

## Concerned Parents, Donors and Alumni of Jesuit High School (Sacramento)

*A multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, and multi-disciplinary association of faithful Catholics called by Can. 215: "The Christian faithful are at liberty freely to found and direct associations for purposes of charity or piety or for the promotion of the Christian vocation in the world and to hold meetings for the common pursuit of these purposes."*

April 9, 2022

Dear Concerned Parents, Alumni, and Donors:

- **Quick summary:**

- **Parent-student mental health and welfare Zoom roundtable scheduled;** confidentiality assured, Sat., April 23, 2022, 10 a.m.; invitation below. Designed to address psychological and physiological harm to children as a result of factionalized teachings that demean, insult, and separate. Parents and students from all schools are invited. Anonymity protected. (See details below.)
- **Jesuit and the Jesuits' refusals** to change course, engage in dialogue, or listen, while pursuing programs that attack Catholicity and Catholicism and inflict harm on the young. (Further discussion follows.)

**Background.** We write to update you on the next steps associated with the canonical process now being prepared against Jesuit High School and the Jesuits West Province. Our petition will show harm to children, abandonment of Catholic teaching, refusal to engage with parents and stakeholders in defiance of the local Bishop and canonical mandates, and deceptive external marketing literature that conceals classroom teachings from parents, alumni, and donors.

The case we've assembled shows that these teachings harm the young, bring confusion, oppose Catholic teaching, betray parent confidence, and are part of the Province's and Jesuit's secularization of theology – contrary to parent expectations in enrolling their sons, and contrary to all external literature soliciting donations and enrollment. The teachings are traceable in part to the Jesuits West Province, whose website's content and links show this. Rather than leading the way using Catholic teaching as guiding light, schools of the Province and the Province itself have made Catholic teachings subservient to divisive and radical secular teachings.

The Jesuits West Province has rejected (1) any form of dialogue with the Concerned Parents (with the Jesuits threatening in January 2021 to withdraw from Jesuit High School Sacramento if the Board of Trustees investigated teachings), (2) ecclesiastical and canonical authority, and (3) direct invitations to consider evidence of child harm. (All of this has been reported to you over the months and is now maintained on the Concerned Parents/Alumni/Donors' website: [www.faithnotrace.org](http://www.faithnotrace.org).)

**The Canon Law case.** Our Canon Law case will consist of the following evidence:

- **Psychological harm to the young.**
  - Jesuit High School Sacramento and the Jesuits West Province, invited to receive and consider our literature showing this, declined, and have engaged in no studies of their own.
- **Physiological harm to the young.**
  - Available studies also show that there is a correlation between factionalized teachings and *physiological* effects on the young, also not studied by any school employing them.
- **Dilution of Catholic teaching to the point of abandonment of it.**
  - Evidence consisting of downloaded materials, student-supplied materials, parent-supplied materials, course syllabi, and course catalogues.
  - Many of these materials are already on the websites maintained by stakeholders from Jesuit Sacramento ([www.faithnotrace.org](http://www.faithnotrace.org)) and Loyola Marymount University ([www.renewLMU.com](http://www.renewLMU.com)).
- **Refusal to participate in dialogue.**
  - The Administrations of Jesuit Sacramento, Jesuit Portland, and Gonzaga Spokane have refused to engage in dialogue with parents, alumni, and donors, rejecting all forms of dialogue, from requests for meetings, to refusals to participate in or observe hosted Zoom events.

- Contrary to dialogue (the highest priority of the Church), administrators at these schools have threatened faithful parents, urged others to ignore these parents, and have threatened retaliation if parents persisted in complaining about wayward teachings.
- **Statements from concerned parents and other stakeholders from other Jesuit schools of the Province, including Loyola Marymount University, University of San Francisco, Gonzaga High School (Spokane), Bellarmine High School (Tacoma), Brophy (Phoenix), and Jesuit High School (Portland).** Examples include:
  - **Jesuit High School (Sacramento)**'s has a long-standing pattern of harassment of and threats to complaining parents. Jesuit continues to encourage "gender fluidity", despite advertising itself as a school uniquely beneficial to young men as an all-boys school, a further instance of internal teaching directly contradicting what is presented externally. Despite the request of the Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento that factionalized teaching be avoided and the Concerned Parents be listened to, Jesuit and its Administration and Board refused to implement the Bishop's request, declined to consider relevant materials on harm, and failed to respond at all to requests for engagement. The Jesuits West Province also refused to engage in dialogue, despite the Bishop's request.
    - Jesuit Sacramento persists in defiance of both the Bishop and the clearest Church teachings. Most recently, Jesuit on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, hosted an all-student event where outside groups were brought in to speak to the students. The groups were overwhelmingly left of center and "woke." There was an attempt to overlay this with reference to Catholicism, but the reality was otherwise. For example, one group in its PowerPoint invited the boys to "pick their pronouns," an invitation to gender fluidity that repudiates Pope Francis. (We have previously shared the Pope's words. See <https://www.faithnotrace.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Vatican-Man-and-Woman-2019.pdf>.) Another group presented a relentless attack on capitalism. Still another questioned the legitimacy of the United States because it sits on occupied lands (an extremist view struggling to go mainstream through forums like Jesuit). When these and other themes were brought to the school's attention, the Administration's response was to attribute these positions to the speakers, not to the school, disregarding that they positioned the speakers to inform and influence.
  - **Gonzaga High School (Spokane).**
    - Gonzaga's lay President referred to complaining parents as "terrorists and trolls" when they complained about the school's factionalized and divisive curriculum. Gonzaga parents went on to host a mental health professional, who met with Gonzaga students, finding extreme student suffering in response to classroom teachings (teachings that are not consistent with materials distributed to parents and donors).
  - **Jesuit Portland, Bellarmine Tacoma, and Brophy Phoenix.**
    - Each report similar failings and defiant Administrators, spurred by a Jesuit Province that has fallen heavily into radicalism and away from catechizing and away from forming our young to embrace and grow into healthy identities, shaped by the Church's timeless wisdom. Jesuit Portland parents have even been barred from knowing what is being presented to their children, most recently at an all-student "LGBTQ" presentation at the school. Parents who inquired were told they would be given no information. (Reminder: Under international, federal, and canon law, parents are the first educators of their children.)
  - **University of San Francisco:**
    - Theology courses include "THRS 131 - QUEERING RELIGION Unit(s): 4 "This course explores the following queries: How do queer people navigate religious contexts, especially those that have often attempted to negate them? In what ways can religion be queer How do activists, theologians, clerics, and practitioners work to 'queer' religion?" College of Arts and Sciences [USF boasts that Catholics are only a minority of its student body. Of the many online articles treating this topic at USF, please see <https://forward.com/fast-forward/482872/rabbi-camille-angel-queer-religion-at-the-jesuit-catholic-san-francisco/>.]

- **Loyola Marymount:**
  - A “theology studies” professor’s penalized a theology student for using the male pronoun to refer to God, despite the presence of that same usage in the Creed recited at Mass throughout the world and throughout Scripture itself.
  - Loyola Marymount was also location of a December 2021 Planned Parenthood event celebrating unrestricted abortion, against the explicit request of the Los Angeles Archbishop that the event be cancelled.
  - The Loyola Marymount University “student edition” bulletin for March 28, 2022, announced that on March 16, 2022, the school’s Gender Studies Department hosted a program titled “Queer, Trans Migrant Panel Explores Liberation Work.” (Full story: <https://newsroom.lmu.edu/campusnews/queer-trans-migrant-panel-explores-liberation-work/>.) The linked article includes this bio of the Loyola professor responsible for this content: “Sandibel Borges, Assistant Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies, Sandibel Borges’s research looks at the experiences of LGBTQ Latinx migrants in Los Angeles, California and those of LGBTQ returning migrants in Mexico City to examine how heteronormativity, white supremacy, exploitation, and surveillance are embedded in the immigration system. She further investigates the practices of refusal and resistance that LGBTQ Latinx migrant narrators employ against systems of violence.”
- **Colleges.**
  - *Why are Jesuit colleges relevant and why will our Canon Law challenge include them?*
    - Because college teachings intensify the anti-Catholic teachings of the high schools, undoing both civilizational and Scriptural norms.
    - The undoing at Jesuit schools appears to begin in earnest in the high schools, based on guidance and content provided by the Province.
    - It then gains fuller life at the university level, where we now see at Loyola and USF the full repudiation of Catholic teaching in offerings like “Queer, Trans Migrant Panel Explores Liberation Work” at Loyola and “THRS 131 - QUEERING RELIGION” at USF.
- *Statements from Jesuit schools outside of the Jesuits West Province.*
  - Many parents, alumni and donors from across the country have reached out to request assistance and support in response to Jesuit-sponsored schools embracing secular radicalism to the exclusion of appropriate, legitimate and authentic teachings of the Catholic Church. We have received particularly disturbing information from parents of **Loyola Academy** (suburban Chicago), **St. Louis University High School** (St. Louis), **Regis High School** (New York City), and the **Nativity Middle School** (Worcester, Massachusetts). From the colleges now down to middle school, these teaching approaches are in intellectual and spiritual free-fall.
  - Jesuit-sponsored **Nativity Middle School** (we emphasize: *middle school*) has a Jesuit priest resident on campus for the purpose of advancing the school’s Jesuit identity. This identity now includes flying a “Black Lives Matter” flag and a “Gay Pride” rainbow flag underneath the American flag on the school’s outside flagpole.
    - As with **Jesuit Sacramento** and **Jesuit-founded Loyola Marymount**, school staff have defied the local bishop’s request to remove the flags. Here is the Bishop’s measured and appropriate statement: <https://worcederdiocese.org/news/statement-on-nativity-school>.
    - Here is a link to a local CBS-affiliate’s news report: <https://boston.cbslocal.com/2022/04/04/worcester-bishop-nativity-school-black-lives-matter-rainbow-pride-flags/>.
    - Here is a link to an article from the *National Catholic Register*: <https://www.ncregister.com/cna/massachusetts-bishop-asks-catholic-middle-school-to-take-down-pride-black-lives-matter-flags>.

**The Parent-Student Roundtable.** We will host a parent-student round-table, designed to enable students to discuss their reactions to divisive teachings, their emotions, their coping, and their sense of God in this messaging. **Anonymity is assured.**

*Zoom meeting.*

*Topic: Catholic Student and Parent Mental Health and Well-Being Roundtable*

**Time: Apr 23, 2022 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4733179299> Meeting ID: 473 317 9299

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*[We will also circulate a separate stand-alone meeting announcement by email.]*

This is a crisis. Jesuit administrators' actions defy local Bishops and the Pope, continuing a path that misleads, confuses, and harms the young. What kind of character and personhood are we permitting these schools to impose on our young? Are they promoting unity as part of the Body of Christ? Or disunity and mental and physical harm?

Betraying parent trust, these schools create division, strife, and harm, starting in the classroom where, for example, students are either *oppressors* (such as male, Christian, and cisgendered), or the *oppressed* (not male, non-Christian, transgendered) – even within the same classroom. What greater harm can be inflicted on young minds than to repeatedly tell them they are in one camp or the other, that they should question their gender identity, or that upon accepting their birth gender they become oppressors?

If you have any questions or comments, please reach out by email. If you would like a confidential conversation, please let us know and we will arrange that.

**Other voices.** Please remember: You are not alone. The wise, the good, the educated, and the informed join you. We continue to share other voices like yours and ours, who from their unique vantage points see the harm being inflicted:

- Catholic convert **Brian Holdsworth** speaks about faith and education. *“The Children are Not Alright.”* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BbsPL24OaYQ&t=19s>.
- Catholic priest **Fr. Eusebio Ebanks** speaks to the bypass of legitimate Catholic teaching in Catholic schools in order to elevate wokeism. *“The Evil Agenda Infiltrating our Catholic Schools.”* <https://courageousclergy.com/the-evil-agenda-infiltrating-our-catholic-schools>
- Concerned Parents' video presenting school psychologist **Colleen Warshawer**, discussing harm to children. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjWjEcatlZ8> [starting at 32:32]

**Forming our Young.** As of this writing, the sovereign nation of Ukraine is under invasion by far larger Russia. Not since World War II has there been conflict in Europe on such a savage level. Our young must be prepared for a world where there is no ambiguity about right and wrong. They must be empowered by excellent faith and personal formation to engage with a troubled world. We opened this email with a reflection about St. Augustine and his warning about reducing theology by detaching it from God. What can we observe at these schools? Just as Augustine warned, a reduced theology, a diminished theology. This explains how the majesty of Catholic teaching over the millennia has been reduced today to current Jesuit teaching like “Unpacking your white privilege.”

*“But man did not so fall away as to become absolutely nothing; but being turned towards himself, his being became more contracted than it was when he clave to Him who supremely is.”*

St. Augustine of Hippo, *City of God*, Ch. 13; written 413-426 A.D.

Thank you.

The Concerned Parents, Alumni and Donors of Jesuit High School.

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