

CN Morning Rundown: 'Fasting From Whiteness'? Chicago-Area Church Offers New Take on Lenten Tradition

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A Chicago-area church is making headlines for purportedly making a Lenten pledge to stop any music or liturgical elements "written or composed by white people."

First United Church of Oak Park's "fast from whiteness" is being observed during Lent, the 40 days commemorating Jesus' fast in the desert. Lent runs this year from March 2 through April 14.

The church's controversial move—described as a "mix of 'giving something up' and 'taking something on'"—has sparked local and national media attention.

Tomczak: Ol' Walt Would Probably Vomit at Direction Disney Has Taken

"I'm here as the mother of two queer children. One transgender and one pansexual ... we have many LGBTQIA characters in our stories and yet we don't have enough." – Disney Director of Entertainment

"Vomit" is a strong term to describe someone's possible revulsion at developments in a trusted company founded to uplift and inspire the imagination of children and families. Yet Jesus Himself used the term exposing developments contaminating a church in the book of Revelation (Rev. 3:16,

NASB).

Is it too strong a term?

Parents Roar at Disney Headquarters, Call for Company Boycott

In what may have been the happiest protest on earth, more than 500 parents and protesters gathered in front of Walt Disney Studios in Burbank on Wednesday at 6 p.m. to speak loudly against what they say is the company's agenda to sexualize young children and groom them into deviant lifestyles and relationships. Organized by Sean Feucht and his Hold the Line team, the rally provided a platform for parents and others to stand up against what they see as an anti-family agenda.

People from various parts of Southern California began arriving at Disney headquarters' front gate in a continuous stream before 5 p.m. Many carried signs, some bullhorns, and some stood and observed departing Disney employees, who sat in their cars and looked straight ahead until the light turned green and they could pull away. Eventually, guards in the Disney complex shut the front gate and redirected employees in another direction.

Among the first to arrive at the gates were Scott and Frances Marshall from Lomita, a city in greater Los Angeles. Frances held a sign that read, "Boycott Disney, Support Parental Rights." {eo}

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