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St. Francis de Sales

Dear Friend of Catholic Radio:

There was a big rally for Women the other day at the Muhammad Ali center, sponsored by Planned Parenthood, The Fairness Campaign, Louisville Democrats and The Center for Women and Families. Did you catch that? It seems that homosexuality and abortion are integral to the Center For Women and Families. One has trouble determining which the center is really against, babies or fathers, but in any event, they have joined to hysterical rage against families and life. National Poison Radio gloated: <http://wfpl.org/at-louisville-womens-rally-attendees-say-march-now-vote-later/>

It appears that the rebellion against "nature and nature's God" is in full swing. It leaves a body wondering what can or should be done. It is fascinating to consider that the battle between good and evil has been happening in every age since the fall of man. Civilizations have come and gone; faith has waxed and waned from age to age. Why is that?

It seems that human society, like the earth, is an ancient and continuing garden, dirt and plants, weeds and flowers. The flowers struggle against the weeds generation after generation and the social soil gets tilled every few centuries, civilizations coming and going, so that a new generation of flowers can bloom. More recently the Heavenly Landlord sent His best Gardener to plant a special plant, a thing generated, that will not pass away, surviving until the only plant left is His Church, already the oldest institution on the planet, showing signs of senility, but the Lord has enjoyed century after century of beautiful flowers in the saints. So here we are, the earth is full of fertilizer, opportunity for growth abounds, weeds everywhere, and we who strive to be flowers have our work cut out for us.

What then is the dynamic of rise and fall from age to age? It has to be subtle or man would have figured it out long ago and made provision for it, right? There was in the beginning a structure, a relationship between God and man and man and woman. Man was made a certain way and woman was made in a complementary way. One wonders if in the history of human society, if it is not really a history of the swings of that structure, of these relationships.

Is it a set of pendula, perhaps, in which from time to time, people get closer or farther from Logos and men and women switch places in society? Can the modern ear tolerate the proposition that there are "proper" roles for men and women? Judging by the vile words so often associated with the rise and radicalization of feminism, I would say, "no." The gender pendulum swings into painful territory on that end of its travels it seems.

You may consider the dynamic of the Women's rally the other day. First of all, people are generally either fully on board with the radicalized agenda or they are nowhere to be seen. There isn't really any middle ground in such rallies. Certainly, no one enjoys the tension of trying hold back the pressure of group momentum, fighting the tide, so to speak, and specifically in this case, the pressure of setting aside reasoning in

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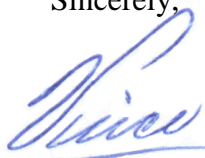
favor of empathy on so many issues of the human condition-- disordered sexual matters (divorce, contraception, homosexual activity, abortion, etc.) and life issues (abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, unnecessary capital punishment, etc.) -- is more than any of us want to have to confront. We cannot, by ourselves, hold back this expansion of evil.

So what then? Easy! The point is that we are not called to fix the problem ourselves. It is not about us and our perfections; even the just man falls seven times a day. We are not responsible for the results; we are responsible for our own faithfulness and our own actions. Certainly, we are responsible to admonish the sinner, both in the old Testament (Ezek 3; Prov. 24) and in the New (2 Thess 3; Gal 6), but dealing with that tension (or more developed hysteria and rage) is difficult. More and more people put short term results ahead of structure and principle. If we do nothing, however, we risk as Ezekiel says, that God will hold us accountable for not calling them to repentance!

While we at Holy Family Radio encourage those who take it to the streets in this culture of death and sin, we also recognize that working together with others in apostolates such as this a way to accomplish goods greater than any of us can accomplish alone. So, if you can't make it to the next rally, counter-protest or street evangelization effort, perhaps you can empower others to step into the gap for you! Join us in keeping Catholic radio on the air in our community!

Pray for our community, our government and our nation; for the Church and her leaders and for your favorite charities (as we pray that we number among your favorite charities) and keep Holy Family Radio in mind as you consider making a cultural difference in the Louisville area! May God reward you!

Sincerely,

  
for Holy Family Radio