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Immaculate Conception

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Parish Office Hours

Monday: Noon to 4:00 pm
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Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday at 8:00 am

First Friday Mass & Devotion: 8:00 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00AM, 11:30 AM, 5:15 P.M.

Holy Day Masses: 8 A.M., 7:00 P.M.

Penance: For daily Mass goes 7:30 AM. For Parish on Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 P.M., and by appointment

Baptisms & RCIA: *By appointment only.* Please email Deacon Fitzmorris at rfitzmor@sdcatholic.org.

Weddings: By appointment only. Arrangements must be made at least **one year** in advance. Please contact the office

Funerals: *For arrangements, please call the parish office.*



History of Immaculate Conception Parish

It was here in Old Town that Saint Junípero Serra celebrated his First Holy Mass in California on July 2, 1769, near the site of the present Immaculate Conception Church, and it was on the hill overlooking Old Town that he planted the cross which marked the site of the Mission and the Presidio.

In 1849, the first parish church was established in Old Town with the name of Immaculate Conception and was dedicated in 1858. It still stands and is known as the Old Adobe Chapel on Conde Street. The cornerstone to the present Immaculate Conception Church was laid in 1868 under the direction of Father Antonio Ubach. With the population swing toward the south, it was not until July 6, 1919, that the church was dedicated by Archbishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles.

WE PRAY

MASS INTENTIONS

12	8 AM	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i> †Joseph & Angela Wira	RP
13	8AM	<i>St. John Chrysostom</i> †Martin Morris	RE
14	8 AM	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> Nathaniel Larsen, SI	MT
15	8 AM	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> Angus McInroe, SI	MT
16	8 AM	<i>Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian</i> †Martin Morris	MT
17	8 AM	<i>St. Robert Bellarmine; BVM</i> †Donald Tait	RP
	5:15 PM	Georgiana Ottenheimer, SI	RP
18	8:30 AM	David Talamante, SI	RE
	10:00 AM	†Emeterio Rodriguez Sojos	RP
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RP
	5:15 PM	†Carmen & Ted Silva	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

SEPTEMBER: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

Evangelization: That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

Ord	Derek Twilliger, Priestly Ordination June 24
Ord	David Exner, Priestly Ordination June 24
Ord	Corey Tufford, Priestly Ordination June 24
1st	Manuel Del Rio, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
2nd	Oscar Lopez, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
3rd	Nathan McWeeney, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
1st	Raymond Napuli, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
1st	Michael O'Connor, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
2nd	Eric Tamayo, North American College, Rome
3rd	Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

12	Rev. Msgr. Henry Fawcett
13	Rev. Gerardo Fernandez
14	Rev. Msgr. Joseph Finnerty
15	Rev. Eugene Fischer †
16	Rev. J. Patrick Foley
17	Rev. John Paul Forté, OP
18	Rev. Rev. Thomas Franxman, SJ

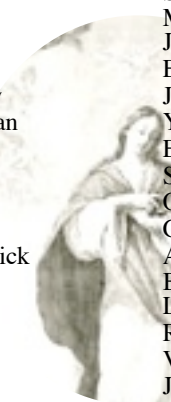
PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-33; Ps 40:7-17; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12--31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 78:34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1-28; Jn 19:25-27
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1-15; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-49; Ps 56:10-14; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

PRAY FOR HEALING

Jesus we ask you to bring your peace and healing touch to those who are ill afraid or worried. Amen

Patricia Kennedy Dorothy Kleint Dena Mendoza Jean Miller Patricia O'Grady Mary Jane Tieman Marguerite Vorst Martha Zamudio Carlos Amaya Mike Rodriguez Maguire Fitzpatrick Tony Jenkins Peter Nalwalker Frances Garcia Socorro Pacheco Linda Lee Amparo Valenzuela Phyllis Altomare Alicia Ambrose Inez Cerda Bull Cosmo & Joan Busalacchi Maria Casanova	Steve Stone Mark Brandon. Jeanne Pontius Esther Salazar Joane Anderson Yolanda Garcia Elias Barajas Shirley Ilog Olivia Ingram Grace Mulvanity Angelica Ortega Barbara Driscoll Lucille Miller Reginald Custodio Victoria Cardenas John Hobbs Lauretta Watts Robert Rolli Eleanor Anderson Marie Whitman Pat Haase Deirdre Rigney
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PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

Jesus protect all who serve our country.

Sgt. Ahmed John Alexander Natalie Augustine Major Jerry Bloomquist Col. Mike Bodkin Danny Carpenter, USMC LTJG Joseph Colangelo, USN Cpl. Samuel James Comer Daniel Dinglebeck, USN PFC David Eley, USMC Micah Emery Sgt. Christopher Escalona 1Lt. Cortez Fabia Juan Carlos Galazza SSGT. Vincent Charles Lucario	Robert Clinton Long, MC2 Sgt. Adriana Matizel Wendell Miculob LTJG Joe F. Moralez, USN LCPL Matthew A. Pena Sgt. Richard Pierce Sgt. William Paul Powers and Cinco CPL Wilson Santiago Alfred Tello Ricky Thibeault Tony Tulloss PFC Travis Vliet; & 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, SCPO Desiree S. Hayes, USN Gil Perez, US Navy
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† PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED †

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace Amen.

Floyd Watson Iola Torre Emilie Graham Angela Cordova Ramiro Moreno Alexander Toczko Jeannette Toczko José Teofilo Solorio Ray & Betty Jackson Denise Cooney Joanne Mangiameli Edna Moore Paul Ramirez Maude Laracy Helen Peña Lydia Castillo Herrera	Bertha Lockwood Salvador Rivera John Cervantes Daniel Don Florence Messina Arthur Wilbur Martinez Jesse Benitez Margaret Kelly Martha Jane Hotchkiss Janet Meyers Hector Morales Carol Raiter Albina Farrie Stephanie Anzelone Fred Levine Eleanor Maycan
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THIS CATHOLIC EDUCATOR JUST REVEALED HOW HE'S BETRAYING YOUR KIDS TO SATAN'S VERSION OF SEXUALITY

August 19, 2016 ([LifeSiteNews](#)) – Catholic parents, listen up, because I'm about to warn you about a horrible betrayal that is happening right before your very eyes. It involves your kids and it's happening right in your Catholic schools across the country and elsewhere.

FROM THE PASTOR

Let's start with this. You send your kids to Catholic school. On top of learning the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic, you expect your kids to receive a genuine formation in the Catholic faith. You expect them to come away with a working knowledge of right and wrong and with a basic road map about how to get to heaven and to avoid hell. You expect that educators will help you in your God-given duty to guide your child along the straight and narrow. If you agree, read on.

Now, imagine if you sent your kids to school, and educators, instead of genuinely forming your kids in the Catholic faith, perverted your children in detestable ways? Imagine if educators told your kids that stealing was fine and killing others was OK as long as the circumstances permitted it? Imagine that if instead of being given a road map to heaven, the educators highlighted to your children the path that leads to hell? Lastly, imagine if educators purposefully excluded you from directing the kind of formation your child was receiving, so that you had no choice but to sit down and shut up when you wanted to raise concerns about what was happening?

Of course, you would not stand for it. The souls of your children are too precious. You would pull your kids away from those monsters and the institutions they run quicker than you can say "Bob's your uncle." And you would be right in doing so. If you agree, read on.

What I'm about to tell you right now will shock many. You might feel compelled to deny that the colossal betrayal that I am about to describe to you is actually happening. Some of you might feel compelled to write me off as a fundamentalist or as part of a lunatic fringe (but don't worry, labels don't bother me too much). As a warning, you might even feel compelled, because of various social forces at work (that are actually part of the plot to betray) to see what I have called 'the betrayal' as something that you think is good and positive. Of course, if this is happening to you, then the enemy's strategy is even more far reaching than I realized. If you think you may have been influenced by the enemy as you read this, please take a big breath, pray for illumination, open up your mind, and continue reading.

What I'm about to write is not fanciful theory or an unproved hypothesis. It is the sobering reality that is happening in the classrooms of our publicly funded Catholic schools across the nation. ... So, here we go.

The Betrayal

Catholic parents, your children are being seduced in Catholic schools to accept a version of human sexuality that utterly opposes God's plan for sexuality, marriage, and family, and that if not checked, has the power to corrupt your beautiful children physically and spiritually, even making them fit to become children of hell.

There, I've said it. Now breathe. Let me explain.

The people pushing this corrupted version of sexuality have painted a rather compelling picture of the goal they say they're after. They want a society where everybody just happily gets along no matter what people are doing to one another in the sexual sphere. They're after a sexual utopia where anything goes. They want inclusion, diversity,

acceptance, and safe schools. But there's one problem they've encountered. To get to this sexual utopia, they first have to stamp out every voice that has a version of sexuality that opposes the one they're championing. See where this is going?

Let's call these people gay activists. They push a pansexual version of sexuality where anybody is free to do whatever they want, however they want, and with whomever they want. They rather can't stand Christians because Christians believe that sexuality comes from God with a pretty strict owner's manual that must be pretty strictly followed if myriad human relationships are going to run the way God intended them to run.

The gay activists are dismayed that Catholics actually believe that there is a God-given purpose for sexuality, namely to create children and to strengthen the bond between the husband and wife. They are horrified that Christians hold that sexual intercourse is exclusively reserved for marriage and that its unchaste misuse is radically harmful to body, soul, and civilization. They block their ears and stomp their feet when Christians gently but firmly warn them of the spiritual and physical dangers of homosexual behaviors.

Now, gay activists know that unless they can convince kids about their version of sexuality, they will never be able to change the way millennia have thought about their practices and behaviors. And change they want so that everyone will accept what they do and thus give some legitimacy to it. So they very cleverly target schools where the nation's children congregate. They have been very clever in how they have introduced their own version of sexuality, which is at odds with God's version, into schools.

First they made everyone feel very sorry for the sexually confused children coming from broken homes and families, telling everyone that it was their job to make such children feel safe, accepted, and welcome. They manipulated statistics to show that such children have higher rates of depression and suicide due to — and get this — not their condition, but because they were bullied for being different. The gay activists then went on to convince people that the only way to stop the bullying and to end the suicides was to make everyone welcome and accept such children and to approve of their sexual inclinations and behaviors.

But even this was not enough for the gay activists, since some parents nevertheless told their children that God created marriage and marriage could only be between one man and one woman. The gay activists then reacted by pressuring governments to pass laws that forced schools to teach children to accept divergent forms of sexuality. The laws stated that children led by gay activists must be allowed to form "safe" clubs where the activists could more easily convince children about the behaviors and practices of homosexuals.

But even this was not enough for the gay activists. They saw to it that all-encompassing curriculums were introduced that made it seem to children that the world revolved around the "heroic" struggle of homosexuals to gain what they called equality and rights.

In the end, gay activists have infiltrated the Catholic school system and have rejiggered morality, religion, science, and even math, to serve their purposes, which is the manipulation of your dear children to accept behaviors and practices contrary to God's law.

'Catholic Teachers Pave the Way for LGBTQ Inclusion'

All this came to a head in my mind after encountering an article by one of the activists, who says he is Catholic, on a blog that seeks to change sexual teaching in the Catholic Church.

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AROUND THE PARISH

SPECIAL COLLECTION ...

A second collection will be taken today to benefit **Louisiana flood victims**. Please make checks payable to Immaculate Conception.

Make-Up Photo Sessions for Parish Directory

If you missed the previous sessions, there are some openings for this Sunday afternoon. Make up sessions are available for October 30.

Consider taking an individual or family portrait to be included in our parish directory as we mark our centennial as a parish. Each household will receive one complimentary 8" x10" photograph and a free copy of the printed directory.

12 SEPT ... I.C. Seniors

Join us in Serra Hall for bingo and lunch on Monday, Sept. 12. Bingo is free; lunch is \$5 per person.

Bingo game starts at 11:00; lunch is served immediately following Bingo game.

18 SEPT ... PARISH BREAKFAST

Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast (includes scrambled eggs, sausage, oj, and coffee).

Only \$5 per person. Served in Serra Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 Masses.

16-18 SEPT ... After-Abortion Healing Retreat ...

... for Catholic women (or Catholic-friendly) given by Rachel's Hope. Held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego. Cost \$45; partial scholarships available. Confidentiality maintained. Limited housing available.

For information/registration call Rosemary at (858) 581-3022 or Rachels_Hope@juno.com. Visit website: www.RachelsHope.org

Remember to Support Our Advertisers

Our bulletin is an important way for us to communicate with you. The parish does not pay for the printing, saving us hundreds of dollars each year. The J.S. Paluch Company arranges for the bulletin to be supported through the generosity of the businesses that advertise on the back cover.



2016 Baptism Schedule

September 20	Class
September 25	Baptism

Schedule is available on the parish website (ic-sandiego.org).

15 OCT ... HUMAN TRAFFICKING

What human trafficking is; what's being done about it; what you can do to help

Social Action Committee invites you to reserve Saturday, October 15, 2016 - Time 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá

(In California Room behind Mission in the lower level of the St. Francis Center)

Free event, free parking, light refreshments provided.

22 OCT ... Chastity Luncheon

Parent/Child (ages 11 & up)
Chastity Luncheon Retreat
Offered by The Goretti Group and The Nativity School -- Noon to 6 pm

Equip your child with tools to live a life of chastity and modesty. For registration and information: www.thegorettigroup.com.

Immaculate Conception Church Nominated for 2016 Orchid Award

Immaculate Conception has been nominated for 2016 Orchid Award in Landscape Architecture for the beautiful courtyard renovation.

For more information about the prestigious award and to vote for People's Choice (before September 15) visit www.orchidsandonions.org.

Prayer Chain Group

The group prays for those in need of support through prayer. If you or a loved one are in need of prayers, contact Ruthe Jenkins at rutheis@cox.net.

**SAVE THE DATE ... AGAPE YOUTH DAY
Love Seeking Truth in a Sexualized Culture**

February 25, 2017
St. Michael's Holy Family Center
Poway, CA

Registration now open.
www.lifechoicespoway.org

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

With gratitude for the gifts we have received, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord.

September 4, 2016

Total Collection: \$6,628.81
Envelopes: \$5,265.00 Plate: \$1,563.81
Total contributing households: 101

5:15 Sat	\$1268.00
8:30 Sun	\$1396.00
10:00 Sun	\$1366.31
11:30 Sun	\$1586.50
5:15 Sun	\$ 732.00
Mailed	\$ 480.00

EXPENSES

August 29-September 2, 2016

Cable/Internet	\$ 64.04
Copier Lease	\$291.81
Diocesan Tax	\$2,395.25
Health Insurance	\$1,530.58
Maintenance	\$ 79.31
Music	\$775.00
Payroll (incl. taxes)	\$3,410.33
Payroll Service	\$46.45
Waste Disposal	\$296.50
Workers Comp.	\$126.22

Total: \$ 9,014.49

Courtyard Bricks ...

Bricks in honor or in memory of loved ones are available for purchase in the Gift Shop or visit the parish website. (See bulletin.)

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

To register at the parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the basket or call the office at 295-4141.

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<http://www.ic-sandiego.org/gift-shop>

AMORIS LÆTITIA
ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

39. This is hardly to suggest that we cease warning against a cultural decline that fails to promote love or self-giving. The consultation that took place prior to the last two Synods pointed to the various symptoms of a “culture of the ephemeral”. Here I think, for example, of the speed with which people move from one affective relationship to another. They believe, along the lines of social networks, that love can be connected or disconnected at the whim of the consumer, and the relationship quickly “blocked”. I think too of the fears associated with permanent commitment, the obsession with free time, and those relationships that weigh costs and benefits for the sake of remedying loneliness, providing protection, or offering some service. We treat affective relationships the way we treat material objects and the environment: everything is disposable; everyone uses and throws away, takes and breaks, exploits and squeezes to the last drop. Then, goodbye. Narcissism makes people incapable of looking beyond themselves, beyond their own desires and needs. Yet sooner or later, those who use others end up being used themselves, manipulated and discarded by that same mind-set. It is also worth noting that breakups often occur among older adults who seek a kind of “independence” and reject the ideal of growing old together, looking after and supporting one another.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Parish Calendar

SEPTEMBER

11	Family Catechesis	9:45 AM
	Directory Photo Sessions	10:00 AM
12	IC Seniors Bingo & Lunch	11:00 AM
14	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
17	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
18	Parish Breakfast	8:30 AM
20	Baptism Class	7:00 PM
21	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
24	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
25	Building Fund Collection	
	Family Catechesis	9:45 AM
	Baptism	2:00 PM
28	Choir Practice	6:00 PM

OCTOBER

01	Blessing of the Animals	9:00 AM
	Quilting Group	9:30 AM

FROM FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO
- Pope John Paul II 1981

*ON THE ROLE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY
IN THE MODERN WORLD 1981*

Gradualness and Conversion

9. To the injustice originating from sin-which has profoundly penetrated the structures of today's world-and often hindering the family's full realization of itself and of its fundamental rights, we must all set ourselves in opposition through a conversion of mind and heart, following Christ Crucified by denying our own selfishness: such a conversion cannot fail to have a beneficial and renewing influence even on the structures of society.

What is needed is a continuous, permanent conversion which, while requiring an interior detachment from every evil and an adherence to good in its fullness, is brought about concretely in steps which lead us ever forward. Thus a dynamic process develops, one which advances gradually with the progressive integration of the gifts of God and the demands of His definitive and absolute love in the entire personal and social life of man. Therefore an educational growth process is necessary, in order that individual believers, families and peoples, even civilization itself, by beginning from what they have already received of the mystery of Christ, may patiently be led forward, arriving at a richer understanding and a fuller integration of this mystery in their lives.

Are you going to be hospitalized?

If so, be sure to register with the hospital as a Roman Catholic. By doing so the Diocesan priest assigned to the hospital will be informed that you are there as a patient. He will then make every effort to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to you.

NEED BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, COMMUNION?

Family Catechesis for parents with their children 6 years and older and for adults who need sacraments begin September 11 in the parish hall at 9:45 am sharp, right after the 8:30 Mass. Call Fr. Perozich to register: 295-4141 x 11 or email pastor@ic-sandiego.org.

"Today, Christians and the vestiges of Christian cultures are witness and victim to apocalyptic Islam." "In the worst case scenario, we must contemplate not only the departure of the pope, but also the end of Christianity in Europe."
—William Kilpatrick

JOINT DECLARATION OF POPE FRANCIS AND PATRIARCH KIRILL OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA
2/12/16

30. With grace-filled gratitude for the gift of mutual understanding manifested during our meeting, let us with hope turn to the Most Holy Mother of God, invoking her with the words of this ancient prayer: "We seek refuge under the protection of your mercy, Holy Mother of God". May the Blessed Virgin Mary, through her intercession, inspire fraternity in all those who venerate her, so that they may be reunited, in God's own time, in the peace and harmony of the one people of God, for the glory of the Most Holy and indivisible Trinity!

Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome

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... If you won't listen to me, just listen to what Welbes Godin says. If anyone knows what's going on in the Catholic school system on this topic, he does. He has even made presentations on sexuality at places like the Guelph Sexuality Conference in 2013. He's quite an individual, winning a "teacher of the year" award in 2012.

Welbes Godin admits right off the bat in his article that he has worked at the homosexual organization Egale for four years as an "equity and diversity coordinator" as well as at the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA), where he's helping the union to "better serve their LGBT students." Wow, alarm bells should already be sounding. It's like Lando admitting to Han that he's really working for Darth Vader.

For those of you who don't know, Egale pushes the acceptance of homosexuality among young people by creating homosexual curriculum, publishing very questionable surveys about the rates of discrimination in schools, and funding numerous projects that basically tell kids that it's OK to be gay.

It gets worse. Welbes Godin lets us know that while the "slogging is still tough in Catholic schools, definite gains are being made for LGBTQ youth." In other words, despite Catholic schools still holding onto the teaching that God created sexuality to function a certain way, and not in other ways, gay activists are making steady gains in pushing the overall acceptance of homosexuality by using the safe schools strategy (remember, they convince us that safe places must be created for sexually confused kids or else they will get depressed and commit suicide [too bad nobody wants to help the kids get over their confusion]).

Welbes Godin then boasts that Egale "has faithfully supported the training of Catholic teachers and has touted this service as 'one of a kind' in the world." ... Catholic teachers aren't being trained by Catholic bishops, priests, or institutions when it comes to the sexual sphere, but by a homosexual organization that holds positions outrightly contrary to the Catholic Church.

Here's a Grima Wormtongue moment. Welbes Godin then goes on to say that he expects "our Catholic hierarchy to lead" when it comes to outing the "structural homo/bi/transphobia in schools." ... Our activist actually wants the bishops to become homosexual activists like himself so that they can basically tell children in schools that God made a huge mistake when he created humans as male and female and gave them to one another in marriage so that they might increase and multiply. For Welbes Godin, bishops have to throw out the outdated morality and come up to speed with the progressive times. You get the picture, Wormtongue whispering poisoned words in the ear of the King.

... The Catholic Church's beautiful teachings on love, marriage, family, and sexuality — as encountered, for instance in John Paul II's Theology of the Body — amount in the mind of this activist to "rigid language and rules" that must be done away with to make our schools more "safe."

... "Catholic teachers have recognized the 'signs of the times' and are acting accordingly, and quickly, to support the dignity and well-being of LGBTQ students."

... If you are like me, then you should be outraged by this. Parents are not demanding that their Catholic children learn that male-on-male sexual activity is a so-called "authentic" form of sexual expression. No parent is demanding that children learn that it is okay to switch genders if they happen to be born in the "wrong body." No Catholic parent would ever want their children exposed to the sea of filth that is being taught in the name of "inclusive" sex-ed. Parents don't want this. The push to form your children in this

insane form of sexuality is coming from the teachers, the professionals, the so-called "experts" — you know, the ones who apparently know better than you, the parent, what is right for your kids.

As a Catholic parent, I'll tell you what I do want. I want my children to learn the four Biblical sins that cry out to heaven for vengeance, learning that among the sins of murder (Gn 4:10), oppression of the poor (Ex 2:23), and defrauding workers of their just wages (James 5:4) is the sin of sodomy or homosexual activity (Gn 18:20-21). I want them to learn that because of its respect for the natural and moral order established by the Divine Creator, the Catholic Church teaches (as stated in the Catechism) that homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered" since they are "contrary to the natural law" in that they "close the sexual act to the gift of life." I want them to learn that the Church established by Christ holds that the homosexual inclination is itself "objectively disordered" (since God created the sexual urge to function between members of the opposite sex for the sake of procreation and union) while teaching at the same time that men and women who experience same-sex attraction must be "accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity" and that "every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided."

... Following Scripture and the Tradition of the Church, Damian described homosexuality in his famous Book of Gomorrah as a "diabolical" corruption of God's plan for sexuality between a man and a woman. It is a direct assault against God. He wrote that homosexuality must not only not be tolerated, but it must be condemned and stamped out, describing it as a "lethal wound festering in the very body of the holy Church." I don't think St. Peter Damian and Welbes Godin would get along.

... Now, that's what I call laying it down on the line. The saint would likely tell the educator and activist that his strategies are, in effect, betraying children over to Satan and his deceitful version of sexuality. I think the saint would become sick to see how homosexuality has been accepted and promoted in our Catholic schools through the slick strategies of the activists. He would cry tears of sorrow over the corruption happening to the children.

What Catholic parents do want is for our children to learn the Ten Commandments by heart. We want them to learn that God didn't make a mistake when he created humans as male and female and gave us male-and-female marriage to increase and multiply. We want them to learn self-mastery, to safeguard chastity with custody of the eyes and modesty of dress and behavior. We want them to be given the roadmap to heaven that was penned by God and handed to us via the Catholic Church instituted by Christ. Ultimately, we want them to flourish by following God's ways, knowing that they will wither and die if they follow man's.

... the folks running the show will not even listen to you one little bit. Principals will laugh at you. Teachers will tell you to get with the program. Priests and bishops will largely ignore you. Homosexual activists might sue you.

... You can do your best to proof text the system managers with the Bible, the Catechism, and encyclicals from various popes, all highlighting parental rights and God's plan for marriage and sexuality: At best, they will simply smile at you politely, inwardly shaking their heads, while at worst they will call you a hater, a bigot, a homophobe.

At the end of the day, there is a real battle being waged for your child's soul. Instead of Catholic schools forming the next generation of Catholic soldiers to fight for the Kingdom of God in this world, they are spiritually neutering your children, pointing them in the direction of the cesspool.

Pete Baklinski