

Rainbow Sash Movement Organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender "Catholics" who "demand" that the Church change its teachings on homosexuality.

Sex Information and Education Council for the United States (SIECUS) From their own manifesto: "...integrates wisdom about sexuality ...; full inclusion of women and sexual minorities in the congregational life, including their ordination and blessing of same sex unions; sexuality counseling ... commitment to sexual and reproductive rights, including access to voluntary contraception, abortion ..." They have promoted a "Religious Declaration in Sexual Morality, Justice and Healing" which has been approved by several Catholic dissenters.

The Archbishop Romero Trust: an interesting over-lap between 'Justice and Peace' dissent (CAFOD, Progressio et al.) and the homosexual dissent. The Chair is Julian Filochowski, a former director of CAFOD, whose civil partner is Martin Pendergast, the leading figure in the RCCLGCM, SMPC and CAPS. So we find CAPS Masses promoting Romero (or Romero Masses promoting CAPS?) and both being promoted by the Justice and Peace establishment.

Voice of the Faithful (VOTF) From their mission statement, they are attempting to "3. Shape structural change within Church." This is intended to make a "democratic" Church which clearly violates the hierarchical structure which has always

existed and is reemphasized in Vatican II *Lumen Gentium*. The chairman James Muller states in a National Catholic Reporter article on April 26, 2002, "We have done without representation, and we have to change that." Also on a CNN interview dated April 29, 2002, the chairman desires cafeteria Catholicism: "... our goal is to provide a democracy for the laity, so that the *laity can decide what they want* and then counterbalance the absolute power, which we have now of the hierarchy.

Women's Ordination Conference WOC promotes women priests ("priestesses"). WOC is characterized by strong language denouncing "the patriarchal church" and the papacy of John Paul II. WOC leaders have suggested "new" sacraments that mark stages in a woman's life. Example: "Sacrament of Croning" at age fifty to herald the coming of "Wisdom." A recent WOC conference claimed ordination meant subordination; consequently, ordination needs to be Reconstructed. It is not unusual for WOC meetings to begin with an invocation to a pagan goddess, and may feature a pagan ritual meal.

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Dissident 'Catholic' Groups

These organizations either claim to be Catholic or, having once been Catholic, still make a special claim to the attention of Catholics, to give a 'Catholic' view, etc. All blatantly contradict the teaching of the Church, usually on sexual morality. In this they are not being clever or innovative, but are merely conforming to liberal views widespread outside the Church.

Why do they still want a 'Catholic' label? Often they benefit from Catholic connections in fundraising and recruiting volunteer staff. More importantly, they wish to undermine the fidelity of Catholics to the Church, and the Church's teaching itself.

They have been extremely successful in providing ammunition to the Church's opponents in the media whenever Church teaching is discussed, sowing prejudice and misinformation about that teaching and making it embarrassing for anyone to defend it. Nevertheless the Church has not ceased to put her teaching forward (on contraception, abortion, homosexuality, divorce etc.) and these groups are frequently embittered by this failure. Having no Catholic sense, they do not understand that the Church is prevented by the Holy Spirit from changing these teachings.

A Call to Action The most visible dissenting group which is a movement of laity and religious seeking to reform the "sinful structure" of the "patriarchal"

Church. One could call them the "mother of all dissenting groups" - feminist pun intended. CTA is infamous since its 1994 conference coverage on the CBS news program *60 Minutes*. CTA promotes dissent against Church teachings on a broad front, including women's ordination, homosexuality, creation spirituality, married priesthood, and liturgical reforms, while incorporating new age and Wiccan spirituality. Bishop Bruskewitz excommunicated those that belong to this group in his Diocese. Many members belong to local groups called "small faith communities." Renew 2000 also promotes small faith communities. Membership draws heavily from former clergy, feminist nuns, and homosexuals. Members staff COR. CTA serves on the national task force for the We Are Church referendum.

Advent Group This is composed of former Catholic priests and religious, who, having abandoned their vows, now campaign to end celibacy for the clergy, and for their members to be reinstated in pastoral ministry, partly on the basis of views of the priesthood completely incompatible with Catholic teaching. Another part of the network of dissent.

Catholics for a Free Choice (CFFC) This group was set up by and continues to be funded and promoted by pro-abortion campaigners to undermine the Catholic Church's opposition to abortion. Its leading members are not practicing Catholics, and it has few links even with dissident Catholic groups or theologians (though feminist-

influenced groups tend to be committed to abortion, and link their websites to CFFC). The rhetoric of 'choice' is badly chosen, as they oppose the right of doctors to refuse to carry out abortions, and they oppose giving women with crisis pregnancies information or counseling which includes anything about alternatives to abortion.

Core Of Retired Priests United for Service (CORPUS) Former priests who advocate married priests. Most are married, and they perform illicit priestly ministries. Their founder Padovano is a prominent figure in Call To Action. CORPUS was instituted to provide support and fraternal affiliation for former priests.

Dignity Advocate of homosexual "rights," including "marriage" within the Church. They form local chapters to provide "spiritual" support for practicing homosexuals who want to pursue full sacramental participation and ministerial duties. Vehemently opposed to COURAGE, the homosexual support organization promoting abstinence.

Franciscan Companions of the Immaculate After their self-admitted schism from the Catholic Church, this group of religious joined the so-called "United American Catholic Church." This group dissents against Catholic teaching on a wide basis, including divorce/re-marriage, homosexuality, and "Mother God." Although claiming to follow authentic Catholic spirituality, this group incorporates Buddhist concepts and promotes as "His Holiness" as a title for the eastern pagan

religious leader Dalai Lama instead of the Pope.

FutureChurch A regional parish-based coalition seeking to address the priest shortage. FutureChurch claims the remedy is the ordination of married men and women. FutureChurch engages in educational presentations to parishes, grass-roots organizations, and the media. Its current project is a nationally-promoted dialogue on an "inclusive priesthood."

Jesus Seminar A seminar in which we are supposedly to learn what Jesus "really meant" in the Gospels. Much material follows the modernist liberal dissenting views which go against Church teachings.

New Ways Ministries Militant advocate of homosexuality which also demands ordination and ministry for homosexuals. Primary effort is educational workshops and seminars to identify and eliminate "homophobia" in the Church.

Pax Christi, a political campaigning group opposing nuclear weapons, the war in Iraq etc., consistently misrepresenting the Church's teaching on war. Without claiming to be a Catholic organization in its self-description, it is not only listed in the Catholic Directory but collects money on 'Peace Sunday' in parish churches. It is part of the 'Justice and Peace' establishment which produces much hot air on global poverty while ignoring abortion, euthanasia and the attack on the family.