

## **A Review & Analysis of the Relative Frequency of Child Molestation by Homosexuals and Heterosexuals**

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### **1. Statement of the Problem**

The problem of priestly child molestation has been widely exposed and publicized over the last several years. During this time homosexual activists, both within and outside the Catholic Church, have done everything they can to divert attention away from even the *possibility* that there may be a higher percentage of homosexuals among the priesthood than in the general public, and that this may be the root of the problem of child sexual molestation within the Church.

For example, Dignity USA kicked off its "Stop Blaming Gay Priests" campaign during the meeting of the United States Catholic Bishops Conference in Washington, D.C., November 10-13, 2002. The group said:

DignityUSA [sic] is calling on the U.S. Catholic bishops to stop blaming gay priests for the clergy sexual abuse scandal. All credible evidence discounts any link between the molestation of children and homosexuality.<sup>1</sup>

The situation has become so charged that anyone who even *suggests* that there may be a connection between homosexuality and pedophilia is immediately labeled a "homophobe." The powerful homosexual lobby reacts instinctively to negative publicity and information by, as researcher Laird Wilcox calls it, "ritually defaming" those who dare to raise their voices.<sup>2</sup> Naturally, a proven link between homosexual orientation and child sexual molestation would be very damaging to the public relations image of the gay rights movement.<sup>3</sup>

Such reflexive dismissal of documented facts, and the accompanying refusal even to discuss the possibility of a link between homosexual orientation and child sexual abuse, is a grave disservice not only to the victims, but to society at large.

The only way to begin to solve the problem of priestly child molestation is to determine the facts from the very beginning. If this is not done, all subsequent efforts, no matter how well-intentioned or expertly planned, will be wasted.

We owe it to the victims -- and to the Catholic Faith itself -- to determine the truth behind this volatile topic. If there is a link between homosexual orientation and child sex abuse, it should be shown so that appropriate action may be taken.

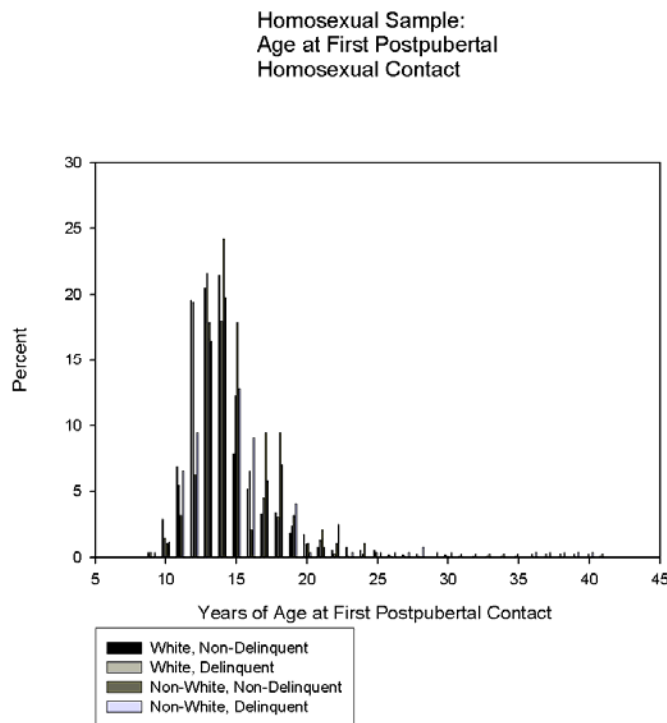
### **2. Background Studies.**

Dignity USA and other homosexual groups vigorously deny any connection whatever between a homosexual orientation and child sexual molestation. These groups echo the claim by Dignity USA that "All credible evidence discounts any link between the molestation of children and homosexuality."<sup>4</sup>

Yet these groups never cite any of this "credible evidence," nor do they quote any studies to back their claims that there is no such connection.

In fact, a number of studies, *all performed by homosexuals or their sympathizers*, have shown that an extremely large percentage of homosexuals have participated in child molestation. For example:

- Alfred Kinsey, the bi-homosexual "father" of sex research, and of the human sexuality "field," claimed in 1948 that 37 percent of all male homosexuals admitted to having sex with children under 17 years old. Gebhard and Johnson claim that their "reanalysis" of Kinsey's data found homosexual initiation reported by most respondents as "first" occurring between ages 12 and 14 (Table 443 – See Figure 1). The authors then say (Table 444) that sex with an adult over 18-years old was recorded by nearly 30% of white non-delinquent males, 34% of white delinquent males, and nearly 50% of non-white males and 60% of non-white delinquent males (pp. 493-494). Moreover, the authors identify "postpubertal" as including victims from -9 and -10 years of age.<sup>5</sup>



**Figure 1**

- Homosexual activists Karla Jay and Allen Young revealed in their 1979 *Gay Report* that 73% of all homosexuals have acted as "chicken hawks" -- that is, they have preyed on adolescent or younger boys.<sup>6</sup>

See Addendum C for a summary of scientific studies showing that homosexual men represent a disproportionate percentage of child sexual molesters.

### 3. Supporting Quotes

In addition to the studies quoted above, many homosexual leaders have openly admitted that there is a very strong connection between a homosexual orientation and child sexual abuse.

Addendum B includes just a few of the quotes by homosexual organizations and leaders not only admitting, but *supporting*, the sexual abuse of children by homosexuals.

### 4. Frequency of Individual Molestation

**Overview.** Studies confirm the above figures by showing that, even among the general class of male sexual deviants (both homosexual and heterosexual), pederasts (boy molesters) are much more prolific in their offenses than pedophiles (girl molesters).

The most extensive study performed on the relative degree of predatory behavior of these two classes of male sexual deviants found that 153 pederasts sexually molested 22,981 boys over an average period of 22 years, while 224 pedophiles molested 4,435 girls over an average period of 18 years.<sup>7</sup> This means that each pederast molested an average of 150 boys, and each pedophile molested an average of 20 girls -- a ratio of 7.5 to one.

**Molestation By Teachers.** It is well-known (and logical) that homosexuals with a desire for young children purposefully seek employment that will bring them into proximity with the greatest number of children possible. The most 'promising' jobs of this nature include Boy Scout leaders and school teachers.

A nationwide survey of school principals showed that they received 13 times as many complaints about homosexuals sexually molesting students than they did about heterosexuals molesting students.<sup>8</sup>

If we accept the inflated figure that ten percent of the population is homosexual, this means that a homosexual teacher is

$$\frac{\frac{\text{"gay" molesting incidents}}{\text{percentage of population}}}{\frac{\text{heterosexual molesting incidents}}{\text{percentage of population}}}$$

or

$$(13/0.10)/(1/0.9) = \mathbf{117}$$

times as likely to be involved in sex with a student than a `straight' teacher is. If we use the more realistic figure of three percent of the population being homosexual, then homosexual teachers are

$$(13.00/0.03)/(1.00/0.97) = \mathbf{447}$$

times as likely to be involved in sex with a student than a `straight' teacher is.

The former figure is almost precisely confirmed by studies showing that homosexual teachers are from 90 to 100 times more likely to molest students than normal teachers. A 1977 survey by the *Boston Globe* found that every national and local poll on the subject indicated that a wide majority of people vehemently opposed hiring homosexuals as school teachers.<sup>9</sup>

The above figures show that the public has a compelling logical basis for not wanting homosexual teachers in the schools.

## **5. Logical Implications for the Catholic Priesthood**

There is no need for reference to the current problem with the clergy in the United States. The Catholic priesthood and the homosexual lifestyle are incompatible. Yet it is clear, even without reference to the numerous reports throughout the recent years, that homosexuals have infiltrated the ranks of the clergy to an astonishing degree. In some corners of the Church, such behavior has long been seen as acceptable. To cite just one recent example, Msgr. Richard Sniezyk, appointed to head the Diocese of Springfield-in-Massachusetts after its bishop resigned amid sexual abuse allegations, said in an interview that the recent pedophile scandal in the Catholic Church stems from a belief among some priests during the 1960s, '70s, and '80s that sex with young men was "acceptable:"

Monsignor Richard S. Sniezyk, 66, the leader of the Springfield Diocese until the Vatican names a bishop to replace Thomas L. Dupre, said that as a seminarian and then a young priest ... he heard of priests who had sex with young men, but "no one thought much about it" because priests didn't recognize how mentally and emotionally damaging their behavior was.... "It was that era of the '60s -- most of it took place from the mid-'60s to the early-'80s -- and the whole atmosphere out there was, it was OK, it was OK to do."<sup>10</sup>

Such behavior can never be compatible with our Catholic Faith; Her teaching on issues relating to homosexuality is clearly articulated in the *Catechism*. (Addendum D)

## **6. Recommendation**

Our Holy Father himself has set an example for dealing with such a crisis in the recent requirement he imposed upon an archbishop in Scotland. To restore the confidence of the faithful, His Holiness required a Profession of Faith be taken by Cardinal Designate Keith Patrick O'Brien on Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. This profession of faith included the key words:

*...I further state that I accept and intend to defend the law on ecclesiastical celibacy as it is proposed by the Magisterium of the Catholic Church; I accept and promise to defend the ecclesiastical teaching about the immorality of the homosexual act; I accept and promise to promulgate always and everywhere what the Church's Magisterium teaches on contraception. So help me God and these Holy Scriptures which I touch with my hand.*

For a complete copy of the Profession of Faith, see Addendum E.

In response to the crisis of confidence in the United States generated by a gradual infiltration of homosexuals into the ranks of the clergy over the years, we propose that all clergy, regardless of rank, status, or position, be required to sign the same Profession of Faith clearly condemning all homosexual acts and precluding the clergy from advocating or approving homosexual acts, contraception, and related sins of grave immorality. We further propose that those who refuse to sign have their faculties suspended, effective immediately upon their statement of intent not to take the oath. An oath suitable for this purpose is at Addendum F.

## **Endnotes.**

<sup>1</sup>Dignity USA Web site at <http://www.dignityusa.org/news/021107dc-media.html>, February 6, 2004.

<sup>2</sup>See the Editorial Research Service Web site at <http://www.lairdwilcox.com>. Click on "News and Thoughts," and then on "The Practice of Ritual Defamation."

<sup>3</sup>There are many signs that there exists a determined and well-organized effort to decriminalize and destigmatize sexual relationships between adults and children on the way to "normalizing" them. For example, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) recently sponsored a symposium in which participants discussed the removal of pedophilia from an upcoming edition of the psychiatric manual of mental disorders [Lawrence Morahan. "Psychiatric Association Debates Lifting Pedophilia Taboo." CNSNews.com, June 11, 2003]. At about the same time, the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* published a special edition in December 2002 to discuss whether pedophilia should remain a mental disorder [Linda Ames Nicolosi. International Academy of Sex Research Joins the Debate: Is Pedophilia a Mental Disorder? NARTH, June 26, 2003].

<sup>4</sup>Dignity USA Web site at <http://www.dignityusa.org/news/021107dc-media.html>, February 6, 2004

<sup>5</sup>Alfred Kinsey data described in P.H. Gebhard and A.B. Johnson. *The Kinsey Data*. Saunders Publishing, 1979.

<sup>6</sup>Karla Jay and Allen Young. *The Gay Report* [New York: Summit Books, 1979], page 275.

<sup>7</sup>Paul Cameron. "Homosexual Molestation of Children/Sexual Interaction of Teacher and Pupil." *Psychological Reports*, 1985, 57, pages 1,227 to 1,236.

<sup>8</sup>Institute for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. "Homosexuality: Everybody's Problem." Lincoln, Nebraska, 1984. Also see the results of the survey in G. Hechinger and F.M. Hechinger. "Should Homosexuals Be Allowed to Teach?" *McCall's Magazine*, June 1978, page 100. As far as the frequency of molestation is concerned, if ten percent of the population of teachers commits 13 molestations, and 90 percent commits one molestation, the comparative ratio is therefore  $((1.3)/(1/90)) = 117$  to one.

<sup>9</sup>J. Dressler. "Gay Teachers: A Disesteemed Minority in an Overly Esteemed Profession." *Rutgers/Camden Law Journal*, 1978, 9(3), pages 399 to 445.

<sup>10</sup>John M. McElhenny, "Monsignor Says Harm of Abuse Wasn't Recognized," *Boston Globe*, February 23, 2004, as reported at <http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2004/02/23/>.

## ADDENDUM A

### Results of Studies and Surveys on the Percentage of the Public That Claims to Have a Homosexual Orientation

#### Percent Reporting a Homosexual Experience at Any Time in Their Lives

Location of Study	Year	Persons Surveyed	Men	Women <sup>11</sup>
Norway <sup>1</sup>	1987	6,300	221/3,150 (7.0%)	189/3,150 (6.0%)
Denmark <sup>2</sup>	1987	1,155	46/1,555 (4.0%)	--
Denmark <sup>3</sup>	1989	3,178	92/1,589 (5.8%)	86/1,589 (5.4%)
Great Britain <sup>4</sup>	1989	2,171	54/1,086 (5.0%)	52/1,085 (4.8%)
United States <sup>5</sup>	1987	36,741	700/18,370 (3.8%)	700/18,371 (3.8%)
United States <sup>6</sup>	1989	904	47/904 (5.2%)	--
United States <sup>7</sup>	1992	109,654	3,070/109,654 (2.8%)	--
France <sup>8</sup>	1992	20,000	410/10,000 (4.1%)	260/10,000 (2.6%)
United States <sup>9</sup>	1992	15,490	205/7,745 (2.6%)	167/7,745 (2.2%)
United States <sup>10</sup>	1993	3,321	76/3,321(2.3%)	--
<b>TOTALS</b>		198,914	4,921/156,974 <b>(3.1%)</b>	1,454/41,940 <b>(3.5%)</b>

<sup>1</sup>J.M. Sundet, *et.al.* "Prevalence of Risk-Prone Sexual Behaviour in the General Population of Norway." Georg Liss, *Global Impact of AIDS*, 1988, pages 53 to 60.

<sup>2</sup>K.W. Schmidt, *et.al.* "Occurrence of Sexual Behaviour Related to the Risk of HIV-Infection." *Danish Medical Bulletin* 1989:36; pages 84 to 88.

<sup>3</sup>M. Melbye and R.J. Biggar. *American Journal of Epidemiology* 1992, 135 pages 593 to 602.

<sup>4</sup>G.M. Breakwell and C. Fife-Shaw. "Sexual Activities and Preferences in a United Kingdom Sample of 16 to 20-Year Olds." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 1992:21, pages 271 to 293. Also see D. Forman and C. Chilvers. "Sexual Behaviour of Young and Middle-Aged Men in England and Wales." *British Medical Journal*, 298, 1989, pages 1,137 to 1,142.

<sup>5</sup>G. Ramafedi, *et.al.* "Demography of Sexual Orientation in Adolescents." *Pediatrics*, 1992:89, pages 714 to 721.

<sup>6</sup>S. Roberts and C. Turner. "Male-Male Sexual Contact in the USA: Findings From Five Sample Surveys, 1970-1990." *Journal of Sexual Research* 1991:28, 491-519.

<sup>7</sup>Deborah Dawson. "AIDS Knowledge and Attitudes for January-March, 1990, Provisional Data From the National Health Interview Survey;" Joseph E. Fitti and Marcie Cynamon, *op. cit.* for April-June, 1990; Pamela F. Adams and Ann M. Hardy, *op. cit.* for July-September, 1990. All in *Advance Data*, numbers 193, 195, and

198, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control, Public Health Service, United States Department of Health and Human Services. Page 11 in all three documents.

<sup>8</sup>Study ending in June of 1992, performed by Alfred Spira of the Bicetre Hospital of Paris. Peter Aldhous. "Sexual Behavior: French Venture Where U.S. Fears to Tread." *Science Magazine*, July 3, 1992, page 25.

<sup>9</sup>Results of a November 1992 election exit poll, described in Murray Edelman. "The Gay Issues." *The New York Times*, November 5, 1992, pages B8 and B9.

<sup>10</sup>Alan Guttmacher Institute. *Family Planning Perspectives*. April 15, 1993.

<sup>11</sup>From those studies that included both men and women only. For all cases in which both men and women were studied, it is assumed that the studies and surveys concentrated on a population that was split evenly between men and women.

## ADDENDUM B

### Quotes by Homosexual Organizations and Leaders Supporting Child Sexual Abuse by Homosexuals

"The love between men and boys is at the foundation of homosexuality. For the gay community to imply that boy-love is not homosexual love is ridiculous. We must not be seduced into believing misinformation from the press and the government. Child molesting does occur, but there are also positive sexual relations. And we need to support the men and the boys in those relationships."

- Point of View. "No Place for Homo-Homophobia." San Francisco *Sentinel*, March 26, 1992.

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"There is no age at which a person becomes capable of consenting to sex. The age of sexual consent is just one of many ways in which adults impose their system of control on children ... Amazing as it may seem in this child-hating and homophobic society, boy lovers [pederasts] find boys attractive and like their spontaneity and openness."

- North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) flyer, quoted in Shirley J. O'Brien. "The Child Molester: Porn Plays a Major Role in Life." National Federation for Decency *Journal*, May/June 1987, pages 9 to 11. Also see a flyer distributed by NAMBLA described in "NAMBLA Cancels Meeting Following NFD Protest."

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"I guess it shows how far we've traveled from reality that people don't realize that an intergenerational sexual relationship could be and should be character building. [I am] not sure that a 7-year-old can give informed consent. That doesn't mean that one should necessarily exclude sexual relations with them."

- Wayne Dynes, Ph.D., quoted in Michael Ebert. "Pedophilia Steps Into the Daylight." Focus on the Family *Citizen*, November 16, 1992, pages 6 to 8.

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"People seem to think that any [sexual] contact between children and adults has a bad effect on the child. I say that this can be a loving and thoughtful, responsible sexual activity."

- Sex educator and Alfred Kinsey co-researcher Wardell Pomeroy, quoted in Michael Ebert. "Pedophilia Steps Into the Daylight." Focus on the Family *Citizen*, November 16, 1992, pages 6 to 8.

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"Like the whole labeling of pedophiles as 'child molesters.' Everybody likes little kids. All you've got to do is walk through the Vatican and see all the little statues of little prepubescents, pubescents, and postpubescents. Naked kids have been a staple of delight for centuries, for both parents and onlookers. So to label pedophilia as criminal is ridiculous."

- Homosexual pedophile poet Allen Ginsberg. Quoted in "The Liberation is the Word." *The Harvard Gay and Lesbian Review*, Summer 1997. This quote can also be seen at <http://www.narth.com/docs/arguecase.html>.

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"I think that pederasty should be given the stamp of approval. I think it's true that boy-lovers [pederasts] are much better for children than the parents are ... "

- Convicted pedophile and NAMBLA member David Thorstad, quoted in Joseph Sobran. "The Moderate Radical." *Human Life Review*, Summer 1983, pages 59 and 60.

## ADDENDUM C

### Scientific Studies Showing That Homosexual Men Represent a Disproportionate Percentage of Child Sexual Molesters

The body of literature regarding sex research is vast, comprising tens of thousands of scholarly articles in more than one hundred medical journals. An intensive review of the literature reveals that the vast majority of researchers who study child sexual abuse find a strong link between homosexuality and pedophilia.

Some of the more prominent studies that reach this conclusion are cited below.

- \*A recent (2000) study published in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* said that "**The best epidemiological evidence indicates that only 2-4% of men attracted to adults prefer men; in contrast, around 25-40% of men attracted to children prefer boys. Thus, the rate of homosexual attraction is 6-20 times higher among pedophiles**" [Ray Blanchard, *et al.* "Fraternal Birth Order and Sexual Orientation in Pedophiles." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, Volume 29, Number 5 (2000), pages 463 to 478].
- \*Another 2000 study in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* found that "**... all but 9 of the 48 homosexual men preferred the youngest two male age categories**" for sexual activity. These age categories were fifteen and twenty years old [A. Zebulon, Z.A. Silverthorne and Vernon L. Quinsey. "Sexual Partner Age Preferences of Homosexual and Heterosexual Men and Women." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, February 2000 [Volume 29, Number 1], pages 67 to 76].
- \*Yet another recent study in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* found that "**Pedophilia appears to have a greater than chance association with two other statistically infrequent phenomenon. The first of these is homosexuality ... Recent surveys estimate the prevalence of homosexuality, among men attracted to adults, in the neighborhood of 2%. In contrast, the prevalence of homosexuality among pedophiles may be as high as 30-40%**" [Ray Blanchard, *et al.* "Pedophiles: Mental Retardation, Maternal Age, and Sexual Orientation." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, Volume 28, Number 2, pages 111 to 127].
- \*A 1989 study in the *Journal of Sex Research* noted that "**... the proportion of sex offenders against male children among homosexual men is substantially larger than the proportion of sex offenders against female children among heterosexual men ... the development of pedophilia is more closely linked with homosexuality than with heterosexuality**" [Kurt Freund, Robin Watson and Douglas Rienzo. "Heterosexuality, Homosexuality, and Erotic Age Preference." *Journal of Sex Research*, February 1989 [Volume 26, Number 1], pages 107 to 117].
- \*A 1988 study published in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* that examined the traits of 229 convicted child molesters found that "**eighty-six percent of offenders against [child] males described themselves as homosexual or bisexual**" [W.D. Erickson, N.H. Walbek, and R.K. Seely, Department of Psychiatry, St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center,

Minnesota 55101. "Behavior Patterns of Child Molesters." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, February 1988 [Volume 17, Number 1], pages 77 to 86.

- \*In a 1992 study published in the *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy*, sex researchers Freud and Watson found that "**... the ratio of heterosexual to homosexual pedophiles was calculated to be approximately 11:1. This suggests that the resulting proportion of true pedophiles among persons with a homosexual erotic development is greater than that in persons who develop heterosexually,**" and that the average pedophile victimizes between 20 and 150 boys before being arrested. Therefore, if we accept that 3 percent of the general population is homosexual, then homosexuals are  $((9/3)/(91/97)) = 3.2$  times more likely to molest children than heterosexuals [K. Freund & R.I. Watson, Department of Behavioral Sexology, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. "The Proportions of Heterosexual and Homosexual Pedophiles Among Sex Offenders Against Children: An Exploratory Study." *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy*, Spring 1992 [Volume 18, Number 1], pages 34 to 43].
- \*In a 1984 *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy* article, sex researchers found that "**The proportional prevalence of [male] offenders against male children in this group of 457 offenders against children was 36 percent**" [K. Freund, G. Heasman, I.G. Racansky, and G. Glancy. "Pedophilia and Heterosexuality vs. Homosexuality." *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy*, Fall 1984 [Volume 10, Number 3], pages 193 to 200].
- \*A study by sex researchers Alan Bell and Martin Weinberg found that 25% of white gay men have had sex with boys sixteen years and younger [Alan P. Bell, *et al.*, Institute for Sex Research. *Homosexualities: A Study of Diversity Among Men and Women* [Simon and Schuster, 1980].
- \*Homosexual activists Karla Jay and Allen Young revealed in their 1979 *Gay Report* that 73% of all homosexuals have acted as "chicken hawks" -- that is, they have preyed on adolescent or younger boys, having sex with boys sixteen to nineteen years of age or younger [Homosexual activists Karla Jay and Allen Young. *The Gay Report: Lesbians and Gay Men Speak Out About Sexual Experiences and Lifestyles* [New York: Summit Books, 1979], page 275].
- \*Alfred Kinsey, the pre-eminent sexual researcher in the history of sexual research, found in 1948 that 37 percent of all male homosexuals admitted to having sex with children under 17 years old [Alfred Kinsey data described in P.H. Gebhard and A.B. Johnson. *The Kinsey Data*. Saunders Publishing, 1979 Table 443, "Homosexual Sample: Age at First Postpubertal Homosexual Contact," and Table 444, "Homosexual Sample: Age of Partner in First Postpubertal Homosexual Contact."].

There are occasional scientific attempts to deny or obscure the fact that a disproportionately high percentage of homosexuals also molest children. These studies are usually afflicted with one or more fatal flaws.

A typical example, oft-quoted by gay rights activists, is the July 1994 *Pediatrics* article by Jenny, Roesler and Poyer that finds that "**Using the data from our study, the 95% confidence limits, of the risk children would identify recognizably homosexual adults as the potential abuser, are from 0% to 3.1%. These limits are within current**

**estimates of the prevalence of homosexuality in the general community**" [C. Jenny, T.A. Roesler, and K.L. Poyer, Kempe Children's Center, Department of Pediatrics, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver. "Are Children at Risk for Sexual Abuse by Homosexuals?" *Pediatrics*, July 1994 [Volume 94, Number 1], pages 41 to 44].

The fatal flaw with this study is that it studied sexually abused children with a mean age of just 6.1 years. Children of this young age are usually targets of true pedophiles, those persons with no sexual attraction to adults of either sex. By contrast, homosexual pedophiles are usually classified as 'ephebophiles,' persons sexually attracted to pubescent or post-pubescent underage children.

Note: Dr. Judith Reisman has completed a study that confirms these statistics. Dr. Reisman, president of the Institute for Media Education in Louisville, Kentucky, found in her report "Crafting Gay Children" that, as a group, the incidence of homosexuals molesting children is up to 40 times greater than for heterosexuals. See Dr. Judith Reisman, "Crafting Gay Children" at:  
<http://www.rsvpamerica.org/crafting%20august%202001.htm>.

## **ADDENDUM D**

### **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**2357** Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity,<sup>141</sup> tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered."<sup>142</sup> They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.

**2358** The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition.

## **ADDENDUM E**

### **Profession of Faith taken by Cardinal Designate Keith Patrick O'Brien**

The following is the full text of the Profession of Faith taken by Cardinal Designate Keith Patrick O'Brien on Tuesday 7th October 2003 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh in the presence of the Metropolitan Cathedral chapter on the occasion of the installation of the Reverend John Agnew to the cathedral chapter.

" 1. Recitation of Creed by Cardinal Designate O'Brien and Canon Elect Agnew.  
I, Keith Patrick O'Brien/John Agnew, with firm faith, believe and profess all and Everything contained in the Creed. I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. Eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made; of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven: By the power of the Holy Spirit he became Incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made Man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate: He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the Right Hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And his Kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified;  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
I look for the Resurrection of the dead,  
and life of the world to come. Amen.

2. Further Profession of Faith of Cardinal Designate Keith Patrick O'Brien, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, made in St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh on Tuesday 7th October 2003.

Furthermore, I having been called to be Cardinal by Pope John Paul II, state that I firmly hold and maintain all and everything taught by the Holy Catholic Church concerning faith and morals, whether solemnly defined or asserted as part of her ordinary Magisterium, especially those doctrines touching the mystery of the Church as the Body of Christ, the Sacraments, the sacrifice of the Mass and the primacy of the Roman Pontiff.

I further state that I accept and intend to defend the law on ecclesiastical celibacy as it is proposed by the Magisterium of the Catholic Church; I accept and promise to defend the ecclesiastical teaching about the immorality of the homosexual act; I accept and promise to promulgate always and everywhere what the Church's Magisterium teaches on contraception. So help me God and these Holy Scriptures which I touch with my hand.

3. Further Profession of Faith by new Canon, Canon John Agnew, before the Metropolitan Cathedral Chapter and the Assembled congregation.

Furthermore, I firmly hold and maintain all and everything taught by the Holy Catholic Church concerning faith and morals, whether solemnly defined or asserted as part of her ordinary Magisterium; especially those doctrines touching the Mystery of The Church as the Body of Christ, the Sacraments, the Sacrifice of the Mass and the Primacy of the Roman Pontiff. As an elected member of this Cathedral Chapter, I will respect and be bound by its statutes. I will follow its liturgical practices, and I promise to observe the confidentiality of its meetings as the Archbishop or Chapter shall determine. So help me God and these holy scriptures which I touch with my hand."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Peter Kearney, Director, Catholic Media Office. 5 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, G1 2DH, 0141 221 1168. [pk@scmo.org](mailto:pk@scmo.org) or [www.scmo.org](http://www.scmo.org).

## **ADDENDUM F**

### **Proposed Profession of Faith to be Required of Clergy throughout the United States**

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_, believe in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. Eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made; of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven: By the power of the Holy Spirit he became Incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made Man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate: He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the Right Hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And his Kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified;  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
I look for the Resurrection of the dead,  
and life of the world to come. Amen.

2. I, \_\_\_\_\_, state that I firmly hold and maintain all and everything taught by the Holy Catholic Church concerning faith and morals, whether solemnly defined or asserted as part of her ordinary Magisterium, especially those doctrines touching the mystery of the Church as the Body of Christ, the Sacraments, the sacrifice of the Mass and the primacy of the Roman Pontiff.

3. I further state that I accept and intend to defend the law on ecclesiastical celibacy as it is proposed by the Magisterium of the Catholic Church; I accept and promise to defend the ecclesiastical teaching about the immorality of the homosexual act; I accept and promise to promulgate always and everywhere what the Church's Magisterium teaches on contraception. So help me God and these Holy Scriptures which I touch with my hand.