

Student Government at Large Catholic University Calls Misgendering 'An Act of Violence'

DePaul University, which promotes itself as the largest Catholic university in the U.S., now has a website offering its students to select from nine different gender identity options.

The College Fix reports the school's Student Government Association (SGA) announced earlier this month that DePaul's Campus Connect web portal gives students the option not only to select their legal gender but their gender identity.

The private portal stores information and allows for communication between students, faculty and staff. It allows students to choose either: male, female, intersex, non-binary, transgender male, transgender female, cisgender, unspecified and "I do not wish to self-identify."

According to the university's website, the Chicago, Illinois-based DePaul has an enrollment of nearly 22,000 students.

"Oracle, the company that created Campus Connect, added the feature allowing students to disclose their gender identity," according to The DePaulia, the university's student newspaper.

According to the newspaper, "With this release, DePaul jumped on the opportunity to 'promote ways for students to express their identity, if they choose to do so,'" according to Michael Wright, assistant vice president at DePaul's Registrar Office.

Riley Reed, the SGA senator for LGBTQ+ students, told The

DePaulia that the student government considers misgendering “an act of violence.”

“Since students can select their pronouns and gender identity, it luckily doesn’t leave room for error in a technical sense, since the information is readily available and accessible to others at the university,” Reed said.

The information about a student’s gender identity and ethnic background can only be accessed by certain staff within the university’s Registrar’s Office. But access can also be granted to faculty and staff so students can be properly addressed, according to The DePaulia.

Brandon Eisenhut, DePaul University’s College Republicans treasurer, told The College Fix that the student government tends to focus on issues that few care about.

Eisenhut said he disagrees with the notion that misgendering is “an act of violence.”

“I mean the definition of violence is physical force used intended to hurt, so no, I do not think it is the same thing as violence, but for some people, it is physiological violence,” he said.

CBN News reached out to DePaul University for comment. We will publish it here when we hear back.

The university has received pushback to the story, which has been amplified by conservative news outlets across social media.

One Twitter user responded, “#Christian parents must pull their kids out of these schools or let them join true Christian universities. Sexual deviance is forbidden in both the Old and New Testament.”

Another user asked if evil was winning.

“A catholic university bending the knee to gender identity

delusionists. Something I would never of expected to see in my lifetime. Is the evil side of the world winning?" the user tweeted. {eoa}

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