

The Pastor's Page

New York governor: opponents of same-sex 'marriage' just 'want to discriminate,' are 'anti-American'

by Patrick B. Craine



NEW YORK, October 26, 2011 (LifeSiteNews.com) – An employee with the New York Archdiocese warned of an “impending persecution” after New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo called same-sex “marriage” opponents discriminatory and

“anti-American” last week.

The governor, who was instrumental in the state’s passage of same-sex “marriage” in June, was asked at a New York Times forum which arguments against same-sex “marriage” he found compelling.

“None,” he said. “There is no answer from the opposition. There really isn’t. Ultimately, it’s, ‘I want to discriminate.’ And that’s anti-New York. It’s anti-American.”

Ed Mechmann of the Archdiocese of New York’s Family Life Office said it is “chilling” that the state’s top official would declare such a large segment of the population as “political pariahs.” He warned Catholics of an “impending persecution,” saying that Cuomo has effectively “declared us to be enemies of the state and nation.”

“In reality, Mr. Cuomo doesn’t just disagree with our arguments, he denies their existence,” said Mechmann on the archdiocese’s blog. “He clearly believes that they are pernicious, beyond the pale of proper discourse, and motivated only by hatred.”

“That is why he has now declared that we are ‘anti-American’ — that is to say, enemies of our nation,” he continued.

“This is legitimately frightening. We all know what the power of the state can do to its enemies,” he added.

This week, Rev. Jason J. McGuire of New Yorkers for

Constitutional Freedoms issued an open letter calling the comments by Cuomo an “attack” on half of America’s population and demanding an apology.

In July, New York Archbishop Timothy Dolan warned that, if experience in other jurisdictions was any indication, believers in the traditional family “will soon be harassed, threatened, and hauled into court for their conviction.”

Christians in the UK, Canada, and elsewhere have lost their jobs, been dragged through lengthy “human rights” proceedings, and faced steep fines for questioning the dangerous homosexual lifestyle, declining to facilitate gay “marriages,” or even failing to acknowledge “gay pride” events. “Like St. Thomas More, we’re willing to take the heat and even lose our head from following a conscience properly formed by God’s revelation and the teaching of His Church, even if it is politically incorrect, and clashes with the King’s demands to re-define marriage,” said Dolan.

Immediately following the passage of same-sex “marriage”, New York state officials moved to force marriage commissioners to sign marriage licenses for same-sex couples.

Reacting in July to the news that the first commissioner had resigned as a result, Cuomo insisted that commissioners must put the law above their religious beliefs. “When you enforce the laws of the state, you don’t get to pick and choose which laws,” he said. “You don’t get to say, ‘I like this law and I’ll enforce this law, or I don’t like this law and I won’t enforce this law’ - you can’t do that.”

“The laws would have to be paramount, and would have to be paramount to your religious beliefs,” he added.

New York was the sixth U.S. state to recognize homosexual “marriage,” in addition to the District of Columbia.

Contact Information: The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
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Albany, NY 12224
Phone: (518) 474-8390

COMING SOON . . . MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

SUGAR PLUM DAYS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!

Saturday, December 3 from 10AM - 6:30PM ~ Sunday, December 4 from 9AM - 1PM

*** RAFFLE BASKETS:** Please drop off your raffle basket items in Moorman Hall. We will start selling tickets for the Raffle Baskets after the masses on November 19/20 and November 26/27.

*** DONATIONS:** Consider donating new or gently used items for our Gift Gallery, Dollar Store, Book Sale and Grab Bag areas. Place items in the baskets at all of the church doors beginning this weekend. They can also be brought to the counter in Moorman Hall - please label them "Sugar Plum."

*** WORKERS:** Sign up to work the shift of your choice in your favorite area of Sugar Plum Days. Sign up sheets will be at the back of the church after masses on November 19/20 or you can sign up by contacting Mary Hagen at hagens7hm@usfamily.net or 952.949.0319.

*** BAKERS NEEDED:** Cookies, cookies and more cookies!! We'll need many, many homemade cookies for our famous "by the pound" Christmas cookie sale and also items for our bake sale. These donations can be brought to Moorman Hall beginning on Friday, December 2 and anytime throughout that weekend.

Sugar Plum Days is only 3 weeks away! Everyone is welcome - Bring a friend!

Any questions, call Mary Hagen at 952.949.0319 * Sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-life Evening!

Saturday, December 10, 2011

3:30pm: Rosary at Clinic

Father Thomas Dufner will lead the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet next to the Robbinsdale Abortion Clinic:
3819 West Broadway, Robbinsdale, MN 55422
Look for the life-size Crucifix.

4:45pm: Liturgy of the Hours

Evening Prayer I will be prayed at Church.
Come and experience this beautiful prayer of the Church!

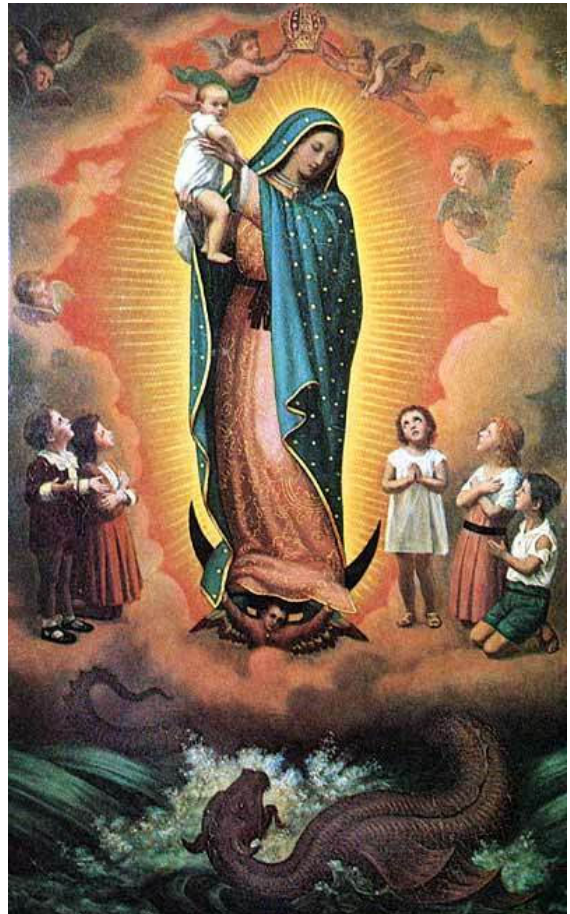
5pm: Holy Mass

Father Dufner will be the main celebrant. Holy Family Choir will provide music and the Knights of Columbus color guard will march. Children will be invited to present roses to Our Lady after Holy Communion.

6pm: Dinner

Stay for dinner! Our Mexican fiesta will be catered by *Chipotle Restaurant*. Burritos (chicken or veggie) with all the chips and salsa you can eat will be served. Wine and Mexican beer will be available. A free will offering will be taken.

IT IS NECESSARY TO RSVP TO THERESA IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY 12-NOON ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!



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✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, November 13 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Donut/New Member

- 8:00 am Confessions
- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 2:00 pm All In God's Plan/Mother-daughter (MH)

Monday, November 14

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
- 3:00 pm Widower and Widowers Holy Hour (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm Carmel (Moorman Hall/Church)

Tuesday, November 15

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Grandparents Prayer Group (Gathering Place)
- 10:30 am Goodtimers 500 Club (Gathering Place)

Wednesday, November 16

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Coffee & Rolls (Moorman Hall)
- 11:45 am Exercise Class (Moorman Hall)
- 5:15 pm Kids Praise Too!
- 6:30 pm HFC (School)
- 6:30 pm Confirmation (Church)

Thursday, November 17

- 8:00 am Mass
- 7:00 pm Choir
- 7:00 pm NFP (Gathering Place)

Friday, November 18

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
- 8:00 pm Youth Adoration

Saturday, November 19

- 6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)
- 9:00 am Children's Retreat - The Story of the Mass
- 10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)
- 2:30 pm Baptism Class (Gathering Place)
- 3:30 pm Confessions
- 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, November 20 - Christ the King!

Food Drive Sunday

- 8:00 am Confessions
- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 6:30 pm Theology A La Carte (Gathering Place)

Tips for STAYING HEALTHY this COLD and FLU SEASON

- The **BEST** way to break the chain of infection – **HANDWASHING!**
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth or nose.
- Avoid close, prolonged exposure to people with colds.
- If you think you have the flu, stay home from work or school and avoid elderly or frail relatives and friends
- Eat well and get enough rest.
- Avoid getting “run down” which can lower your immunity to illness.
- Cough and/or sneeze into your sleeve.
- If you use a facial tissue for coughs and sneezes, dispose of it immediately and appropriately.
- WASH your HANDS FREQUENTLY.**



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS who serve the HOMEBOUND, NURSING HOMES, and METHODIST HOSPITAL...

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend a meeting **Tuesday, November 15th, at 8:30 (after Mass) in Moorman Hall.** We will be discussing the **“New Translation of the Roman Missal”** which we will begin using on **November 27, 2011.**

Your attendance is important.

If you have questions, call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext.13

~ SACRAMENT of the ANOINTING of the SICK ~

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at the 8:00AM Mass, followed by a light brunch in Moorman Hall.

This Sacrament is celebrated with the anointing of oil for healing of the body and the forgiveness of sins.

Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 x 13, if you have questions.

Wills and Bequests

Have you remembered Holy Family for 10% of your estate?

When you do, our legal corporate title is:

“Church of the Holy Family of St. Louis Park, Minn.”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez34:11-12,15-17;Ps23;1Cor15:20-26,28;Mt25:31-46

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Albert the Great

Wednesday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

Thursday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Friday: Dedication of the Basilicas of the Apostles Peter and Paul in Rome; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Family Weekly Offering November 5/6

Regular Envelopes	\$17,828.03
Plate	\$ 1,385.36
CARE Fund	\$ 724.45
Online Giving	\$ 1,956.25

Thank you for generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov 14	Father Moorman †
Nov 15	Judie Sanders †
Nov 16	Agnes Doyle †
Nov 17	Rev. Bernard Klein †
Nov 18	Virginia Gausman †
Nov 19	Chester Wozniak †
Nov 20	Father Richard Hogan † (9AM)
Nov 20	For the Parish (11AM)



In anticipation of the new translation!
Holy Family's Retreat for Children

THE STORY OF THE MASS

Saturday, November 19 ~ 9:15-12noon in Moorman Hall

Exciting Stories! Music! Snack! Art Project!

Special Presentation by Father Dufner!

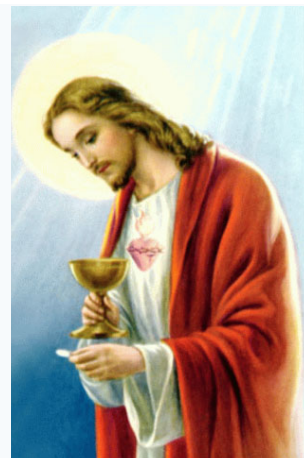
Childrens' Eucharistic Adoration!

FOR GRADES K-6

(Teens are welcome to be helpers - please contact Mrs. Prather)

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE at or on all Church bulletin boards.

Questions? Jean Prather 952-929-0113 x 12 or jean@hfcmn.org



THANKSGIVING DAY ~ S.T.E.P. DONATIONS

Join us at the 9:00AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day to thank God for the many Blessings He gives us.

On Thanksgiving Day, the Parish Church and the Domestic Church combine to reach out to the needs of the wider community by sharing food with the hungry

through contributions to S.T.E.P. Everyone is invited to bring *non-perishable food items* to replenish the S.T.E.P. food shelves. What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving Day than to come into the Father's House bearing gifts of food to share with those in need. The monetary collection will also benefit S.T.E.P.

Youth Ministry

Sunday, November 20 - Theology A La Carte in the *Gathering Place at the Church* with Fr. Michael Keating. The topic: "The Image-Makers and the Fight for Identity." Pizza will be served. 6-8:00PM

Saturday, December 3 - Lifeline Mass with Tony Melendez in concert! Holy Family has a limited number of tickets. Please sign-up as soon as possible to reserve your ticket. *You can sign up for any youth event at missbormes@gmail.com or 952.929.0113 x 21.*

Holy Family's **Carmelite Group** will meet Mon, Nov. 14 at 6:30PM in Moorman Hall. Since we are not an official secular Carmelite community, you are free to join us and experience Carmelite spirituality as your vocation and schedule allows. Questions? call Jean 952.929.0113 x12.

ATTENTION
ALL BLOOD DONORS:
Holy Family will be hosting an
"Emergency Blood Drive"
Thursday, January 5, 2012.
Watch the bulletin for more details.

NOVEMBER...A Special Time to Remember our Deceased Loved Ones. Throughout the month of November, the **"Book of Eternal Life"** will be in the sanctuary with the names of those who have been buried from Holy Family this past year. You are invited to add the names of your deceased loved ones.

Natural Family Planning

Modern Natural Family Planning is based on comprehensive scientific research and is healthy and marriage building! If you are looking to enhance your married life, a series of classes taught by a qualified instructor will begin on:

✓ **Thursday, November 17, 2011 at Holy Family, St. Louis Park**

To register or for more info, please call the Billings Ovulation Method at 612.396.4019

✓ **Saturday, November 12, 2011 at U of M Medical Center-Fairview, Minneapolis**

To register or for more information, please call the Twin Cities FertilityCare at

651.232.3088 or register on-line at www.tcnfp.org

For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, call 651.291.4489 or visit www.archspm.org/family

Deanery Meeting

Monday, November 28 at St. Helena's Catholic Church from 9:00AM to 2:30PM. There will be two speakers; first Thomas Helgen will speak on "Fraud" and then Molly Block will speak on "Mental Illness and the Stigma That Hurts Us All." Lunch will be paid for by the Altar & Rosary Society. Please call Terry Berthiaume for reservations at 952.929.3155.

Pro-Life Corner

ROME, FEB. 12, 2010 (Zenit.org):- There is nothing more certain in this world than death, yet there is nothing so feared as illness, pain and suffering. This was the thesis of an address given by Cardinal Angelo Comastri, archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica, to a conference held in the Vatican to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Ministry. In his address on the meaning of pain and suffering in the contemporary world, the cardinal noted that the terms are as "two sisters who call one another and go hand in hand." Death, he added, is "the consummation of suffering." Cardinal Comastri illustrated with some examples and statistics how the contemporary mentality increasingly seeks comfort and shuns pain and inevitable death. He asked: "Why so much silence about the problem of death? Why is there so much fear of death, which is an unavoidable step for every person that is born? And, as a consequence, why is there so much fear of sickness and suffering?" Death, the cardinal affirmed, "brings down the false vision of life which has taken possession of men in the 20th century." *To be continued...*