

Mr Manoff - 17 Oct 06
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My name is Fr. GREGORY CHARNOV, the spiritual director for the Cape of Couples for Christ, one of the new movements in the Catholic Church renewing individuals and families in the power of the Holy Spirit - restoring sanity and normality - bringing healing and light. We have already endeavoured to serve our Country South Africa and you who are appointed by the people, for the people, to be the servants and protectors of the people. This we have done by writing to you and sending you books, videos and DVDs. [We are one of the partners in the heterosexual marriage campaign].

You have already listened to many words. I shall be brief. I give you instead an African picture. Summer is almost here and so in the country areas all over we encounter snakes in the bush and sometimes we see them on the roads. Imagine. I now pick up a snake, behind its head, so I am not bitten. I hold it here before you. More about this snake later shortly.

I don't want to speak about religion. I want to talk about wisdom. We all wish to be wise, we do not like to be stupid. (How the love of wisdom is a science. It is called philosophy - philo (love) & sophia (wisdom). A basic principle of this science of philosophy is that 2 opposite points of view which are diametrically opposed can, obviously, not both be true. One is true, one is false. They cannot both be right, one position is right & one is wrong.

The expense to the tax payer of alternative arrangements for the proper formation and care of children, ~~and~~ and care of the elderly (our senior citizens), will increase substantially, if the stability of the traditional family is further eroded. And government can never substitute for genuine community and authentic care as is available in that community of love and life which is the family as we have always known it.

So, an open society cannot close itself to wisdom, to reason, and, obviously, to life. || Let us see now how this applies to law.

It is obvious that law should always be seen to be wise, reasonable and life-giving. Otherwise, the law itself is brought into disrepute.

"Human law is law inasmuch as it is in conformity with right reason and thus derives from the eternal law. But when a law is contrary to reason, it is called an unjust law; but in this case it ceases to be a law and becomes instead an act of violence." "Every law made by man can be called a law insofar as it derives from the natural law. But if it is somehow opposed to the natural law, then it is not really a law but rather a corruption of the law."

(St Thomas Aquinas quoted by Pope John Paul II in EVANGELIUM VITAE - the Gospel of Life - dated 25/3/95, paragraph 72. St Augustine also quoted by St Thomas Aquinas. "non videtur esse lex, quae iusta non fuerit.")

their needs as they deform the conscience of our
beloved New South Africa. TRUTH is a person.
His name is JESUS CHRIST, who is Saviour and
Lord. ~~You cannot change~~

Committed Christians are committed to TRUTH.

Look at this Snake! It is poisonous. It is not
African. It is a foreign import. It is deadly,
especially to children. And all of us are precious
children of God!!!

Please, dear representatives of the people, protectors
of the people, servants of the people, for the
sake of the children, do not let this thing
happen. Please. In the name of Almighty God,
who is our ^{loving} Creator and redeemer, the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit. may God bless you all.
