- soon a man will be able to marry his horse but more so – Muslims will demand two or three wives and how will the Government of the day argue that it cannot be? You are changing a fundamental building block of human society- the husband and wife in the home with their offspring. Soon you will be able to be prosecuted if you wrinkle your nose as a same sex "married" couple. The demand to be married in church will not go

away for a test case will be brought by Stonewall for they see the Catholic Church as the last bastion in the culture against approval of their ideology.

I hope and pray that you will vote against these measures even though many of your fellow MPs will see a this reactionary response.

When you start making marriage for same sex people you are stepping on the most hallowed institution for the happiness of both and their offspring. Please do not go along this path.

No Party had this in their Manifesto and it is wrong to force this through the Houses without any warning and it is dishonest in the extreme.

Yours sincerely,

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