

A timeline of the homosexual "rights" juggernaut

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Same-sex "marriage" to be debated this fall

-Prime Minister Stephen Harper, June 2, 2006

No need to be concerned.

"What has transpired in Canada since Parliament made same-sex marriage legal across the country last July?..."

"The Canadian fabric remained intact and no signs of societal decay emerged, contrary to what same-sex-marriage opponents predicted...."

"It's probably best to just leave it alone."

-Edmonton Journal, June 6

Yes, we should be very concerned. Why?

- Because homosexuals are using their victories to silence all public opposition to their immoral way of life.
- The courts have declared that the homosexualist lifestyle is just as valid as the traditional family.
- The politicians have declared the homosexualist lifestyle to be equal to ordinary marriage (July 2005).
- The homosexuals now want to coerce all citizens to accept sodomy by teaching this to their children in school.

"The result of moral relativism: no peace in the family; no peace in the world."

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"We have no problem with the Catholic Church or any other faith group promoting bigotry. We have a problem with the Canadian government funding that bigotry" (re tax-exempt status).

Kevin Bourassa, "gay"-rights activist (*Times Colonist*, June 22, 2005)

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The road leading from the decriminalization of homosexuality in Canada in 1969, to the point where homosexual issues are now to become a mandatory part of school curriculum, is marked by a number of key court decisions and government legislative actions.

These show the gradual, to many people almost imperceptible, path toward the equality of the sodomite lifestyle and same-sex "marriage" with the lifestyle of a traditional family of one man and one woman. Today, homosexual activists increasingly use the term "heterosexist" in place of the previously favoured "homophobic," to deride anyone having any qualms about their agenda. This latest term is meant to imply that there is no superiority inherent in traditional relationships over the sodomite lifestyle.

COURT ACTION

1965: The Supreme Court of Canada backs a lower court's finding that a man who acknowledged he had had sex with men over a 24-year period, and was unlikely to change, was a **dangerous sex offender** who deserved to be sentenced to prison for an indefinite period.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

1967 (Dec.): The wheels of change are set in motion when then-Justice Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau - with his famous "there's no place for the state in the bedrooms of the nation" speech - proposes amendments to the Criminal Code that would relax laws against homosexuality.

1969: Via the *Omnibus Bill* sponsored by P.M. Pierre Trudeau and Justice Minister John Turner, a bill that also legalized abortion, homosexuality is decriminalized in Canada for acts done in **private** by persons 18 years and older.

1973: Homosexual activists manage - through deceit - to remove homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association's official list of mental disorders.

CONSEQUENCES

1969: The restriction "in private" becomes a dead letter at once. Homosexuals move their activity into public washrooms, parks, bathhouses, bars, hotels, and then launch the "gay drive for acceptance."

1970: Homosexual activist George Hislop founds Gay Day forerunner of Gay Pride Days. Later on supporters will demand official recognition and public financial support.

1979: The Canadian Human Rights Commission under Max Yalden recommends that "sexual orientation" be included in the Canadian Human Rights Act.

1981: Court jurisdiction is considerably broadened, as the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*' scope well exceeds the *Bill of Rights*. Sexual orientation is explicitly **excluded** as a ground of discrimination.

1977: Quebec under René Levesque is the first province to add "sexual orientation" to its Human Rights Code. Other provinces except Alberta follow later on. '

1978: Under a new Immigration Act, homosexuals are removed from the list of inadmissible classes of individuals.

1981: Trudeau and his Minister of Justice, Jean Chrétien, design the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. Committee votes 22-2 **against** including sexual orientation in Section 15.

1985: Section 15 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, which deals with equality rights, comes into effect, with discrimination explicitly prohibited on the grounds of "race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability."

1985: A parliamentary committee releases a report called *Equality for All* recommending the Canadian Human Rights Act be changed to make it illegal to discriminate on the basis of "sexual orientation."

1977: In *The Body Politic*, Gerald Hannon publishes the notorious article "Men loving boys loving men."

1977: Twelve-year-old Toronto shoe-shine boy Emmanuel Jaques is murdered by three "gay" men.

1977: A separate category of people is now distinguished not on the basis of identity but on the basis of sexual behaviour. This encourages the notion that homosexuals are "born that way."

1978: Media begin to turn against anyone, or any group of persons, who opposes the sodomite way of life. *The Globe & Mail* turns itself gradually into Canada's leading "pink" daily.

1981: "Gays" protest police raids on their public bathhouses - sources of disease and infection - despite the law.

1981: First five cases of a new disease discovered among Los Angeles homosexuals. It is named "gay cancer" or GRID, Gay-related Immunodeficiency, later changed to AIDS. Soon spreads into Canada and other countries. Despite frequent forecasts, no vaccine has been found till this day (2006).

1982: Children's safety is threatened for the sake of adult gratification.

1985: As sexual orientation remains undefined, other groups such as transvestites and the "transgendered" demand equal rights.

1985 (Aug.): The *Globe & Mail* states that "AIDS has been labelled a 'homosexual disease,' but homosexuality is a red herring."

1991: In extending medicare coverage to same-sex partners, the B.C. Supreme Court concludes that the Medical Service Act's definition of spouse is incompatible with the *Charter*.

1992: The Ontario Court of Appeal, in the *Haig & Birch v. Canada* case, rules the failure to include "sexual orientation" in section 3 of the Canadian Human Rights Act is discriminatory.

1992: A federal court lifts the ban on homosexuals serving in the military.

1986 (March): Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Justice Minister John Crosby pledge to take "whatever measures are necessary" to ensure "sexual orientation" is a prohibited ground of discrimination in all areas of federal jurisdiction.

1986: In the fall, Ontario's Bob Rae and Attorney-General Ian Scott, a closet homosexual, add "sexual orientation" to Ontario's Human Rights Act.

1990 (June): MP Svend Robinson introduces a private member's Bill to amend Section 318 of the Criminal Code (hate crimes).**1992:** The federal government under Justice Minister Kirn Campbell declines to appeal the *Haig & Birch* decision.

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1992: Vatican document explains **just** discrimination towards homosexuals.

1985: Many people become infected with AIDS because "gays" and supporting media vehemently object to the Red Cross blood service banning "gays" from donating blood. This leads to huge costs for health insurance (see 1998 and 2006).

1986: Media promote adult homosexuality as morally neutral, while homosexuals succeed in portraying themselves as victims of discrimination comparable to women, the disabled, or racial minorities.

1986: Ontario's move leads government and businesses to support the claims of "gays" for equality in health benefits.

1992: Subsequent to the *Haig & Birch* decision, the Canadian Human Rights Commission and Human Rights Tribunals accept complaints based on sexual orientation. These bodies do not recognize "justified" discrimination.

1992 (Aug): The United Church of Canada accepts same-sex "marriage."

1992: At the December World AIDS conference in Montreal, "gay" protestors blow horns and whistles, and hurl condoms at Archbishop Jean-Claude Turcotte. When he gets up to speak they drop to the floor in protest because Catholics "preach abstinence as the sole means of prevention."

1993: The Supreme Court of Canada upholds the finding that a "gay" man had **not** been discriminated against on the basis of "family status" under the Canadian Human Rights Act, as Parliament had not intended that term to include sexual orientation.

1995 (May): Justice Peter Cory of the Supreme Court of Canada (*Egan v. Canada*) rules that "sexual orientation" is analogous to sex, race, colour, religion sex, and age as in Section 15 of the *Charter*. The Supreme Court provides no proof - scientific or other - to prove homosexuals are "born that way." From now on homosexualists claim the right to equality.

1993 (Aug.): Ontario's Human Rights Commission rules that same-sex couples must be covered by all **employee** benefit plans. In 1992 it had ruled that they should be covered by all **pension** plans.

1994: John Paul II: "The legal approval of homosexual activity is not morally acceptable."

1994 (April): Bob Rae's Ontario NDP government attempts to legislate same-sex spouses but loses vote. Evangelicals and Cardinal Aloysius Ambrozic of Toronto - on behalf of all Ontario bishops - speak out against it.

1995: NDP government of B.C. bans people with pro-life views from hospital boards.

1995 (May): Ontario Court judge David Nevins rules that four lesbians have the right to adopt their partners' children. Ontario, B.C., Alberta and Nova Scotia then make it legal for same-sex couples to adopt.

1996 (Mar.): Justice Minister Allan Rock holds "strategy meeting" with John Fisher, executive director of EGALE (Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere).

1993 (Jan.): The Toronto Board of Health allows the "gay" AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT) to control AIDS education.

1993: The cost of same-sex legislation rises rapidly.

1994: Workshops conducted by teachers throughout the country including the Catholic board in Toronto, promote the view that anyone who opposes pro-same-sex laws is homophobic.

1995 (Jan.): Ontario H.R. Commissioner Elizabeth Beckett fines Hamilton Mayor Bob Morrow \$5,000 for refusing to proclaim Gay Pride Day in 1991. The Mayor of Saskatoon is also threatened with a fine. This happens despite the fact that no organization has the right to special recognition from municipalities.

1995 (Feb.): The Ottawa Police LGBT Liaison Committee minutes record that "in San Francisco in 1994, all lesbians who were killed were killed by their partners, while 60 percent of the gay men who were killed were killed by their partners."

1995 (April): A one-thousand-strong ragtag mob of "gays" and lesbians verbally assaults participants in the Human Life International Conference in Montreal, also hurling objects like ice-filled condoms.

1995: Mayors of at least 12 Canadian cities are coerced to proclaim Gay Pride Days against their will. HRCs fine those resisting pressure.

1996 (Mar.): Health Canada reports that 79.6 percent of Canada's AIDS patients are homosexuals. The rest are "bisexuals," drug users, and victims of tainted blood.

1997: The Canadian Human Rights Commission, now under Michelle Falardeau-Ramsay decides in *Moore & Akerstrom v. Treasury Board* that the federal government must grant the same employment benefits under collective agreements to same-sex couples as those offered to common-law spouses of public service employees; that decision is affirmed by the federal court the following year.

1998: Ontario Court of Appeal orders Income Tax Act to remove the word "spouse" and include same-sex partners. "Gays" hail ruling.

1998 (April): Ms. Falardeau-Ramsay addresses a conference entitled "Queering the Nation," to plot strategy.

1998 (April): Mr. Justice Frank Iacobucci writes for the Supreme Court of Canada, which rules in *Vriend v. Alberta* that the exclusion of homosexuals from Alberta's Individual Rights Protection Act is a violation of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. The court says the act should be "interpreted" to include homosexuals even if the province

1996 (May): Jean Chrétien's government passes Bill C-33, *An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act*, which adds "sexual orientation" to the Canadian Human Rights Act. After the vote, "gay" MP Svend Robinson admits that opponents are correct: this act will lead to new advances for homosexuals.

1996 (May): Allan Rock fore casts that adding employee benefits for "gays" will cost taxpayers only a few million dollars. Ten years later the cost is estimated at several billion dollars.

1996 (June): B.C. College of Teachers rejects Trinity Western University's requirement that students refrain from "involvement in the occult, and sexual sins such as premarital sex, adultery or homosexual behaviour." It rules that the university's students will not be accredited as teachers.

1998: Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice, refuses to appeal.

1998: Chrétien's government finances EGALE's efforts to promote a new Hate Crimes Act.

1996 (May): The Canadian Medical Association reproves Dr. Grant Hill, MP, who "erroneously suggests that homosexuality is an unhealthy lifestyle. In our view there is no scientific evidence to back such a claim." The Alberta and Ontario Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons withdraw objections when Edmonton lawyer Ralph Watzke threatens to sue them for "untruthful, medically unsound, and disreputable" behaviour.

1996 (July): At the World AIDS Conference in Vancouver, the Royal Bank's chief economist, John McCallum, reveals that Canada now spends \$10 billion on AIDS per year. Within 15 years, he says, this may rise to \$38 billion per year.

1996 (Nov.): Newfoundland "gay" spokesmen raise a storm of "outrage" after Msgr. Dermot O'Keefe upholds papal teaching of just discrimination in his church bulletin at Bay Bulls.

1998: Media ban opponents of "sexual orientation" from panel discussions.

1998: Federal-provincial compensation package for victims of HIV tainted blood transfusion set at \$1.1 billion. The blood scandal has resulted in at least 24,000 people being infected with HIV of which 1,148 people are known to have contracted AIDS, a certain ticket to death (Krever Report).

1998 (June): Vancouver Archbishop Adam Exner deplors the Saunders ruling as "de facto totalitarianism."

1998: The Ontario Court of Appeal rules (*Rosenberg v. CUPE*) that the Income Tax Act and Pension Benefits Act's definition of "spouse" is unconstitutional.

1998 (June): B.C. Supreme Court Judge Mary Saunders strikes down a Surrey school board resolution that three books depicting children with same-sex parents are not suitable for use in Kindergarten and Grade 1. She favours freedom **from** religion.

1999 (May): Mr. Justice Frank Iacobucci writes for the Supreme Court of Canada, which rules in the *Attorney-General of Ontario v. M and H* case that same-sex couples should have the same benefits and obligations as opposite-sex common-law couples. It rules Ontario's Family Law Act's definition of "spouse" as a person of the opposite sex unconstitutional.

2000 (Aug.): Dutch "gays" sue Pope in Amsterdam court for "inciting hatred and discrimination" by saying "homosexual acts are contrary to natural law" and for opposing "Gay Pride Day" in Rome.

1999: The Pension Appeals Board orders that same-sex partners receive survivor benefits under the Canada Pension Plan.

1999 (April): The Supreme Court gives Ontario six months to amend the act. The Ontario government under Mike Harris and Attorney-General Jim Flaherty secretly pass Bill 5, first, second and third reading in under three hours, without any debate. The Bill deletes the word "spouse" from more than 60 provincial laws, giving full rights to same-sex couples.

1999 (June): Parliament votes 216 to 55 in favour of **traditional** marriage definition.

2000: Jean Chrétien's government passes Bill C-23, which changes 68 federal statutes to give same-sex couples the same social and tax benefits as opposite-sex common-law couples.

1999 (April): The Public Service Alliance Union in Nova Scotia censors union member Robert Davies for opposing same-sex changes in union contracts.

1999: University of Manitoba Professor of Anthropology, Hymie Rubenstein, is excoriated by fellow academics and "gay" students, when he lists 18 myths perpetrated by "gay" and lesbian activists.

2000 (February): Printer Scott Brockie convicted and fined \$5,000 by Ontario HRC's Heather MacNaughton for refusing to print lesbian and "gay" materials (case dragged on for five more years, ultimately costing him \$150,000 for appeals, lawyers, and opponents' court costs).

2000 (April): Canada's Armed Forces pay for sex change from male to female; taxpayers' bill \$40,000. Canada's prisons follow suit.

2000 (June): Canada Broadcasting Standards Council censures *The Laura Schlessinger Show* for her remarks that "gay" behaviour is "aberrant" and "dysfunctional."

2001: In *B.C. College of Teachers v. Trinity Western University*, the Supreme Court confirms that teacher graduates can hold to a Christian moral code privately, but may not express this publicly as school teacher opposition to homosexual activity is subject to disciplinary proceedings. Even a teacher's off-duty conduct may be punished, if it "poisons the school environment."

2001: Nova Scotia Judge Deborah Gass rules in favour of adoption by same-sex couples and declares existing definition of marriage unconstitutional.

2001 (Oct.): Justice Ian Pitfield of the B.C. Supreme Court upholds the traditional definition of marriage.

2002 (June): Ontario judge Robert MacKinnon rules that "gay" student Marc Hall has the right to take his "boyfriend" to a promenade at a Catholic high school in Oshawa, ON. (Three weeks after the prom they split up.)

2002 (July): In *Halpern v. Canada* Ontario's Superior Court Judges Heather Smith, Robert Blair and Harry Laforme rule that prohibiting homosexual couples from "marrying" violates the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. They order Ontario to extend "marriage" rights to same-sex couples within two years.

2002 (Sept.): Judge Louise Lemelin of Quebec Court of Appeal opts for the "gay" right to marry.

2002 (Dec.): Chief Justice Beverly MacLachlin (*Chamberlain V. Surrey*) tells School Board that homosexual "families" are "valid family models" and that they should learn to accept this.

2001 (Feb.): Toronto's Cardinal Aloysius Ambrozic, supported by Ontario bishops, declares that same-sex relationships are not marriage.

2001 (June): Statistics Canada places same-sex people under common-law spouses.

2001 (July): Catholic Medical Association publishes scientific paper demonstrating homosexuality is **not** like race or colour, something one is born with. Moreover, people with same-sex attractions may be helped to control it.

2002 (Jan.): Law Reform Commission of Canada - consisting mostly of feminist lawyers - advises that marriage is now **outdated**, that law evolves, and that all relationships should now be treated with equal indifference.

2001: PEI couple forced to close bed and breakfast house for refusing to rent to homosexuals.

2001: Revenue Canada denies charitable status to abstinence-only youth group for "being one-sided."

2001 (June): Saskatchewan H.R. Commission convicts and fines Hugh Owens for placing an ad in Saskatoon Star-Phoenix with biblical references condemning sodomy. Fine of \$1,500 to each of three complainants. Owens appeals at his own expense. (Appeal Court overrules HRC five years later, in 2006.)

2001 (Nov.): Health Canada warns that "gay" men have returned to the risky sexual behaviour of the earlier days. In 2000, 664 "gay" men were identified as new AIDS carriers, up from 584 new ones in 1999. There are about 50,000 AIDS carriers in Canada. The cocktail of newer drugs to be taken is rising to \$150,000 per person per year, costing provincial Health Insurance Plans more than \$7 billion a year. "Gay" men account for 80 percent of new infections.

2002 (Feb.): Royal Bank refuses to open a bank account in Montreal for opponents of the "Gay Games" scheduled for 2006, arguing that opposition is contrary to the *Charter of Rights*.

2002 (Mar.): *Toronto Star* condemns Oshawa Catholic school for being "dogmatic," "discriminatory," "intolerant," and "hypocritical." Why? Because the school stands by Catholic teaching not to encourage homosexual behaviour.

2002 (June): The ruling in the Marc Hall case organized and supported by Liberal "gay" MP George Smitherman and homosexualists, threatens Catholics' freedom of religion and the right to control their schools.

2003: The B.C. Court of Appeal lifts its ban on same-sex "marriage."

2003: Ontario Judge Ellen MacDonald rules that Ottawa discriminated against same-sex couples by denying benefits to those whose partners died before 1998.

2003 (June): Justices Roy McMurtry, James MacPherson and Eileen Gillette of the Ontario Court of Appeal rule that same-sex "marriage" is a **right** and the traditional definition of marriage is unconstitutional

2003 (Jan.): Standing Committee of House of Commons begins hearings on same-sex "marriage."

2003 (April): The Canadian delegation supports the U.N. Human Rights Commission's efforts to add "sexual orientation" to the U.N.'s definition of discrimination (the measure fails).

2003 (June): Standing Committee is manipulated by Justice Minister Martin Cauchon not to appeal Ontario June ruling.

2003 (July): Martin Cauchon announces Chrétien government will endorse same-sex "marriage." Chrétien promises a free vote except for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries - some 60 persons!

2003 (Sept.): Hate Crimes Bill C-250 passes 143-110 in House of Commons.

2004: The Northwest Territories' Human Rights Act comes into effect - the first such statute to prohibit discrimination based on "gender identity."

2002 (Aug.): Ontario prosecutor withdraws nudity charges against seven participants at Toronto's "gay pride" parade of 2002 on the grounds that they were wearing shoes, and therefore were not naked.

2002 (Sept.): Ontario College of Teachers accepts a sweeping advisory for sexual abuse and misconduct that includes conduct not overtly sexual but which merely causes "personal embarrassment."

2002 (Sept.): Calgary Protestant pastor Stephen Boisson is referred to the Human Rights Commission by Calgary University academic, Darren Lund, for writing a letter to the editor in the *Red Deer advocate* (June 17, 2002). Later on "gays" invade his fundraising dinner.

2002 (Nov.): Mennonite children's camp faces charges under Manitoba H.R. Act for refusing access to Winnipeg "gay" and lesbian choir.

2003: B.C. teacher and school counselor Chris Kemping suspended for writing a letter to the editor opposing same-sex literature in school. B.C. College of Teachers decides to prosecute.

2003 (Aug.): Liberal government spends \$142,901 through the National Film Board for "Apples and Oranges," a film to educate children 8-12 about lesbians and "gays."

2004: London school trustees are pushing for "gay" literature in school. London's main library is setting aside a special section for the promotion of homosexuality.

2004: School boards and health clinics throughout Canada are providing students with misinformation about homosexuality.

2004: The Quebec Court of Appeal rules homosexuals have a right to "marry" and that the traditional definition of marriage is discriminatory and unjustified. The same year, an Ontario judge grants the first same-sex "divorce;" a Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench judge rules the traditional definition of marriage no longer constitutionally valid; a Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge rules the banning of same-sex "marriages" unconstitutional; and a Newfoundland and Labrador Supreme Court judge approves "marriage" licences for two lesbian couples.

2004 (Dec.): Beverly McLachlin's Supreme Court of Canada rules the government may enact a same-sex "marriage" law.

2005: In *Kempling v. B.C. College of Teachers*, the B.C. Court of Appeals upholds the sanctioning of the school counsellor for writing a letter to the editor critical of homosexual education in schools.

2005: New Brunswick's Court of Queen's Bench finds that the province's definition of marriage violates the rights of homosexuals.

2005 (Dec.): Supreme Court of Canada under Chief Justice Beverly McLachlin rules that "swing clubs" featuring multiple sex partners and partner-swapping do not harm society.

2004 (Feb.): Svend Robinson's Bill C-250 amending Canada's Hate-Crime legislation by adding sexual orientation to the Hate Propaganda Sections of the Criminal Code (S. 318, 319), passes into law.

2004 (March): Ontario's H.R. commissioner, homosexual Keith Norton, states that funding of Catholic schools is discriminatory.

2004: The Liberal government under Paul Martin interpret S.C. ruling as an order to proceed to demolish traditional marriage legislation.

The Centre for Cultural Renewal charges that the government has played "fast and loose" with legal procedures. Cath. Civil Rights League notes that this is the first time the Supreme Court ruled on legislation before it is introduced in Parliament.

2005 (June): With cabinet ministers whipped to support the position of Paul Martin, Parliament passes the Civil Marriage Act, to legalize same-sex "marriage."

2005: Homosexual activists from outside Canada but "married" here, pressure their home countries for equality.

2005 (July): Federal Bill C-38 re same-sex "marriage" becomes law. Bill contains useless guarantees of religious freedoms because marriage is a provincial jurisdiction and civilians and institutions fall outside the Bill's parameters.

2005 (Oct): Openly "gay" NDP MP Bill Siksay introduces Bill to add "transgendered" people for protection under Canadian Human Rights Act. No doubt, other groups such as polygamists will follow.

2004 (Jan.): B.C.'s Vital Statistics Agency which employs some 300 marriage commissioners orders those who oppose same-sex ceremonies to resign by March 31.

2004 (Feb.): The new Hate Crime Act endangers freedom of speech as well as freedom of religion.

2004 (March): Montreal's school board banishes blood donor clinics from its premises because the agency refuses to accept the infected blood from active "gays."

2004 (July): Montreal Gay Festival (July 26-August 1) receives \$200,000 from the province; \$160,000 from the federal government; \$130,000 from the city; and \$60,000 from the federal Heritage Ministry. Total: \$550,000. Throughout Canada, Gay Pride Days are similarly financed by taxpayers.

2004 (Sept.): Royal Bank is expanding pressure on employees to display a rainbow triangle on their desks. Ford Motor Co. promotes "sexual orientation."

2004 (Dec.): Marriage commissioners across Canada opposed to the Supreme Court ruling are told they must resign. Some do, others don't, in acts of resistance.

2005: (January): Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver and Bishop MacDonald (St. John) reminds Catholic lawmakers that they have a moral duty to oppose same-sex legislation.

2005: (February): Syphilis among "gays" in Toronto surges.

2005 (April): Revenue Canada agent in Calgary threatens Catholic Bishop Fred Henry with removal of charitable status for the Church over the bishop's January pastoral letter against same-sex "marriage."

2005 (April): Two "gays" file a Human Rights complaint against Calgary Bishop Fred Henry

2005 (Aug.): Some 300 HIV positive refugees from across the world come to Ontario during the period Jan. 2002 to Oct. 2003; Quebec receives 150. HIV positive immigrants are allowed to enter Canada even though it costs the taxpayer \$150,000 a year per person. Cost for Ontario per year: \$45 million. Homosexual men account for 90% of the refugees. Ontario's Health Minister, openly "gay" George Smitherman, wants better services for them.

2005 (Sept.): Ontario College of Pharmacists, in their newly written Code of Ethics, Principle 4, deny freedom of conscience and religion.

2005 (Nov.): The B.C. Human Rights Tribunal orders the K of C to pay \$2,000 to two lesbians as damages for refusing to rent them a hall for a same-sex "wedding."

2005 (Nov.): Costco, the B.C. employer of the Knight who refused the lesbians, fires him from his day job.

CANADA'S COERCIVE CULTURE CONTINUES TO GROW

- **2006 (Jan.):** The homosexual paper, the *Washington Blade*, names Pope Benedict XVI the "Anti-gay Person of the Year." Endorsed in Canada.
- **2006 (Feb.):** The Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) in Ottawa **refuses the right** of a member, Susan Comstock, to divert her dues to charity on account of the union's support for same-sex "marriage."
- **2006 (Mar.):** The Alberta Teachers Association denounces a **private member's bill** by MLA Ted Morton requiring teachers to notify parents if their children are to be exposed to discussions on same-sex "marriage" in the classroom because the bill would undermine teachers' efforts to create a "safe and caring learning environment" for "gay" and lesbian students.
- **2006 (Mar):** The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) awards a radio **broadcasting licence** to Rainbow Media Group for the 80,000 or so "gay" and lesbians in Toronto. In 2003 CRTC rejected a licence for a Catholic radio station in Toronto to serve the area's 1.5 million Catholics.
- **2006 (Apr.):** Dr. Chris Kempling, a qualified psychologist and teacher, is permanently banned from any counselling jobs in his British Columbia school district.
- **2006 (May):** Cape Breton University Professor David Mullan becomes the target of a Human Rights Commission complaint by a homosexual student because he posted on a **website** views critical of the Anglican Church of Canada's permissive and condoning stand on same-sex "marriage."
- **2006 (May):** The Ontario elementary school teachers' union, to which all elementary school teachers in the province must pay dues, is offering special **leadership training** for select groups of members including all homosexual, bisexual and "transgender" members in addition to visible minorities. Among other goals, the program will include "opportunities to explore barriers to leadership" and "strategies to eliminate and/or overcome barriers (*LifeSiteNews.com*, May 24, 2006)."
- **2006 (May):** The Halifax Regional School Board asks teachers to **list their "sexual orientation"** in a workforce survey as part of a measure of "diversity." "We want people of different sexual orientation represented in our schools, in the same way we want people from different ethnic backgrounds represented in our schools," said school board spokesperson Shaune MacKinlay (*Cape Breton Post*, May 31, 2006).
- **2006 (May):** A B.C. Human Rights complaint by a "married" "gay" couple asks the Education Ministry to **review its entire curriculum** to ensure it complies with the "gay" agenda regarding sexual orientation and gender identity (*news1130.com*. June 1, 2006). The government agrees.
- **2006 (June):** The government announces that an additional **\$1.1 billion** for 5,500 victims of HIV-tainted blood will have to be paid.

- **2006 (June):** "Gay" activists **denounce honorary degrees** to be conferred by Toronto's Ryerson University on bio-ethicist Dr. Margaret Somerville and by Ottawa's Carleton University on Rabbi Rueven Bulka for his humanitarian, community and scholarly work. In the face of "gay" pressure Ryerson apologizes for awarding the degree. Dr. Somerville questions the effects of same-sex "marriage" on children. Rabbi Bulka is called "homophobic" for being an advisory board member of NARTH (National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality).

DEFENCE OF MARRIAGE MOST URGENT

Ottawa - *Defend Marriage Coalition* is an association of twelve pro-family organizations from across Canada working together "toward a winning vote in Parliament in support of traditional marriage." Links to the twelve member groups are available from www.defendmarriage.ca/coalition.htm. The coalition has warned that religious groups will be subject to legal challenges if the definition of marriage continues to include same-sex couples, and that preliminary rulings by the Supreme Court reveal that SSM rights will be allowed to trump religious rights.

Pat O'Brien, former MP and now director of *Vote Marriage Canada*, considers the process by which the SSM bill became law to have been a gratuitous insult to the people of Canada. His group promotes and endorses pro-marriage candidates. The website www.votemarriagecanada.ca offers some useful information about voting patterns and political parties. Gwen Landolt, national vice-president of *REAL Women*, has also observed that the legislation was pushed through undemocratically.

United Families Canada, a coalition member, has launched *Restore Marriage, Canada* as a project; see www.restoremarriagecanada.ca. The website offers a petition encouraging Ottawa to revisit this issue, as well as educational resources. *Please join in the petition, but do not think that this removes the need for personal letters and contact.*

Christian efforts to participate in and restore the political process must always be rooted in prayer. *ProMarriage Network* is a prayer group comprised of both Catholics and Protestants who recognize the traditional definition of marriage; see www.promarriage.ca. On its behalf, Rev. David Mainse and Mr. O'Brien plan a 100-city cross-Canada tour starting this fall. The group will host a Faith and Culture Conference in Ottawa October 2-4, 2006, "to assist our elected and civil leaders to understand how our faith is to affect our government, our culture and our nation." Readers may reach the group by using the call-in number 1-641-696-6600 and access code 114477.

URGENT REQUEST FROM
CATHOLIC CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE

Toronto - According to a *Canadian Press* report number of parliamentarians, including Conservative cabinet ministers, are questioning the wisdom of re-opening the same-sex "marriage" debate, despite the promise of the free vote that is widely expected in the fall.

Of the MPs who expressed reluctance, some said the issue has been widely debated already, while others said the change in the law did not appear to be causing problems for their constituents. Several said constituents had not mentioned the same-sex "marriage" issue to them, either before the election or since.

It is all too easy to read too much into a news report, but this one is probably accurate in suggesting that a lack of vocal support for the traditional definition of marriage could cause the issue to fall off the proverbial "radar screen." Those who are able to speak [communicate] with their MPs about the importance of the issue, and of the promised free vote, should make a point of doing so.

The free vote is the pivotal first step in restoring respect for traditional marriage, and addressing the civil rights and children's rights issues raised by Bill C-38. Many of these concerns are articulated in the press release issued by the *Defend Marriage Coalition* when it invited religious leaders to stay involved in the debate.

Editor's Comment:

Foreign affairs Minister Peter MacKay claimed that he had not received a single e-mail or letter on this subject. This was not true. But maybe you sent your MP a letter two years ago. Please, in the next few months, send your MP a message and repeat it in September. Hand-written letters are best. Ask your family and acquaintances to do the same.