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Catholic Church Attacks Freedom of Religion

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Hey, who misses the Inquisition? Apparently the Catholic Church, which has never been comfortable with genuine democracies. They're now joining with the Mormons, Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Orthodox Jews to attack freedom of religion in Canada and make the practices of major religions they hate illegal under the law.

I'm talking of course about gay marriage. Eighty five percent of Canadians already live in areas where marriage rights are extended to all people and the valid marriages of the Episcopalians, Reform Jews, MCC, Unitarians and other mainstream religions are respected and treated as valid. But the Church is waging an unholy war against a bil coming to Parliament in early February that would legalize same sex marriage -- and therefore treat the practices of all major religions equally rather than singling some out as invalid.

This is not about same sex marriage. That is a fact of life and it will never go away -- neither will marriages between people of different races, different religions or marriages between adults who are 40 years apart in age and anything else some might find distasteful that many religions would bless. So don't let them make this an argument about gay people. It's an argument about freedom of religion. Why should the tenets of the Catholic Church become the law of the land while the tenets of the Unitarians should be made illegal? Why are Orthodox Jews good people of faith while Reform Jews are leading to the end of civilization? Why are Mormons godly people and MCCers attacking the very pillars of society? Why doesn't the Catholic Church oppose every politican who keeps divorce legal? Why am I still surprised and angry -- as a practicing Catholic -- at how much the Church and its tactics have changed in the past ten years?





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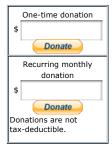


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