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Parents: The Primary Educators and Protectors of the New Civilisation of Love, Life and Family

Throughout the world two paradigms, or complete blue prints, for families are at total war: the Civilisation of Love and the Culture of Death. In this the year of the Canonisation of Pope John Paul the Great I wish to propose to you young leaders of pro-life groups from different parts of the world your lives' work – a revolution. A revolution in which you replace today's Culture of Death controlled by aggressive, atheistic, wealthy, Western elites with a new Civilisation of Love based on God and upon your happy marriages and joyful families. It is not impossible that all laws protecting the family, marriage, human sexuality and life will be removed in the European Union and elsewhere. The only protectors of your family from

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a coercive state will then be you parents, the Primary Educators and Protectors of your children. There are many families in the U.S., Poland, France, Russia, Spain, Hungary, Latvia and elsewhere who will make common cause with you. You will not be alone. But first you must understand why parental rights are essential to civilisation and how they have been removed.

Why is the parental Primary Educator essential to civilisation?

The truth that parents, not the State are the primary educators of their children has been self evident to all previous generations of free men. 360 years before Christ Aristotle taught that moral education must take place, primarily in the intimate community of the family, ... Nothing should be allowed to undercut this primacy¹. In the sixth Century B.C. God gave Moses The Fourth Commandment, "Honour your father and your mother"². This truth of the Primary Educator was affirmed by Our Lord both in His teaching and in his His life: "... He went down with them to Nazareth, and lived there in subjection to them, and his mother kept all these words in her heart. And so Jesus advanced in wisdom with the years"³. Saint Pope John Paul, the Great taught that the parents' right as the primary educators of their child is fundamental because "it is rooted upon parental transmission of life to and love for their child since parents have conferred life on their children, they ... must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children". "The right and duty of parents to give education is essential, since it is connected with the transmission of human life; it is original and primary with regard to the educational role of others, on account of the uniqueness of the loving relationship between parents and children; and it is irreplaceable and inalienable, and therefore incapable of being entirely delegated to others or usurped by others"⁴. The Orthodox Churches teach that the role of family in the formation of the personality is exceptional; no other social institution can replace it⁵.

Because Natural Law is the patrimony of parents the body of law protecting their rights is overwhelming most especially the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1949. The Declaration states: "Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of

¹ Politics 1262b17-22 and 1262b22-23.

² Exodus 20:12.

³ Luke 2:51-52.

⁴ *Familiaris Consortio* 36.

⁵ <http://orthodoxeurope.org/page/3/14.aspx> (08.08.2014).

mankind”, and it later continues “The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State... **Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children** (emphasis added)”⁶.

It is interesting to note that in her book, *A World Made New* Professor Mary Ann Glendon points out that this primary right was included because Hitler had used the educational system to indoctrinate children.

How were your rights as future parents removed?

1. The Marxists

In 1848 Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels wrote the *Communist Manifesto*. It is certainly one of the world’s most influential and destructive political manuscripts: “Abolition of the family!... The bourgeois family will vanish. But, you will say, we destroy the most hallowed of relations, when we replace home education by social... The bourgeois claptrap about the family and education, about the hallowed co-relation of parent and child, becomes all the more disgusting...”. The brutal honesty of this agenda has been followed by its brutal application. In 1920 three years after the October Revolution Alexandra Kollontai, the first Soviet People’s Commissar for Social Welfare wrote: “Communist society will take upon itself all the duties involved in the education of the child”⁷. In winter 1922 Lenin called a meeting of Marxist intellectuals at the Marx-Engels Institute in Moscow in order to study why the Bolshevik revolution had not spread to the West. According to the major conservative thinker Ralph de Toledano: “this meeting was perhaps more harmful to Western civilization than the Bolshevik Revolution itself”. One of its main conclusions was that the level of Christian culture then still persisting in Europe was a major obstacle to Communist revolution and it must be destroyed. The two most important intellectuals present were Georg Lukacs and Willi Munzenberg. On Lenin’s death in 1924 Stalin began to look on Lukacs. (and many of the others) as ‘revisionists’. Lukacs moved to Germany where he chaired the first meeting of a group of Communist oriented sociologists which lead to the

⁶ Article 16 (3).

⁷ Kommunistka “Communism and the Family”.

foundation of **the Frankfurt School of Western cultural Marxism**. Lukacs who is now regarded as one of the principal founders of Western Marxism developed the idea of Revolution and Eros – sexual instinct used as an instrument of destruction. Munzenberg proposed the organising of intellectuals to use the most negative destructive criticism possible of every sphere of life in order “to make Western civilisation stink”. When Hitler came to power their institution was closed and its members fled to the United States finding positions in major US universities such as Columbia, Princeton and Berkeley. There they used American commercial, academic and media resources to spread their silent world revolution. The family and its rights over education were to be eradicated especially in the area of sexual and homosexual indoctrination in schools. The traditional relationships between men and women and the specific roles of fathers and mothers, especially the authority of the fathers were to be destroyed⁸. This silent revolution in the West has never stopped. Saul Alinsky who died in 1972 was an American transitional Marxist who supported the Frankfurt School’s long march through the institutions, churches, trade unions and existing political parties. He dedicated his book, *Rules for Radicals* to Lucifer, whom he called the “first radical”. Alinsky’s two best known disciples are Barack Obama and Hilary Clinton.

2. The Birth Controllers

In 1948 the first Director of the World Health Organisation, Dr Brock Chisholm wrote: “Children have to be freed from... religious and other cultural “prejudices” forced upon them by parents and religious authorities...”. Chisholm went on to explain how this was to be carried out “...**sex education** should be introduced in the 4th grade, (i.e. ages 9 to10) eliminating “the ways of elders”. “**if necessary by force**” (emphasis added)⁹. In 1963 Lady Helen Brook started the “secret” provision of contraceptives to the young in England. This was the first step in the usurping of parents’ rights over the medical treatment and the education of their under age children by the state. Lady Brooks herself was to confirm this when on 16 February 1980 she wrote in The Times: “It is now the privilege of **the Parental State** to take major decisions – objective, unemotional, the State weighs up what is best for the child...” (emphasis added). Compare

⁸ <http://www.cfnews.org.uk/PEP.htm#1> (08.08.2014).

⁹ Valerie Riches, “Sex & Social Engineering” (1986).

her words with those of the first Soviet People's Commissar for Social Welfare "Communist society will take upon itself all the duties involved in the education of the child". In 1974 a Family Planning Association spokeswoman said: "Parents – they are **the most dangerous people of all**" (emphasis added)¹⁰. In the same year in a Memorandum of Guidance the British Government prohibited doctors from informing parents when **a child of whatever age** requested contraceptives (emphasis added). This memorandum was produced upon advice given (inter alia) by the Family Planning Association, a founding member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation. In 1984 a lady of remarkable courage, a Catholic mother of 10 children, Mrs. Victoria Gillick took the Department of Health to court to oppose the 1974 Memorandum of Guidance. In the first court Mrs. Gillick lost. In the second court, the Court of Appeal she won. This resulted in doctors being forbidden to give contraceptives to under-age children without parental permission. This legal prohibition survived only for 10 months. In this period the contraceptive uptake for underage girls fell. Abortion and births in the case of under-age girls did not rise – they fell. The case was then referred to the House of Lords which found (with certain provisos) in favour of contraceptive provision without parental knowledge. As a result of this judgement parental rights to consent to general medical treatment were greatly diminished. The International Planned Parenthood Federation is based in London. It is neither in Washington nor Moscow but in London which is the centre of Common Law Jurisdiction which covers one third of humanity formerly of the British Empire. This vast multinational organisation consists of more than 149 Member Associations and operates in more than 189 countries. It is the nerve centre of reproductive law "reform" throughout the world. Its present income is \$107,000,000. Here are some quotes from IPPF on your parental rights". **Parents... do not have rights "over their children"** (emphasis added)¹¹. "IPPF defines young people as all people **between 10 and 24 years of age**" (emphasis added)¹². "**All young people** must be able to choose from **a full range of contraceptives** including the latest advances in contraception" (emphasis added)¹³. It is encouraging to know that there is

¹⁰ "The Times", 5 April 1974, Valerie Riches, "Sex & Social Engineering" (1986).

¹¹ <http://www.ippf.org/en/What-we-do/Adolescents/FAQs+on+young+people+their+sexuality+and+their+rights.htm> (08.08.2014).

¹² <http://www.ippf.org/en/What-we-do/Adolescents/FAQs+on+young+people+their+sexuality+and+their+rights.htm> (08.08.2014).

¹³ <http://www.ippf.org/en/What-we-do/Adolescents/IPPF+Youth+Manifesto.htm> (08.08.2014).

now a monthly prayer vigil for victims of abortion and those who work in the abortion industry outside the World Headquarters of IPPF in central London.

In 1994 the Courts removed the parental right to know about their under- age child having an abortion. This was in spite of high quality clinical studies showing that parental notification in the case of abortion requests reduces underage abortion by 10–20%.

In 2004 the General Recommendations of United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women instructed state parties to ensure the right to sexual education, to contraception and abortion for girls and adolescents without parental knowledge or consent (Articles 8,12,14,18, 21)¹⁴. Because nations have already ceded much of their sovereignty to supranational bodies it is particularly difficult for parents to oppose the imposition of such coercive laws. Many years as a family doctor have convinced me of the cruel effects of this evil, coercive legislation on the health of vast numbers of young people.

3. Churchmen

Clerical liberalism has been fundamental to the success of the Culture of Death. The crucial event was the Lambeth Conference in 1930 when for the first time in Christian history, a Christian body, the Church of England morally sanctioned the use of contraceptives in marriage. Archbishop Rowen Williams the previous head of the Church of England has repeatedly taught that since in contraception non pro-creative sex is morally acceptable it must logically follow that homosexual acts are morally justifiable. The logic of his position is unanswerable. Indeed the artificial separation of the the unitive and procreative components of sexual intercourse is fundamental to contraception, homosexual acts and to in vitro fertilisation. Without it the dominant culture of our time, the Culture of Death is simply not possible. Within months Pope Pius XI responded to the Lambeth Conference in an Encyclical entitled *Casti Connubii* (On Chaste Marriage) stressing the sanctity of marriage and prohibiting Catholics from using any form of artificial birth control. Interestingly he pointed out the association of contraception both with eugenic legislation and abortion. The most fundamental point he made was that “The family is more sacred than the State and that men are begotten not for the earth and for time, but for Heaven and eternity”. Some 38 years later in his

¹⁴ <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/recommendations/index.html> (08.08.2014).

Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (On the Regulation of Birth) which again condemned contraception Pope Paul VI said that if married couples consider contraception to be a legitimate solution to their difficulties then the State would feel itself justified in imposing it. It is being imposed and has been for many years – on our children! Saint Pope John Paul the Great completely understood the organised onslaught on our families. His teachings both on the family in *Familiaris Consortio/ The Charter of the Rights of the Family* and on life in *Evangelium Vitae* are quite simply essential to our survival as families. **We parents must defend them with all our strength.** How encouraging it is to our families when they are defended by loving Bishops who themselves have been inspired by Pope John Paul's love for the family. Bishop Mark Davis speaking of so called same sex "marriage" said "Today we see a government, seeking to impose one of the greatest acts of 'social engineering' in our history by uprooting the legal definition of marriage. Marriage lies at the very foundation of the family"¹⁵. Another faithful English Catholic Bishop, Philip Egan again speaking on same sex "marriage" said that it was "the inevitable outcome of a process that has been gathering pace since the sexual revolutions of the 1960s," particularly artificial contraception, "which split [the] two ends of sexual intercourse, **separating the unitive and suppressing the procreative aspect**" (emphasis added)¹⁶. But many of the English episcopate's positions on contraception, abortion, parents' rights, sexual orientation, schools, homosexual marriage and the closure of our adoption agencies have been deeply damaging to Catholic families and life. English Episcopal policies on life and the family have by and large been a scandal for half a century. It shows utter contempt for Catholic parents that there are Catholic schools which welcome government agencies, known to Church authorities to be publicly committed to giving schoolchildren access to abortion and contraceptives behind their parents' backs. The English Episcopate showed their total disdain for Catholic parents when in 2005 in their document *Diversity and Equality Guidelines the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales* stated that they welcome, would implement and would monitor the Blair Government's sexual orientation policy within the Church including in schools. It is outrageous that Stonewall, the radical homosexual pressure group has been invited into schools which are under the control of the Catholic bishops. Hansard is the official edited report of proceedings of both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. In its report on the Debate on Children

¹⁵ <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/9309155/Bishop-of-Shrewsbury-Gay-marriage-is-attack-on-family.html> (08.08.2014).

¹⁶ <http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=18644> (08.08.2014).

and Families Bill 28/1/2014 Lord Knight of Weymouth is quoted as follows: “I set up an expert group to look at compulsory sex and relationship education. It included young people, educationalists, experts from organisations such as Brook and the British Pregnancy Advisory Service and representatives from the major faith groups. There were representatives from the Anglican Church, the Catholic Education Service – I had very good conversations with Vincent Nichols and I warmly congratulate him on being made a cardinal – the nonconformist faiths, the Muslim faith and the Jewish faith. **We achieved consensus around the need for compulsory sex and relationship education**” (emphasis added)¹⁷. But Pope Benedict has taught that one of the three principal non negotiable focuses of the Church’s interventions in the public arena is the protection of the inalienable right of parents to educate their children¹⁸. If it is true that Cardinal Nichols is part of this consensus on compulsory sex education he will be supporting the usurping of the rights of every parent in England by the State. It would be the ultimate episcopal betrayal of English Catholic families.

Parental action in defence of their Primary Right to Educate and Protect their children

England. The situation of Catholic families in England is grave. Aidan O’Neill QC, a distinguished legal authority on human rights has advised that with the legalisation of same sex “marriage” parents who object to it being taught to their children in general classes have no right to withdraw their children and that the school will be obliged to refuse to allow their withdrawal because of its legal obligation to promote equality. He further states that a parental challenge under the European Convention on Human Rights will have little prospect of success. This is also be true for faith schools in the state sector.

Regarding sex “education” itself Section 403(1A)(a) of the Education Act 1996 imposes a duty on schools to teach about marriage, family life and the upbringing of children. This applies to same sex “marriage”¹⁹. In addition the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights Report writing on the the teaching of Christian sexual morality as objective truth said: “a curriculum which teaches a particular religion’s **doctrinal beliefs as if they were objectively true...** is likely to lead to

¹⁷ Parliamentary Debates (Hansard) House of Lords Official Business Vol.751 no. 105 page 1125 Tuesday January 2014.

¹⁸ Benedict XVI Address to the Members of the European People’s Party.

¹⁹ <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/9531803/Teachers-face-sack-for-refusing-to-endorse-gay-marriage.html> (08.08.2014) and <http://c4m.org.uk/downloads/legalopinionsummary.pdf> (08.08.2014).

unjustifiable **discrimination**” (emphasis added)²⁰. In a word the Primary Right of parents to educate and protect their children and the right to teach Christian sexual morality as objective truth have been outlawed in English Christian educational institutions. In Scotland the Children and Young people Bill will, if successful, appoint a specific guardian to monitor every young person’s health and well-being from birth to 18. Their function will almost always be discharged through routine contact with the child either through health or education. There is no provision of the bill for consent of withdrawal by either parents or the child. It is being strongly opposed by Evangelical Protestants. Happily Poland, Lithuania, the Ukraine and Russia have all curtailed the abortion laws imposed by previous Communist governments. In Russia parental agreement is required before abortion in the case of minors. How paradoxical it is that Christians in Russia, a country to which, almost a century ago a Western elite exported their Communist anti-family revolution are now in the forefront of defending marriage, the family and life. Germany 2006: In *Konrad v. Germany* the European Court of Human Rights upheld the position of the German Government that German Christians did not have the right to home school. The German Government’s position was that home schooling would set up “parallel societies of separate philosophical position”²¹. As a result in 2009 ten German Evangelical Christian parents who refused to allow their 10 year old children to attend compulsory sex classes have now completed a second prison term (43 days) during which the state exercised control over their children. The school was Catholic. I am not aware of any statement from the German Catholic bishops. Happily these parents have now been allowed an opt out from the offensive classes.

The Wunderlich family. On August 29, 2013 a team of 20 social workers, armed police officers and special agents armed incredibly with a battering ram forcibly seized all four of this family’s children (ages 7–14). Indeed the judge had also authorised “the use of force against the children” if necessary. Their offence? They home educated because on grounds of their Christian consciences they refused to send their children to a State school where they feared their children would be indoctrinated in paganism, homosexuality and witchcraft. Neither abuse and nor educational failure were alleged by the authorities. A German family court judge subsequently refused to give the Wunderlich parents custody of their children saying: “The request of the parents to reinstate their right to determine the location

²⁰ <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/jt200607/jtselect/jtrights/58/58.pdf> (para 67) (08.08.2014).

²¹ http://www.hslda.org/hs/international/Germany/KONRAD_Decision.pdf (08.08.2014).

of the children, the right to make educational decisions for the children, as well as the right to file legal applications for their children is being refused". The children's passports were seized to ensure they could not again flee the country. In order to keep their children, parents Dirk and Petra Wunderlich had no choice but to comply with German social services and put their children in the state schools²². U.S.A. Uwe and Hannelore Romeike were granted asylum by a U.S. immigration judge in 2010 after he determined that the German government's refusal to permit them to homeschool for religious reasons amounted to persecution. (They had been fined, subjected to criminal charges and the threat by the German authorities to take custody of the children, all because they were homeschooling). The German High Court had said that the purpose of the law prohibiting homeschooling is to suppress religious and philosophically motivated 'parallel societies'. The Obama government successfully appealed against the immigration judge's decision. The case has now gone to the Supreme Court which turned them down. However surprisingly the immigration judge has now allowed the family to stay in the U.S. In France *La Manif Pour Tous* in defence of marriage has been supported by the largest crowds since the war. They mainly consisted of families some of whom were met with extreme violence by the authorities. The French Minister of Justice said of same sex "marriage": "We are very conscious of all the philosophical and anthropological dimensions attached to marriage. But we consider that they cannot and should not clash with the requirements of equality... We are in a state of law; the civil code will be modified, it will be imperative for everyone. And this would constitute a '**societal and legal revolution**'" (emphasis added). The Cardinal Archbishop of Paris replied with equally clear French logic: "the question is one of **a future which is determined through the education of children**... the supposed rights of some do not erase the real rights others" (emphasis added)²³. In France "mother" and "father" will cease to be legal terms and there is fear that "sexual orientation hate crimes" will obstruct the defence of marriage. In Sweden the head of the Swedish Home Schooling Association and his family has had to flee to Finland. Canada in July 2005 became the fourth country in the world and the first country in the Americas to legalise same sex "marriage". In September 2012 Toronto parents attempting to withdraw their children from a radical pro-homosexual

²² <http://www.alliancealert.org/2013/08/30/germany-homeschooled-children-seized-in-shocking-raid/> (08.08.2014).

²³ <http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/no-allowances-for-conscience-in-french-gay-marriage-bill-french-justice-min/> (08.08.2014).

curriculum were told by the official Equity Summit Group: “You are all clutching at straws and have lost the battle... you should move to another country if you do not accept Canada’s homosexual laws”²⁴. So it is not surprising that in Canada a Christian father who has defended his child from classes on homosexuality has been viciously lampooned in the press as a “homophobe” whereas expressing hatred of his Christianity is not a hate crime²⁵. As in France Ontario has banned “mother”, ‘father’ and also ‘wife’, ‘husband’, ‘widow’, and ‘widower’ from all statutes. Spain legalised same-sex marriage in 2005 and in 2006 it imposed the teaching of homosexuality, Marxism, blasphemy and atheism in schools. Parents successfully fought back with courage and intelligence. The new Government is going to get rid of the curriculum.

California. The Californian Assembly has banned, indeed essentially made illegal, voluntary therapy for same-sex attraction in under age children. This was justified by State Senator Ted Lieu who said: **“The attack on parental rights is exactly the whole point of the bill**, because we don’t want to let parents harm their children...” (emphasis added)²⁶. Very recently in the U.K. the Association of Christian Counsellors has under pressure from the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (PSA), a government body, expelled a long-standing member for offering therapeutic support to people with unwanted same-sex attraction. At the United Nations Navi Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights aims to force sovereign nations to outlaw parental opposition to abortion, contraception and sex classes for their under age children.

Ladies and gentlemen at the beginning of this talk I called you young people to a revolution for a new Civilisation of Love. Speaking of this revolution Pope John Paul the Great said: “families should grow in awareness of being “protagonists” of what is known as “family politics” and assume responsibility for transforming society; otherwise families will be the first victims of the evils that they have done no more than note with indifference”.

²⁴ <http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/youve-lost-the-battle-gay-activist-catholic-teacher-taunts-parental-rights> (08.08.2014).

²⁵ <http://tablet.thespec.com/opinion/cartoons/article/798499—editorial-cartoon> (08.08.2014); <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/opinion/westview/secular-inclusive-education-169741466.html> (08.08.2014).

²⁶ <http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/california-assembly-passes-attack-on-parental-rights-bill-banning-sex-orient/> (08.08.2014).

Now I will let our great saint, Pope John Paul, the Pope of the Family and Life speak to you for himself. Thank you so much.

The talk ended with a strikingly beautiful very brief video clip of Pope John Paul II on the family “**Through the family not against the family**”²⁷.

²⁷ http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=IR0xmWfqQ_k&noredirect=1&feature=player_embedded (08.08.2014).