

Illinois' Anti-Christian 'Civil Unions' Law Must Be Repealed

Homosexual behavior is always wrong, according to vast scope of Judeo-Christian history, so it is tragic to behold the State of Illinois—or any government entity—recognizing immoral same-sex relationships and treating them like marriage.

Moreover, for the City of Chicago and Gov. Pat Quinn to celebrate homosexuality with a mass Civil Union ceremony June 2 is an act of hubris and defiance toward the Creator that mocks His wonderful plan for real marriage—the sacred union of a man and a woman to produce children and family. The pandering Quinn—epitomizing the modern Democratic politician—mocks his own professed Catholicism by working tirelessly to undermine its clear moral dictates.

The anti-Christian Civil Unions law must be repealed. It was passed in a lame-duck session that once again revealed the contempt that liberal Illinois lawmakers have for the citizens they are supposed to serve. Ironically, shortly after passage of this bill—mischievously titled the Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Unions Act—religious liberty for Illinois citizens and religious institutions was immediately put in jeopardy.

A homosexual male couple targeted Paxton, Ill., bed-and-breakfast owners Jim and Beth Walder—who now face prosecution by the state because they refuse, as Christians, to hold “civil union” ceremonies celebrating homosexuality on their own business property. The Rockford Diocese’s Catholic Charities announced that it will halt its state-funded foster care and adoption services rather than be forced by the state of Illinois to place children in same-sex households that are

motherless or fatherless by design.

These sad developments in the Land of Lincoln constitute further proof that homosexuality-based “rights” and religious freedom cannot co-exist. “Gay” activism—empowered by Illinois’ “sexual orientation” law and the new Civil Unions law—will drive out the free expression of religion and morality, which must include the right to oppose sexual behavior historically regarded as disordered and sinful. (Thankfully, homosexuality is also changeable, as evidenced by Chicago Christian ex-lesbian Linda Jernigan, who spoke at Friday’s rally launching the Illinois Defense of Marriage Initiative.)

Already, there are “conservative, pro-family” defeatists who argue that the radical Civil Unions bill cannot be repealed. It’s funny how “gay” activists never display such timidity. The well-financed Homosexual Lobby sees “Civil Unions” as a mere pathway to full, legalized “same-sex marriage.”

We must work diligently to repeal this anti-Christian law, while also collecting 300,000 signatures to put a referendum on “same-sex marriage” on the Illinois ballot in 2012. Also, we will continue to push for House Speaker Mike Madigan to stop blocking a vote on a binding constitutional marriage amendment that will permanently prevent the radical redefinition of marriage in our state.

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