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Open Letter to the **Successors of the Apostles** in Australia in the aftermath of the Fifth Plenary Council

Dear Archbishops and Bishops,

"Gay marriage has given our society little to celebrate"

says Angela Shanahan in an article in *The Weekend Australian* 19-20th November.

She refutes the claim that the same-sex unions from 2017 has proved to be harmless:-

Think again. If the punitive coercion suffered by people who did not support gay marriage during the period preceding the postal vote didn't convince you that this was not just about marriage, but about the gradual **imposition of a radical agenda on the whole of society**, then look at what has happened since.

She points out that **schools now teach children that gender is fluid** and that it is almost impossible to challenge the trans agenda. See overleaf on the LGB. She quotes the persecutions of Isaac Folau and Archbishop Porteous and Andrew Thorburn.

These were skirmishes before the coming full scale **persecution of religion and morals**.

WHAT'S TO BE DONE?

The best defence is **ATTACK**. St Paul agrees:-

I charge you [Bishop Timothy] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: **preach the word**, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching. (2 Timothy 4:2-3)

PROCLAIM that "now is the acceptable time; behold now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2):-

1. The **torturing to death of 250 babes** in the womb each day, the ultimate in child abuse, is supported by our Governments, media, education and many intimidated cowardly businesses.
2. Governments tacitly **support pornography** by refusing to close down its internet servers and websites. Sex-perversion lessons in schools reference them and thereby abet access to groomers.
3. Challenge parliaments to debate **limits to law-making**. Politicians have no power to violate natural morality; e.g. allow you to burn down a neighbour's house because you don't like him.
4. Denounce State hypocrisy imposing a **quasi-religion of atheism to restrict real religions** which uphold natural morality, ennoble character, make good citizens and reduce welfare expenses.
5. Defy governments negating our human right to practise religion and **to employ whomsoever we wish, just as political parties do**. Laws and tribunals shall not suppress our benefits to society.
6. At national, diocesan and parish levels and within parishes **mount a mission** to proclaim our GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ as Divine Friend, Saviour and Master for all who repent and believe.
7. Call on all Australians to **say the Lord's Prayer twice daily** as a personal experiment for self-improvement, to live a better life. "God is good for you!"

Begging your episcopal blessing and assuring you of prayerful support, I am,

Yours sincerely in our Lord,

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PUBLISHED WORKS

Catholic Family Catechism Apostles' Edition II (500 Q&A's); *Disciples' Edition II* (only 50 Q&A's);
Confirmation Kit for Home Preparation; *Heart Speaks to Heart* prayer book;
Apostles of Christ in High Schools, duplicated Teacher's Books;
For other publications: Cardinal Newman Faith Resources Inc, 02 9673 2235 and see
www.cardinalnewman.com.au for regular *Handouts* (A4 sheets)

Bush Boys and Cuthbert (2 in 1);
Bush Boys and Bush Rangers;
Bush Boys on the Move;
New Boys in the Bush;
Squiggles and Squinter;
New Boys Go Bush Again.

LOVE sinners including LGBT+ but correct their beliefs
not like the 41 signatories, self-described "members of the Plenary Council",
who expressed solidarity with them

**We need to act on two fronts:
convert our pro-LGB dissidents
AND fight legislated vice**

BETTER we "bite the bullet" now rather than later. We can and we must politely refuse our co-operation to impoverished legislation, purporting to be compassionate, but not so in proven reality.

It may mean gaol, financial ruin, ignominy, closure of schools and confiscation of land.

"I will speak of Thy testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame" (Psalm 119[118]46), like St John the Baptist, who died for denouncing remarriage after Herod's double-adultery: **"It is not lawful for you to have her"** (Matthew 14:4).

PASTORAL PRACTICE

Priests need to teach and persuade the faithful, including all sinners and every dissenter,
to live the Paschal Mystery.

Stations of the Cross

Whoever does not bear his own cross
and come after Me, cannot be My disciple".

Luke 14:27

Is it nothing to you who pass by? Look and see
if there is any sorrow like unto my sorrow...

Lamentations 1:12

The Fifteenth Station

O God, Whose Only Begotten Son
by His Life, Death and Resurrection
has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life,
grant we beseech Thee,
that meditating on these mysteries
in the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary
together with the Stations of the Cross,
we may imitate what they contain
and obtain what they promise
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith,
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light'
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
for it is in giving that we receive,
in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

The Way Forward with Jesus, His Gospel & Goodwill

OUR WAY forward is to present positively
and in all kindness, Christ's Good News, in
all its truth, beauty, goodness and Godliness.

His life-style for us is far more noble than
any government-approved immoralities such as:-

- atheism/agnosticism
- blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech
- disregard for God's Rest Day
- deconstructing family life and parental authority
- killing the innocent by abortion and euthanasia
- making mockery of marriage by divorce and per-versions (such as contraception, masturbation, fornication, adultery, sodomy, transgendering)
- collecting taxes for immoralities
- lying about outcomes of immoralities
- tolerating pornography's lustful arousal
- greed even when it negates goodness.

We Catholics try to love sinners as Jesus
loves them, loving them towards repentance of
sins, to enjoy His friendship as a loyal disciples.

He answered [the Pharisees],

Have you not read
that He Who made them from the beginning
made them male and female, and said,
"For this reason a man shall leave
his father and mother and be joined to his wife...?"
Matthew 19:4-5, quoting Genesis 1:27 and 2:24.

- Christ approved marriage (Matthew 19:5; John 2:1-2)
- and consecrated celibacy (Matthew 19:12)
- and rejected fornication (Matthew 15:9)
- adultery (ibid.)
- divorce (Matthew 19:3-9)
- sodomy (Matthew 10:14-15 & 11:23-24)

Surely this teaching of Christ and His
Church must be upheld by bishops, Plenary
Councils and schools, even unto martyrdom?
**Neither He nor we can approve LGBT+ activity
nor any other rejection of God's life-style for man.**

Hence the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

**Everyone, man & woman, should acknow-
ledge and accept his sexual identity.**

Physical, moral, and spiritual difference
and **complementarity**
are oriented toward the goods of marriage
and the flourishing of family life.

The harmony of the couple and of society
depends in part on the way in which
the complementarity, needs, and mutual support
between the sexes are lived out. (CCC n. 2333)

Yours sincerely in Our Lord,

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