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File Name Representations to the Taoiseach, 22nd January 2015 - 22nd January 2015

email will go to : [REDACTED]

Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach

Salutation: Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

Text of email I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence to the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D., which was copied to the office of the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., dated 21 January, 2015.

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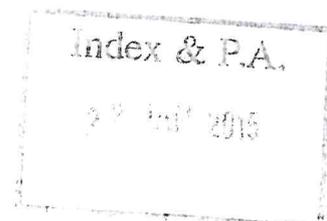
Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan
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to the Taoiseach

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History: - OpenEnglish Email Reply Issued on 22/01/2015 16:18:40 to [REDACTED] by Robert Wiggins



21/01/2015 17:00

To <minister@justice.ie>
cc <taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie>
Subject Wpuld the Mionister please
define..

Dear Minister Fitzgerald

Respectfully Justice Minister, I am concerned about the present government's idea of what a family is -given that- I expect - most members of government have grown up in a family and are what they are due in great part to that .

Following your statement today and the new wording you suggest may be offered for decision, I am at a loss to grasp what the Minister understand by that statement . Law is of its nature specific with clear terms of reference .

For this reason please could the Minister define , so that I can review this wording correctly, what is the Ministers definition for :

Marriage

Father

Mother

Child

Family

The Minister refers to marriage yes but the wording following on belies what most human persons have understood and can grasp from the evidence of life and family around them. A child only wants his mother and father - this protects them, they shy away from everyone else.

Added to that, from age old centuries, universal cultures, the great Greek thinkers of humanity , none of them have had difficulty in embracing the intelligible evidence that a father and mother constitute the basis of a family and –if it is to be - their union begets children of their own flesh and blood – whom they can naturally love, nurture and pass on to them their inheritance as persons and contribute to the human family.

Minister, the solution you are seeking is something different and finding it you will best serve the purpose of those for whom you wish to legislate .

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your attention,

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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Details of Material same sex marriage
email sent to [REDACTED]
Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach
Text of email Dear [REDACTED]



I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., dated 21 January, 2015, the contents of which have been noted.

I have copied your correspondence to the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D., for consideration and direct reply to you.

Yours sincerely,

Celine McEvoy
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21/01/2015 00:17

To taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie
cc
Subject

Taoiseach,

I am a mother of five children (aged 64) and I would like to share an interesting viewpoint on the same sex marriage/civil partnership issue voiced by my daughter, [REDACTED] at Christmas time.

She and her partner (male) live in [REDACTED] and are both in their late thirties.

She has many gay friends, some in same sex marriages and some in civil partnerships. She also has many heterosexual friends, some in marriages and many, like herself, in long-term partnerships.

[REDACTED] and her partner would like the right to have a civil partnership.

There is a growing demand for this in the UK from heterosexual couples who do not want a marriage, but who want the rights associated with a civil partnership in terms of property, taxation, next of kin, inheritance and, particularly, the rights of the second parent and children where applicable.

This demand is so strong that she feels that it is only a matter of time until some heterosexual couple seek equality, through the courts if necessary.

It might be prudent to introduce the right of civil partnership to all before the referendum on same sex marriage. This way the "uniqueness of the role of husband and wife in marriage" (Catholic Bishops) is already diminished, and with it, hopefully, the objections of some to the referendum.

Civil partnership rights are already in existence so should it should be possible to widen them without too much bureaucratic turmoil. Most legal and official documents already cater for this option.

Offering the choice of marriage or civil partnership to heterosexual and gay couples is true equality. Anything less is still an inequality, after all.

Please consider this, Taoiseach and good luck with the referendum in any case!

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Yours sincerely,

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Please respond to webmaster

22/01/2015 15:44

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[REDACTED]
21/01/2015 22:14

To "webmaster@taoiseach.gov.ie"
<webmaster@taoiseach.gov.ie>
cc
Subject

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Email [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

21st Jan. 2015

Dear Taoiseach,

It is with sadness that I write to you regarding the proposed referendum on same sex marriage and in the name of Almighty God, I urge you to please study carefully the scriptures listed below because whether we like it or not everybody and that includes you and me are not just answerable to our fellowman but we are answerable to Almighty God, so it is vital that we know and discern God's divine will on this matter.

While I urge you to read all the scriptures listed, it is implicit that you read Genesis chapters 18 and 19; but I believe you will get better understanding if you read the scriptures in the order listed.

Romans ch. 1 v 16 – ch. 2 v 16

2 Peter ch. 2

Genesis ch. 6

Genesis ch's 18 & 19

It is worth noting in the days of Jesus, Peter inspired by God spoke of Noah and Lot who lived around 4 thousand years before and are spoken of in Genesis.

It is also worth noting that in 2 Timothy 3 v's 16 & 17 All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that man is thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Matthew 24 v 35 Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.

Hebrew 13 v's 7 & 8 Remember you leaders who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Sir, may God give you the wisdom, discernment, strength and courage you need at this critical time in the history of not only our own country but our world, and may I like Abraham ask God to have mercy on your soul.

Sincerely,

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January 2015

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Dear [Redacted],

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D. dated 28 January 2015, the contents of which have been noted.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

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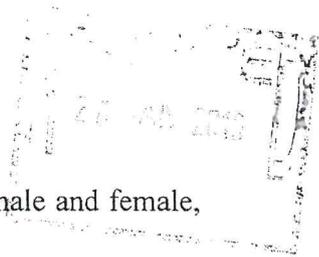
28.1.15.

Re: Same sex union/marriage

Sub issue: Marriage equality bill

To: *Mr. Kenny; Taoiseach;*
Sir,

The ancient principle, relating to human reproduction was to mate, male and female, neither ceremony nor documentation required.



The modern equivalent has evolved into a legal institution, a ceremony, and a sacrament, recognised by the state, law and Church, as the manifestation of the importance of Human reproduction i.e. the joining of male, and female, declaring a united intimate union.

The central point of existence between birth, and death is unification, in order to procreate, and form a family unit. The word created for identifying and promoting this principle (in English) was, and is, called 'Marriage'. The principle requirement to engage, and bind, the marriage was – that both partners had the wherewithal to create children. Even if no issue evolved, the fundamental sexual apparatus had to be present for either to marry i.e. the union had to be between male, and female.

Nowadays, there are new notions being promoted concerning the principle of marriage, commonly called same sex unions i.e. allowing same sex individuals to form a union, and call the manifestation of that union, same sex marriage. These ideas are created out of a sense of compassion without any resource to common sense or reality.

It is obvious that two individuals of the same sex, cannot, reproductively, mate, nor, marry. That is just impossible. The marriage consummation act cannot be engaged in, and sexual acts that can be engaged in cannot procreate. These notions undermine the basic tenets pertaining to the principle reason for mating at all, which is to, produce children and thereby ensure the future existence of the species; these ideas also negate tenets associated with hereditary principles. The inappropriate use of terminology, has to be shoehorned in order to fit, and declare a falsehood. The term same sex marriage is a misnomer, and is idiotic in construction.

The hard facts, that ensure that a marriage can be consummated, and result in a family construct, are, that sperm, and egg are available, and the relevant chromo somatic material, designated x and y sex genes, are available from the donating couple.

There is no other construct, and any other 'notion' to the contrary, are figments of shallow and delusional thinking. Platonic relationships can be established by same sex couples. If sexual relationship develops "they" have not the requisite genitalia to mate nor marry. A united intimate union is impossible.

All that can be gained is a document bequeathing the title 'marriage'. The establishing, and promoting of these documents, denigrates, and diminishes the statute of the basic concept. The entire principle is reduced to a travesty and the statute in significance. Moreover, because the idea of equality is established by inference, the reproductive dignity of those who can, and do, procreate is reduced i.e. the promotion, and establishment, of the 'notion' tries to promote equality, and claim acceptance of an elevated position, which is manifestly false.

The concept, of evaluation in stature for a few, because of the bestowing of the title *marriage* that cannot be realised in practice, reduces the gravitas of the title, for the many, who can beget. Credulity is stretched to ridiculous levels.

Moreover, non-productive unions eliminate the relationship principle i.e. mother, father, grandmother, grandfather etc. These entities cease to exist, unless artificially contrived. If there are no genetically engaged relationships, there can be no prohibition on same sex unions/marriage being contracted between sisters, brothers, mothers and daughters, fathers and sons. A document proclaiming marriage can be written to cover any same sex couple, that wishes to create a legal union, and if one wishes to stretch ones imagination, a document can be contrived to proclaim marriage, between different genii.

The recipients of such documents will find that they have gained little, if at anything all. The entire matter is sad, pathetic and depressing, but if the idea helps to elevate some of the above, sentimentally, there may be some merit in the concept, but in the long term little gain. Confusion in the entire matter may well be the final result (such as conflict in the Irish Constitution with Article 41).

I remain yours faithfully,



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Details of Material comment on gay marriage in Massachusetts

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Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach
Text of email Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., date 29 January, 2015.

The Taoiseach has asked that I forward a copy of your correspondence to the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D., for her attention and direct response to you.
Yours sincerely,

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29/01/2015 15:14

To <enda.kenny@oireachtas.ie>
cc
Subject Please comment on experience
after legalisation of gay marriage
in Massachusetts

Dear Taoiseach,

As a medical doctor I wish to express my concerns about the marriage equality referendum and would be very grateful if you could watch this video which outlines the consequences of legalisation of same sex marriage. It clearly is not simply about allowing same sex couples to publicly express their love. Much much more is at stake as experience from other jurisdictions shows. Here is the link: [What did gay marriage do to Massachusetts.](#)

I would be very grateful if you could let me know your views regarding the serious issues raised in this video. Please do not send me a standard reply but a specific response to the multitude of concerns.

Many thanks,
Yours sincerely,

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Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach

Text of email Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email of 21 January, 2015 which will be brought to the Taoiseach's attention.

Yours sincerely,

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History: - Email Ack & Refer issued on 02/02/2015 12:04:56 to [REDACTED] by Ciara Mahon


21/01/2015 21:24

To "taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie"
<taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie>
cc
Subject Marriage equality Referendum.

Dear Enda,

Further to speaking with you last month, I want to acknowledge the work you and the government have put into bringing about the referendum on Marriage Equality.

I am most grateful for the support for me, my spouse, my children, and all LGBT people in this country, to finally be recognised as equal citizens.

Kind regards,



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email received from [REDACTED]

Details of Material Same sex marriage

email sent to [REDACTED]
Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach
Text of email Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence dated 2 February, 2015, the contents of which have been noted.

A copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to the Minister for Justice & Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D., for her attention.

Yours sincerely,
Michelle McKiernan

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For attention

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02/02/2015 20:12

To "enda.kenny@oireachtas.ie"
<enda.kenny@oireachtas.ie>,
"joan.burton@oireachtas.ie"

cc

Subject Re: Same-Sex Marriage
Referendum

"A person may cause evil to others not only by his actions but by his inaction" John Stuart Mill

I would like to put on the record my objections to the term "Marriage" being used in same-sex partnerships. The dictionary describes marriage as a union between a man and woman.

There was a request by "Gay" rights groups a while back about their unions being recognised and the civil partnership bill was passed to provide legal recognition & rights across a wide range of law including home issues, maintenance, pensions, tax, succession rights and statutory provision on equality.

Why then is it necessary to change that?

People stood by in the 50's, 60's etc when the Catholic church and State took children from their parents mostly unmarried parents and put them in "Good homes & parents" but fast forward and many of those children although they were well-cared for are looking for their biological parents. That proves to us that it is not only loving families that children need but they also need identity. They need to know who they are. Why will you bring in a law that will copper fasten two-men or two-women being the sole parents of children. After all a man and a man cannot have children neither can a woman and a woman that is why children need to know both parents or their biological families.

Secondly we are being told this has to do with equality. If that is the case how come polygamous marriages are not recognized. There are many families from African and other cultures in Ireland whose marriages are not recognised. If this is about equality then will their marriages be recognized as well?

Even liberal countries like Britain & France debated this thoroughly but the votes were tight. However in Ireland, people are being if they express any disapproval of this.

Also how will this be reconciled to the views of the faith groups. Will they be demonized? What about their rights as Irish citizens?

Thanks for reading my views on this issue. I hope this will be thought through. I hope it does not pass for the sake of every Irish citizen especially the children of Ireland as it will be detrimental for them in the long run.

Kind regards,

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3 February 2015

[REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED],

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3 February, 2015, to the Taoiseach, Mr. enda kenny T.D., reharding the forthcoming Referendum.

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Doolan
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Taoiseach's Private Office

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Dear Taoiseach and Advisers

Thank you for acknowledging my letters. I am writing to you on behalf of all those who have great worries about the coming referendum, and the part the media are playing to promote the LGBTB view of their demands.

Now after writing this letter I'm going to write to my solicitor to find out from him if my fears are groundless. Last week I asked for you as Taoiseach to get [redacted] for the No Voters and the LGBTB get theirs. Its the only way the ordinary people will get a fair and just opinions of what this is all about.

Last Sunday Feb 1st I watched The meaning of life on Television. Stephen Fry was on the seat. He chose the house of Oscar Wilde to be filmed in. What Stephen Fry had to say made Headlines in the paper. I won't repeat, and the kindest thing I have to say and trying to be kind is that indeed he is a very sick man, was it just a coincidence that a picture of his "marriage" was on a paper "you know the small ones" to a very young man, and that they on he is very happy. How convenient for the LGBTB that this all happened just like that OR is it all part of the promotion for the "cause"

to be - that the more support they get it would make homosexuality and the Rest = normal - that is trying to tell us that one and one makes three, I remind you he is supposed to be a comic - and so his reasons are comical

Now, it is high time for you and me and all of us to "Stand and Stare"

For you, in particular - The G LTB, clapped their hands when you came out with your vote, you were pushed against a wall for it - you are made feel you are depriving a man or woman to love - live their lives like every ~~one~~ man and woman who marry. And there lies the problem - they are not man and woman - But they want to claim the rights of a man and woman. And we are called homophobic if we differ from them.

As I wrote in one letter this is coming from the stage, the source of entertainment, Real life is different. The stage deals with fairy tale stories of love and tragedy for our entertainment, I believe Fifty Shades of Grey ~~is~~ is coming to our cinemas, we are warned it could be classed as pornographic which makes me think is such entertainment good for us well as the old fashioned person I am. I have come to the conclusion that the Ten Commandments ^{or} are the best the best script that was ever written and it's a pity, thinks differently. Sincerely

For the benefit of mankind,

File Number: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Representations to the Taoiseach

February 2015

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., outlining your views on the Marriage Equality Referendum.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Taoiseach and Advisors,

I ask myself why I'm doing this? my answer is I feel I have to try and do something to counter-act what I and others like me have to read on the papers. Last week it was about Stephen Fry he called God an idiot and evil perhaps I'm wrong but I think he's the idiot and to be kind I'll not call him evil, but he's a star and we are all to be enthralled, I'm not.

This week we had the life story of Ramon Faval, - the Brother of Colin Faval the famous star and all about how gay he is since the age of four - and how Colin found Gay Community News under his bed, Oh of course he was doused in the toilet etc. and how unfair it was - We've all heard that before - He had sexual desires at six ~~or~~ eight - a load of Bull. He should be an actor too, But this is all to printed to try and educate us, and in the end he went on to say that no one who know himself and Steve will vote No in the coming referendum. They have a home together a mortgage, bills - dogs and in laws and he thinks that entitles him to marriage, They have everything they want but they want to get into the marriage bed, and He or they will feel fulfilled, Oh to put it another way - equal - But that is where they are asking too much - Bruce Arnold M.P. 16

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So and said there is no need for marriage
I was glad of his opinion. A sound man.
And so Pat Carey "came out" as if we did
know and what has he to complain about
It didn't stop him from being a TD or Minister
did it, also Leo's coming out was a political
move, Did it stop him from getting on or
being what he is - what is getting at -
they are playing the sympathy card, the
we should all think they're getting it tough
when they are not - It is none of our business
if a person is gay or not, they have their
friends - their lives, as Jim at it would anyone
dare to question Jerry Adams - his wife or family
nobody would dare - as far as I know he has
a wife - I do hear about his teddy bear -
And to think that he could be replacing
you! Going back to this referendum, I think
it was Pat Rabbit who said at one time
that love affairs should not be the affairs
of the Government, Let's look at the word
equal - equality - being the same in
quantity, size, degree value or status,
gay marriage can never be the same as man
and woman and we are all being brainwashed
into accepting the unacceptable, you had
a father and mother who married so that
you would have a father and a mother
Surely we can stand up for that
right. I think the selfishness of lesbians
having children awful - how can they
deliberately deprive a child of a father
That child will grow up. It will ask questions
I've heard this has happened two lesbians

had a baby - one had they split up and the baby now being cared by some one else, I cannot come to terms with their sexual activity and whatever it is. It is not love - I repeat not love - We are hearing an awful lot about Fifty Shades of Grey, A Money Spin to that about love - no its about Sordid sex, I was up late one night and I happened to switch on to Twenty First Century sex, Awful - You happened to say - and the excuse for this Referendum is - we must move with the Times - No this is the time we should stand still, Protect the marriage Bed, And Dare Homosexuals or Lesbians share it, We owe that much to our country, to our civilization, to our parents to our history, to our Saints in Heaven,

You offer the alternative to marriage Kinnage or Kenniage after yourself. Be Sympathetic - they can get Kennied or Kinnied - It will be a union of two people, why can't it be done of course it can be done, It would unite everybody. You are the Taoiseach you are in charge - You put this idea to the people as the solution to this very divisive problem, and you will be doing something good for the people and the country, Solve this problem your way But protecting marriage and the act of Procreation from abuse - yours sincerely
 This you'll have to do -

17th

Another Day but with a difference. It's Ash Wednesday. I thought it a pity to waste all those lines, so I'll take you back the garden of Eden and to Adam and Eve. They got their instructions they could have the fruit of all the trees but one - but they got tempted and sampled it, so that is why we are as we are. As I see it there is that tree in all our gardens - in our lives. Some things or indeed things we cannot have. If you are rich you can have everything money can buy, but there are things money can't buy, you cannot buy good health, mental or physical, so people and children are born with disabilities, and there are all sorts of ailments. People get on with their lives accepting their lot. So to view homosexuality from this point of view, I question the LGBT demands. They do not accept their disorder. Regarding Marriage Homosexuality was a criminal offence for centuries. Now they want the right to marry and it is being promoted from the stage of stage and screen. There is nothing ordinary about their lives, let's look at the conduct of DSK and his abuse of his sexuality. Henry the eighth did what he liked - because he thought I'm King, and he abused his sexuality. Sexual abuse brought the Catholic Church to its knees. They tried cover up, what's wrong is wrong - you can't paint over soot. That's what Gay marriage is trying to do -

Thanking you

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Details of Material same sex marriage

email sent to [REDACTED]

Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach

Text of email Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of 22 February 2015 regarding the marriage equality referendum.

I have forwarded your correspondence to the office of the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D. for attention and direct reply to you on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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22/02/2015 16:01

To taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie
cc
Subject SAME SEX "MARRIAGE"

Rather than politics being "the art of achieving the impossible" I have now come to believe that politics in Ireland is in fact, in part, "the art of deceit, delusion and fooling ones self.

A clear example of this is the proposed same sex marriage referendum.

Marriage is the union between a man and a woman as husband and wife.

This is what the human anatomy is designed to accommodate.

Is buggery/sodomy now to be deemed an acceptable human activity?

The coming referendum cannot be said to be about equality as we all are already equal under the Constitution.

Whilst love is a vital element of any relationship nothing whatsoever, not even amending the Constitution, can alter the fact that relationships between a man and a women, between two women or between two men are each very different in their expression, content and form.

The true reality of life is that it should be based on mutual respect, tolerance and an attitude of live and let live - not on a sham or appealing to fantasy in the interest of expediency or any other ulterior motives.

I would, at your convenience, appreciate your clear and unambiguous comments.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

File Number: [REDACTED]

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email will go to : [REDACTED]

Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach

Salutation: Dear [REDACTED]

Text of email I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of 26 March 2015, to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., regarding the forthcoming referendum, the contents of which have been noted.

Sign Off

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Doolan

Teresa Doolan
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cc

Subject URGENT Letter to the Taoiseach
& Ministers on Same Sex
Marriage Legislation

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Letter on Same Sex Marriage to Taoiseach.docx

(ORIGINAL LETTER ATTACHED)

Date: Thursday 26 March 2015

An Taoiseach – Enda Kenny
Department of the Taoiseach
Custom House Buildings
Dublin 1

Dear Taoiseach, Tanaiste and Ministers

SOON, the people of Ireland, *'the sons of Roisin'*, will decide whether marriage still holds the same meaning and value as it always has within her Constitution. And so it is with a heavy heart that I write this letter to you, uneasy that **Catholic** Ireland, known throughout the world as, *'a land of Saints and Scholars,'* has been dragged to this threshold by her leaders and decision makers of today.

In that prophetic question once asked by Luke Kelly, 'For What Died The Sons of Roisin? How would he write his final verse now? It is becoming clear there is an aggressive and sustained attack on, Marriage and the Family and we seem to be departing very quickly from its fundamental basis - that is in bringing up children.

Our right to conscientious objection is being eroded, little by little, and we're being forced into accepting this agenda. An agenda that Pope John Paul II referred to as, *'the dictatorship of relativism.'* A dictatorship, where right and wrong become obscured. It is I believe a grave failure on your part, Mr. Taoiseach, and the part of every Irish Minister, not to oppose the error of same-sex marriage. There is nothing more dangerous than ignorance in action. One day, the veil will be lifted from you and the extent of your decisions will become all too apparent.

An irregular union, that is, a homosexual union, is by its nature less stable than regular unions. Those who enter such unions don't expect them to be long term or exclusive. Stability, you will agree, is an essential criteria in bringing up children and in turn builds strong, well-adjusted adults. Homosexuality and lesbianism effects almost three per cent of the population. It is further claimed around 0.3 per cent of this figure will avail of same-sex marriage if it is legislated for. (1) These figures tell us that same-sex-unions are an unnatural tendency, like anorexia for example, which effects five per cent of the population. (2)

Would we contemplate pushing through legislation that would close down restaurants and cafes because anorexics find food offensive? Wouldn't this be irrational? We don't celebrate other anomalies such as suicidal tendencies or alcohol addiction either so why is Ireland being forced to celebrate homosexuality? The media seem determined to exploit the gay community. And while they

spearhead a campaign that seeks to erode marriage, they are successful too in creating a false notion of mercy and displaced compassion. Unfortunately, your Government and its ministers appear to be taking their lead.

I would plead with you, Mr. Taoiseach to utilize what free will you have, and oppose these changes that could make Ireland more enslaved, to what Rev Martin Luther King, described in his epic 1963 speech, as, 'the tranquillizing drug of gradualism.' An uncompassionate gradualism, that will allow, if same-sex couples are allowed to adopt, eight times more children to be harmed and even abused by their parents than already is the case. And 50 times more likely to die of injuries inflicted upon them. (3) Accepting gay marriage legislation is making immorality normal. If legislated for, same-sex marriage will not bring about the assumed equality that aggressive secularism says it will. This is yet another lie being spun by the media and political lobbyists.

When King spoke of, 'all men being created equal,' he spoke within a Christian framework. Same-sex marriage will always be a false equality. When then, will our nation, 'Rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed.' (4) And we can both look forward to a time when, as Luke Kelly alluded to: 'When those brave men who fought and died that Róisín live again with pride'. Protect and safeguard the family and marriage, in its authentic meaning and you will protect Ireland's future generations.

I look forward to a response on this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours Faithfully

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Text of email I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., dated 27 February, 2015, the contents of which have been noted.

Sign Off

Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach



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cc
Subject Same-sex marriage referendum

dear Taoiseach,

I am writing firstly to thank you for being one of the greatest political leaders in the history of Ireland. Although I have recently moved to Northern Ireland, the years I spent working in the Republic allowed me to see the many changes for the better introduced by your government. Thank-you for the courage, vision and determination you have shown in leading us through some of the most complex and challenging circumstances in the history of the state. It was largely due to your extraordinary speech on relations with the Vatican, which outlined a vision of what a modern republic could be, that I applied for Irish citizenship - something which has become very important to me.

So I hope that you will consider my request that you also lead us through the debate on same-sex marriage. Since 1937, the Irish constitution has recognised that "all authority" comes from "the Most Holy Trinity," and that to God, "as our final end, all actions both of men and States must be referred." We recognise in our constitution that we have "obligations to our Divine Lord, Jesus Christ, Who sustained our fathers through centuries of trial." The most important legal document in our state acknowledges that we as individuals, the governments we elect and the laws we establish, will be judged by God.

This is what makes the referendum so serious. The Bible clearly teaches that marriage is to be a life-long relationship, based on public promises, between a man and a woman. If we want to continue as a Christian country, we must support the Bible's teaching. We cannot vote in favour of same-sex marriage and still claim that we are a Christian country. We cannot vote in favour of SSM and still claim that we as individuals support Christian morality.

For the constitution is right. One day, we must all give an account of ourselves before God. We are all sinners - gay and straight people alike - because we have all fallen short of the glory of God. But God invites all of us to become his children. He will not tolerate our sin - but he will forgive it - not because of our good works but by his grace. There is a way to escape God's judgement: for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

I and my family pray that you and your government will have wisdom in leading us through these difficult discussions - and that you will remember that, as the Bible and Constitution agree, we will all give an account of our actions to our divine Lord, Jesus Christ.

Yours faithfully
[REDACTED]

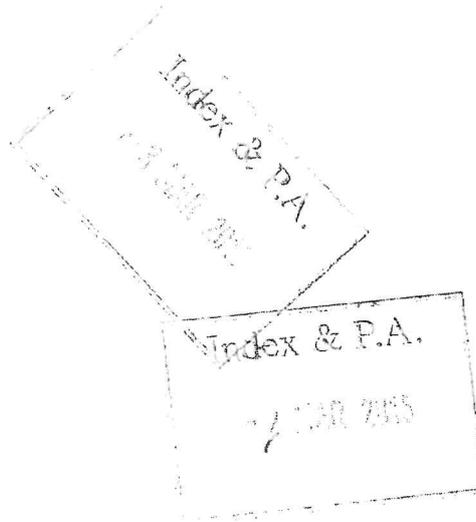
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Dear [REDACTED]



I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Taoiseach, Mr Enda Kenny T.D. dated 24 February 2015, the contents of which have been noted.

A copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to the the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D. so as she is aware of your views.

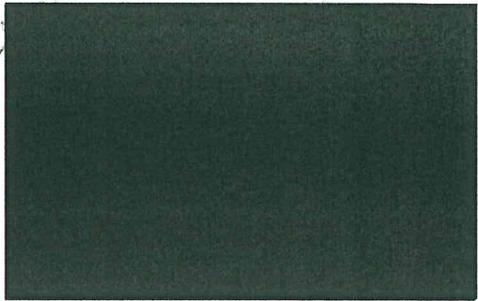
Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

Angela Flanagan
For information

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For attention

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Dear Sir,

I hope the letter finds you well. I regret that you are away long.

I am writing as a citizen of this country and you that as President of the Indian people you are bound, like us, to the constitution of this country when you are in it.

In the name of the Great Holy Trinity, from whom is all authority and jurisdiction all actions with it and all other things must be signed.

The Indian people have seen that the Indian people in this act by signing the Indian people the constitution is a decision that is certain to take place. Now, the scriptures are the basis of the Church.

to me with regard to your contribution
to the constitution. I have been
very busy with my own work and
have not had time to answer you
before. I am sure that you will
be satisfied with the result. I
am a citizen of Ireland and
I think our constitution is a
very good one. I am sure
that you will be satisfied with
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Thank you for your letter,

I will pay for you.

Yours truly,
J. C. Christie,

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13 March 2015



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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D. dated 4 March 2015, the contents of which have been noted.

I have forwarded a copy of your correspondence to the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D. so as she is aware of your views on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

PS Minister for Justice & Equality
For attention

4/3/15

Dear,
Ende,

These are, as is normally the case, a number of serious topics on the government's agenda. One of which is the subject of marriage. Marriage in its original state relates to a long term relationship between a man and a woman.

With pressure being put on you and your associates to alter the constitution laws, etc. in order to legalise 'marriage' for relationships other than that which is ordained by God. I would like to suggest to you that you explore the following chapters in the Holy Bible.

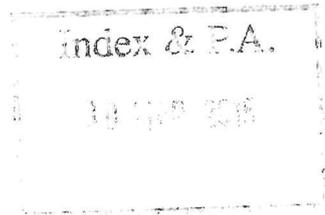
1st Corinthians Chapter 7

Colossians Chapter 3

Ephesians Chapter 5

God gives man freewill to choose how he lives his life on earth. So if a man wants to live with a man, and women with women, in whatever way they choose, let it be. But be careful not to misuse or alter the meaning of the word 'marriage' as it is sacred in God's sight.

Everyone
who's actions are not justified by God



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<webmaster@taoiseach.gov.ie>
cc
Subject

I pray the Lord will lead and guide you in the way you should go.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]



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God's Opinion of Same Sex Marriage

Take note of what God says within His Word I pray
with regard to the question that is on our minds these days
Because God speaks so clearly we ignore Him at our peril
He commands us to pay attention or before Him we'll have no referral
We are told if man disregards God, God will allow him to go his own way
Soon his life will become so wicked, and evil he will sin continually
God warns folk will pay a penalty if they have sex with their own gender
I pray our government will listen carefully before family life is torn asunder
God warns His wrath will be revealed against the depravity of man,
so we must pay heed to what He says while we may and while we can
He says we will be held accountable for our actions, speech and thoughts
but we will also be judged by Him if we condone others who breach His laws
God warns all who ignore His decrees deserve the penalty of death,
so we need to obey His Will while in our lungs we have breath.
If you don't accept what I say is true
please read Romans chapter 1, v's 18 to 32
Read there for yourself what God has to say
and His Word will clarify things I pray.
God's Law doesn't mean that God is brutal, harsh, unsympathetic and unkind
Far from it, He ever has the good of His created in mind
He who moulded and made us after His divine Will
knows exactly how He created us His Will to fulfil
He is also well aware that Satan led man astray
and is grieved when He sees how Satan tempts man down his sinful way
God knows Satan's aim is to steal, kill and destroy
the lives of unsuspecting men, women, girls and boys
That is why our God who loves us sent His only Son
to redeem sinners who repent and put their trust in Him
Regardless of our status or what we have done
God is willing to wipe the slate clean for each and every one
He then gives His followers the strength to live life as we ought
because when Jesus, His Son died, **He** our salvation bought
In fact Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God
interceding for those who love Him while we remain on earth's sod
We are told He is also preparing a place for all who trust Him
so that when we leave this scene of time we can dwell eternally with Him.

by 

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I have copied your correspondence to the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D., for consideration and Minister Fitzgerald will respond to you directly on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Celine McEvoy
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

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PS/Minister for Justice & Equality
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Sharon Finegan
For information

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BUNREACTH na hÉIREANN IN
RELATION TO MARRIAGE

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**Enda Uasal Kenny,
An Taoiseach,
Dáil Éireann,
Teach Leighin,
Baile Átha Cliath 2.**

**RELEVANCE OF THE PREAMBLE TO BUNREACTH na hÉIREANN
AND THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN RELATION TO MARRIAGE.**

A Uasail Kenny,

I can see a conflict between the proposed change, about marriage, to Bunreacht na hÉireann and the spirit of the Constitution as expressed in the Preamble.

I have laid the matter out in the attachment.

Basically, statements in the Bible indicate that the Holy Trinity wouldn't be pleased with same-sex relations so, as same-sex relations are the background to the proposed change, the proposed change would seem to me to be contrary to the wishes of the Holy Trinity.

This is not the view of any specific church, it is the plain text of the Bible.

I would like to ask if any consideration was given to what the Holy Trinity may wish?

When discussing this, one person said that it is not a matter of whether we believe in God on a personal basis, or not, the constitution says "MUST" be referred.

At the regional meetings, held by the Council for the Constitution, at the one I

attended, one man said that he was a humanist so the preamble to the constitution ruled him out of public office as he could not in good conscience swear to the constitution because of the reference to Holy Trinity and that left him as less than a full citizen. That man wanted the reference to the Holy Trinity removed from the constitution.

I said that I believed in God, but I could support that man's position because it has to mean something or should be removed. It seems to me this proposed amendment brings this matter to light. If the reference to the Holy Trinity means anything, then it seems to me that the proposed amendment to bring in "same-sex" is contrary to the Holy Trinity's requirements.

Our position is different to the remainder of Europe and the world. The rest of the world can discuss marriage and change their definitions. We can't. As this is a change of the constitution, then the overall position of the constitution MUST be taken into account. If it were solely about marriage it might be possible, BUT, as the matter involves the constitution, then the spirit of the constitution, as expressed in the Preamble, must be taken into account.

I am composing a larger article on the issue should you wish to have it.

Is mise, le dea-ghuí,

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RELEVANCE OF THE PREAMBLE TO BUNREACHT na hÉIREANN
TO THE CURRENT PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION.

A Chara,

Considering the Preamble to Bunreacht na hEireann, I would see a conflict between it and the proposed amendment relating to marriage. So, can an amendment, which conflicts with the spirit of the constitution, be accepted?

Here is wording from the Preamble to the Constitution - "In the Name of the Most Holy Trinity, from Whom is all authority and to Whom, as our final end, all actions both of men and States must be referred."

- all actions both of men and States must be referred – "MUST BE REFERRED"

How can we refer matters to the HOLY TRINITY? At a very minimum we would have to consider what is said in the Bible; the Scriptures. This is not necessarily what any one church says. This is the basis, out of which, any church derives its position. I will quote directly from the Bible and leave it there. I will quote from a couple of different Bible versions which cover the main different churches.

The wording for the referendum is, "Marriage may be contracted in accordance with law by two persons without distinction as to their sex."

Before this wording was issued the terminology was "same sex marriage" and that is its purpose. Now what is really behind this? It follows on from Civil Partnerships of a few years ago which was only applicable to people who were having or intended to have same-sex relationships. Two brothers can't have a Civil Partnership just because they are brothers, two sisters cannot have a Civil Partnership just because they are sisters. The referendum itself may be dealing with legalities but it must be remembered that behind that is same-sex relationships; same-sex intercourse.

2.

With same-sex relations in mind, it is necessary to consider what the Holy Trinity's view might be.

The Law given via Moses, to God's nation, is found near the beginning of the Bible. The "famous" Ten Commandments are found in the twentieth chapter of the second book in the Bible, called EXODUS – (Exodus 20). These regulations are expanded in the next book, called, LEVITICUS.

First the prohibition : -

"DO NOT LIE WITH A MAN AS ONE LIES WITH A WOMAN; THAT IS DETESTABLE." Leviticus 18 : 22

"YOU SHALL NOT LIE WITH A MALE AS WITH A WOMAN; IT IS AN ABOMINATION." Leviticus 18 : 22

Then two chapters later, the penalties for contravening the regulation : -

"IF A MAN LIES WITH A MAN AS ONE LIES WITH A WOMAN, BOTH OF THEM HAVE DONE WHAT IS DETESTABLE. THEY MUST BE PUT TO DEATH; THEIR BLOOD WILL BE ON THEIR OWN HEADS." Leviticus 20 : 13

"IF A MAN LIES WITH A MALE AS WITH A WOMAN, BOTH OF THEM HAVE COMMITTED AN ABOMINATION; THEY SHALL BE PUT TO DEATH; THEIR BLOOD IS UPON THEM." Leviticus 20 : 13.

In the above quotes, there is a flavour of the Holy Trinity's view of same-sex behaviour – DESTESABLE, AN ABOMINATION AND THE DEATH PENALTY SPECIFIED FOR INFRINGEMENT.

3.

The initial Bunreacht na Éireann was a little closer to the above viewpoint with same-sex relations seen as criminal. That criminal aspect was removed in a referendum.

We no longer have the death penalty in our country, BUT, the above quotes indicate the Holy Trinity's view of same-sex activity, even if the penalties are not carried out to the letter of the law.

As by Bunreacht na hÉireann, this matter "MUST BE REFERRED" to the Holy Trinity, it is then difficult to see how the "same-sex" relationships linked with the proposed amendment, could have been given consideration in relation to the requirements of the Holy Trinity, as laid out in the Bible quotations?

I ask that the above be given consideration.

Go raibh maith agat,

Is mise, le meas,

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A larger article, on the subject, is in composition, should you wish to have it.

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April 2015

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Dear [REDACTED],

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D. received on 1 April 2015, the contents of which have been noted.

A copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to the Minister for Justice & Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D. so as she is aware of your views.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

PS Minister for Justice & Equality - for attention
Angela Flanagan - for info

Dear Enda,

I am writing to you about the
gay marriage referendum.

I don't know how you can ever
hold a referendum on such a distasteful
subject. Ireland does not need homosexual
and lesbian couples and I don't think we
should follow the example of Great Britain

Let gays go to England and stay
there if they want to marry.

Yours Sincerely

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence copied to the office of the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., dated 9 April 2015.

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Angela Flanagan
For Information

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Dear Ms. O' Sullivan,

Happy Easter.

I refer to your address to the TUI which was reported in The Irish Independent this morning. I was rather surprised that you used the conference platform to canvass votes. I have to say that it was of greater concern and a disappointment to read of a government minister use rather sophistic tactics.

The tone of your remarks, judging from the report, were somewhat tendentious. As you may or may not know, relatives of Martin Luther King strongly dispute the use of his legacy as far as support for redefining marriage is concerned. The use of his courageous battle against racist laws in the ideological redefinition of marriage they would suggest is less than intellectually coherent.

The remark about hatred and darkness are not I hope in any way suggestive that a no vote is motivated by hate or a marker of hate. Such a suggestion would be an unhelpful remark and an unjustified insinuation. It has no place in a debate which should be civil and respectful. If we wish to have a mature democracy there is no place for shrillness and arbitrary charges. I do hope that any future interventions are somewhat more balanced and prudent.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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... post-primary schools, which fall into one of three categories: urban band 1 in the most severely disadvantaged areas; urban band 2; rural DEIS.

Report author Selina McCoy referred to findings on urban band 1 schools

O'Sullivan acknowledged that the report challenged the Government to consider the need for joined-up thinking between education and broader social policy, such as housing and healthcare.

The minister is setting up an inter-departmental group to consider a more integrated approach, as well as a review of the criteria used to identify

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EDUCATION Minister Jan O'Sullivan has urged teachers to vote 'Yes' in the upcoming same-sex marriage referendum.

She took the opportunity while addressing this week's teacher conferences.

At the Teachers' Union of Ireland (TUI) event, Ms O'Sullivan said she hoped that teachers would "join me on May 22, and declare that all our citizens are equal".

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Office of the Taoiseach

13 April 2015

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Yours sincerely,
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29th March, 2015

Phone: ██████████

BY:

Dear Mr Kenny, Taoiseach,

I am a seventy eight year old woman, born and raised in ██████████. I'm a higher rate tax payer. I am writing to you on a couple of issues.

I have every tolerance and acceptance of our diverse society and would be very anxious for all people to have expression of their culture and religious beliefs as long as it is conducive to a safe and healthy society.

Here, in Ireland we have always enjoyed the freedom of our Catholic faith but now we are seeing the suppression of our own beliefs. Since the ██████ has taken control of our hospital here in ██████ the management have forbidden to allow Mass to be celebrated in our little church there, even on Sunday. They have also taken down the crucified Christ off the cross and replaced it with a vacant wooden cross. They say they want the Church to be communal, but didn't Christ die for us all? I know that the taxes that we pay go towards the upkeep and maintenance of our hospitals, so where is the justice there?

Now I come to the abortion issue, you already have passed an appalling law in acceptance of the mental condition of the mother. I ask you Taoiseach, what mind can enter another person's mind, no matter how many doctors are involved to condemn an innocent child, who has no voice to be snuffed out.

Now, you are planning to introduce a further law to have freedom to kill a human being because of mental or physical defects. What about our physically or mentally handicapped people, who have proved to society that their lives have a purpose, or have brought families together and taught them to love? How much love is left in our lives now, with every man out for himself? Look at the society we have, suicides, murder's and people with no purpose in life. We have a thriving economy they say, at what cost?

Once that law is passed Taoiseach, I can assure you that it will lead to "abortion on demand", like all the countries that have adopted it. The least you can do is to give the people a voice in the matter, in a Referendum. If you give society the right to kill on demand innocent human beings who have no voice, what right did we have to our lives? If you give society the right to kill innocent children who

have no voice, what is wrong with giving society the freedom to kill whoever is interfering in their selfish lives, like Euthanasia?

Also Mr. Kenny, about the law on "Same Sex Marriages", you don't have to be a Christian to know from all times it takes a man and a woman to constitute a marriage. Would you like one of your children to enter into that state? Where is there justice for our children?

I beg you Mr. Kenny to give deep consideration to those matters. I have every concern and sympathy for people in that situation. They should have protection of the law in their support of ownership of property in all cases. Marriage is a step too far Mr. Taoiseach.

I remain,

With every respect

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15 April 2015 to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., regarding the forthcoming Referendum.

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Doolan
Taoiseach's Private Office

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For attention

cc. Angela Flanagan

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Subject Marriage referendum

Dear Taoiseach,

The Referendum Commission in its first statement on the matter has confirmed beyond doubt that this referendum is not necessary in order to bring about same-sex marriage. You will be aware that the Commission said (13/4/15): 'The Constitution does not define marriage and it does not set out who is entitled to marry or who is not entitled to marry. The rules about who is entitled to marry are set out in legislation.'

Under our Constitution it is surely the Oireachtas that changes or enacts legislation not the people by referendum. Your government repeatedly tells us that we have no money for many really necessary and urgent things but you are about to spend at least €20 million on an unnecessary referendum to do something that is the job of the Oireachtas. It is not as if the Oireachtas is exactly bogged down with existing work. How many times since the 2011 election has one or other house adjourned because it had no business to transact?

I believe this referendum is a joke; an expensive and devious instrument to give our parliament rights it already has. Can you explain to me why you are going to waste scarce resources on this unnecessary referendum and why you don't just go ahead and enact marriage equality immediately in the Oireachtas - the constitutionally proper place to do it.

Yours

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28 April 2015

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Dear [redacted]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Taoiseach Mr Enda Kenny T.D. dated 20 April 2015, the contents of which have been noted.

A copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms Frances Fitzgerald T.D. so as she is aware of your views.

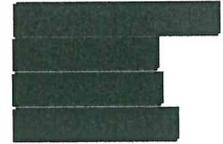
Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
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20th April 2015

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An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny.
Dail Eireann.
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

BY:.....

Dear Mr. Kenny,

I feel compelled, as a Christian, to write to you concerning the upcoming Referendum on Marriage Equality. It saddens me to see, how quickly and easily this country of ours has in the recent past and continues to, move away from the basic beliefs and standards that caused Ireland to be known as the Island of Saints and Scholars.

It also saddens me that your Director of elections, Minister Coveney, has declared that the Referendum is to deal with matters of human rights & equality and not religious issues. How quickly we are eliminating God and His holy Word from our decision making processes and subsequently our laws.

God's Word clearly states that marriage is designed to bring man and woman together - male and female - full stop. Any manmade law that contravenes the Word of God is Anti-Christ - Christ being the Word !

You, Mr. Kenny, have demonstrated, in your political career, great strength of character in standing firmly for the principles you hold dear. You have stated your beliefs and understanding on many controversial topics, such as homosexuality, divorce, etc., along with your preferred religious affiliation. I am blessed and pleased to have such a forthright man as Leader of my country.

However, your support of a "Yes" vote is of major concern to me. History has shown, that when the leaders of a country turn against God, and lead the people astray, the whole country suffers.

Please call this Referendum off - or at least lend your support to the "No" campaign.

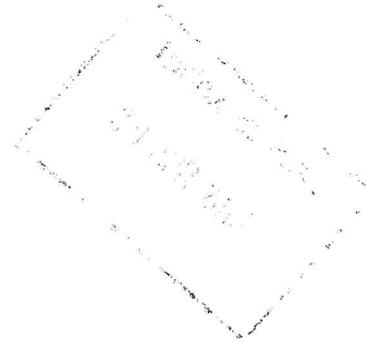
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30 April 2015

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter to the Office of the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., on 28 April 2015, the contents of which have been noted.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

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Marriage belongs
to Man and
Woman only.
It is not for two
of the same
sex. I never
heard of that
in my life.
The pope and
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Our Lord is with
you all the time
and he will

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Yours sincerely,

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Referred please for attention and direct reply
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For information please

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Yours sincerely,

Celine McEvoy
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Subject Important legal arguments on the international debate concerning same sex marriage

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Dear Hon. Deputy,

Attached is a brilliant article by Bruce Arnold of [REDACTED] in which he summarizes the arguments among european union member states and other states of the United nations including the USA on the subject of the continued practice of giving special recognition to same sex marriage.

I trust that you have considered these arguments before presenting the referendum to the Irish people.

You may like to discuss them with your friends, colleagues and constituents,

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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MARRIAGE REFERENDUM: ASSESSMENT OF THE WORLD VIEW

The following essay provides wide-ranging information of the constitutional and legal treatment of Same-Sex Marriage worldwide. The survey is not comprehensive.

Recipients may use the document, in whole or in part at their discretion.

Bruce Arnold


(Issued on Thursday, April 30, 2015)

What I have to say here is drawn from various sources. But it begins with, and is framed within, arguments and statements made before the US Supreme Court in Washington and recently published. It is an extraordinary coincidence—when the constitutional issues we are facing in Ireland in the Marriage Referendum are completely ignored by the Yes campaign—that the most powerful legal body in the world, the United States Supreme Court, has been holding hearings and has been given the full international chapter and verse on whether or not US states can uphold a ban on gay marriage while respecting equality and human rights.

The nine justices have heard arguments in cases concerning same-sex marriage bans in Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee. The court will decide whether same-sex marriage bans are prohibited by the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of equal protection under the law. The “amicus curiae” (friends of the court) brief from which I quote is a Marriage and Family Law Research Project. The authors are prominent academic experts in international and comparative law and have joined to offer their broad international

experience concerning same-sex marriage and constitutional law to the Court.

It needs to be stated at the outset that nothing comparable has been undertaken in this country by the Oireachtas, despite the crucial debate we now face.

The findings presented to the US Supreme Court are that, put simply, there is no “emerging global consensus” for same-sex marriage. In fact, same-sex marriage in any form has only been adopted by 17 of the 193 member states of the United Nations. And none of those adoptions have been on the basis of a constitutional referendum affirming the novel and spurious claim of “marriage equality” now being foisted on the Irish people.

We in Ireland have had no parallel examination of this complex issue. The world thinks otherwise. We are fond of paying lip-service to international opinion and our standing in the world, while we completely neglect even the most basic research, understanding and factual inquiry.

If “marriage equality” is a basic human right, as we are constantly being told, why has no human rights instrument in the world affirmed this? Why do the European Convention and the UN Charter in fact affirm that marriage is between a man a woman? Is this not a case of fools rushing in where angels fear to tread?

Most of the remaining 176 countries surveyed are constitutional democracies that share with us the values of individual liberty and equality. In fact, the 12 national and international tribunals in 11 countries that have explicitly upheld exclusively male-female marriage as consistent with human rights include some of the jurisdictions with the earliest and strongest LGBTI protections in the world, such as France, Germany, Spain, Finland, the European Court of Human Rights, and the U.N. Human Rights Committee. These courts all recognize that there are significant moral, religious, and social reasons for opposing same-sex marriage.

None of this thinking is part of the preparatory work in Ireland for this Referendum nor does it feature at all in the 43-page “Yes Equality” document. Instead, anything cited as “authority” is emotional, glib and selective, and is neither judicial nor constitutional. Yet the whole of this Referendum campaign so far has pretended to focus on our Constitution. And it is a fact that, without thought or discussion, we are intending to change fundamentally that Constitution.

The US Supreme Court will hear that “it is important to recognize that the vast majority of nations, even those protecting LGBTI rights, define marriage as solely the union of male-female couples. Only seventeen non-U.S. jurisdictions currently recognize same-sex unions as marriages. All of the rest, 176 sovereign nations, retain the understanding of marriage as the union of a man and a woman.”

Surely, at the very least, this significant fact should have been mentioned in “Yes Equality”. Yet the “Yes Campaign” is silent on it. It is not mentioned in their campaigning literature.

We are one of 193 member states of the United Nations, with a distinguished record of service to the major world body. Ten times more countries disallow same-sex marriage than allow it. Additionally, more nations have constitutional provisions defining marriage as the union of a husband and wife than have recognized any form of same-sex union. Many other countries adopt legal protections of same-sex unions that stop short of changing the definition of marriage.

While the document acknowledges that some countries are hostile to the LGBTI community, rejection of same-sex marriage is not the result of mere bigotry and intolerance. 95 of the 176 states allowing only traditional marriage have decriminalized homosexual conduct. Eighty-eight have affirmatively extended constitutional and/or legislative protections to LGBTI individuals. This includes the following:

- The prohibition of discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation.
- The banning of hate crimes based on sexual orientation.
- The prohibition of incitement to hatred based on sexual orientation.
- Constitutionally prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Germany, Switzerland, Bolivia, and Ecuador, which constitutionally bar discrimination based on sexual orientation, still limit marriage to opposite-gender couples.

This important matter, which should be part of the presentation of the Yes Equality case is never referred to, has not been raised by members of the Government, is never touched on by Frances Fitzgerald who misleadingly still sticks to the idea of “Equality”. She has been struck dumb on all constitutional references and is therefore not a credible part of the current debate.

Arguments were put to the U.S. Supreme Court that attempted to inflate the number of nations supporting same-sex marriage by citing Mexican and Canadian courts, though without national effect, and by making the clearly erroneous claim that Colombia “gave the legislature two years to implement a solution that results in the issuance of marriage licenses to same- sex couples.” It was also incorrectly argued that the Canadian Supreme Court held insistence on male-female marriage to be unconstitutional.

In fact, the Canadian Supreme Court has explicitly avoided the question whether male-female marriage violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Mexican Supreme Court’s amparo panel decision has no ergo omnes effects in Mexico. And the Colombian Constitutional Court, while requesting that the legislature “make a law for the legal acknowledgement [not marriage] of homosexual couples,” within two years, as it explained in its official statement, has actually “maintain[ed] the concept of marriage as . . . between a man and a woman.”

Two foreign organizations and 12 tribunals in 11 nations have upheld male-female marriage against claims of discrimination: they are the European Court of Human Rights, the U.N.'s Human Rights Committee, and national courts in Germany, Austria, France, Spain, Finland, Italy (both the Constitutional Court and Court of Cassation), Ireland, Chile, and Colombia. Even though these bodies and countries have strong and deep support for LGBTI rights (and a few have legislatures that have gone on to legalize same-sex marriage), the courts have rejected claims that same-sex marriage should be judicially established as a fundamental or constitutional right.

This invaluable information, in respect of the public interest, has not been offered or debated, either by the Government or within the "Yes Equality" document. (It may be taken, hereafter, in this paper, that anything outlined has not been notified, put forward, enumerated, raised, argued, discussed, listed, or in any other way brought to public attention by the Yes campaign in a simple and direct form Comparable to the form I now employ.

In Spain, one of the first countries to statutorily recognize same-sex marriages, the Constitutional Court explicitly declared in 2012 that "the Spanish legislator . . . had various available choices to grant legal recognition to the situation of same-sex couples," but was not required to do so. The Spanish Constitutional Court previously held that "there is no constitutional right to the establishment of a union between persons of the same sex, in contrast with marriage between man and woman, which is a constitutional right . . . Public authorities may grant a privileged treatment to the union between man and woman in comparison with a homosexual union. This does not exclude that the legislator can establish a balanced system in which same-sex partners benefit from full rights and advantages of marriage."

France, which has extensive protections of LGBTI rights, has also rejected a constitutional right to same-sex marriage. France has permitted homosexual relations since the French Revolution, has had laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual

orientation since 1985 and gender identity since 2012, and adopted Civil Solidarity Pacts (a form of registered domestic partnership) in 1999.

Nevertheless, the French Constitutional Council rejected a constitutional equality-based claim for same-sex marriage in 2011. The public discussion in France continued, however, and led to legislative adoption of same-sex marriage in 2013.

Germany also has numerous protections of LGBTI rights: it permits registered life partnerships since 2001, bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and permits parents to avoid choosing a gender for their child at birth, among other LGBTI protections. But the German Constitutional Court has explicitly ruled that marriage is reserved for male-female unions, although legislators may adopt civil unions if they so choose.

Italy, Austria, Finland, Ireland, Colombia, and Chile have likewise understood that protections for the equal rights of LGBTI individuals do not mandate access to traditional forms of marriage.

All of these countries have decriminalized homosexual acts and have banned discrimination based on sexual orientation. Some outlaw hate speech based on sexual orientation, and Finland bans discrimination on the basis of gender identity. Nevertheless, courts of last resort in each of these countries have rejected constitutional claims for a right to same-sex marriage.

In short, courts with national effect in 11 LGBTI-friendly countries, plus the European Court of Human Rights and U.N. Human Rights Committee, have all rejected a constitutional or fundamental right to same-sex marriage.

In contrast, only Brazil has judicially mandated same-sex marriage. The “overwhelming weight of international opinion” provides “respected and significant confirmation” to a conclusion that courts need not overturn male-female marriage in order to adequately protect sexual minorities.

Many countries, for example, group together constitutional protections of marriage and children. Other courts have similarly accepted legislative approaches as legitimate. The Chilean Constitutional Tribunal, for example, determined that exclusive recognition of male-female marriages does not violate its constitution's ban on arbitrary discrimination.

“Reserving the celebration of marriage to persons of different sex cannot be said to constitute an arbitrary or capricious difference, for it is ostensible that its foundation is based in the natural differences between man and woman, which the law has legitimately esteemed to be relevant in establishing differences, as it occurs, for instance, in America's labour and social security legislation [which in some cases favours women over men]. In a similar fashion, it is clearly reasonable, and not arbitrary or capricious, that those who celebrate the contract of marriage as defined by article of the Civil Code be, precisely, a man and a woman

The German Constitutional Court has held that constitutional provisions “guarantee the essential structure of marriage.” These provide that “[m]arriage and family shall enjoy the special protection of the state” and that “the care and upbringing of children is the natural right of parents.” The German Constitutional Court has upheld the right of the legislature to create same-sex civil partnerships, but has also ruled that “part of the content of marriage, as it has stood the test of time . . . is that it is the union of one man with one woman to form a permanent partnership”

The constitutional protection of marriage means that marriage alone, like the family, enjoy[s] constitutional protection as an institution. No other way of life . . . merits this protection. Marriage cannot be abolished nor can its essential structural principles be altered without an amendment to the constitution.

Marriage is not only a “sphere of freedom” but also a “social institution” and the “structural principles that characterize marriage give it the form and exclusivity in which it enjoys constitutional protection as an institution.” Not surprisingly, no examination of this in “Yes Equality”

Constitutional courts in France, Italy, Ireland, Austria, and Colombia have specifically identified the realities of procreation and children as legitimate and sufficient state interests in limiting marriage to heterosexual unions. Ireland, if the Referendum is passed, will move away from this circumstance into an unknown range of alternative intrusions into our legal system, not yet fully enumerated.

In 2011, the Constitutional Council of France focused on biological differences between men and women: “the difference in situation between couples of the same sex and couples composed of a man and a woman can warrant a difference in treatment in regards to the rule of family law.” This difference in situation was in “direct relation to the purpose of the [French marriage] law,” thus justifying the legislature’s decision to limit marriage to male-female couples.

In 2010 the Italian Constitutional Court, strictly followed in 2015 by Italy’s Court of Cassation, upheld the constitutionality of that nation’s marriage laws, relying on an understanding of the potential procreative nature of marriage. The Constitutional Court focused on the relationship between marriage, the family, and the protection of children, holding that “the legislation itself does not result in unreasonable discrimination, since homosexual unions cannot be regarded as homogenous with marriage.”

The Colombian Constitutional Court likewise accepted the legitimacy of the government’s decision to limit marriage to male-female unions, although they also have granted same-sex couples the same rights as other co-habiting couples and recognized that homosexual couples should have the right to form some kind of legal union.

In 2003, the Austrian Constitutional Court rejected a claim that lack of access to same-sex marriage violated anti-discrimination provisions, holding that it was not required to extend “the concept of marriage as being geared to the fundamental possibility of parenthood” to relationships of a different kind. It reiterated this holding again in 2014, rejecting a claim that differences between male-female marriage and same-sex registered partnerships were unlawfully discriminatory.

Because of the sensitivity of the religious, moral, and social issues involved with same-sex marriage, every national court of last resort to address the issue, with the exception of Brazil’s, has deferred to legislative prerogatives in structuring their nation’s legal responses in this important domain. Other foreign courts, even those holding that same-sex couples have significant rights, have explicitly deferred to legislatures to resolve the complex issues surrounding same-sex unions.

This deference afforded the legislative branch by national courts of last resort reflects axiomatic concerns of democratic legitimacy and respect for constitutional separation of powers that have long been foundational in the United States.

The U.S. Supreme Court has indicated that the doctrine of judicial restraint “requires us to exercise the utmost care whenever we are asked to break new ground.” It has emphasized that democratic, respectful, rational deliberation on sensitive issues “is impeded, not advanced, by court decrees based on the proposition that the public cannot have the requisite repose to discuss certain issues.” These concerns have special cogency in the domain of family law and marriage, which has long been left to legislation in American states as in virtually every other legal system of the world.

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breaking of “New Ground” is envisaged in the “Yes Equality” document, with greater change than has been envisaged in any other country mentioned before the US Supreme Court, yet there is nothing whatever in their document on any of the issues covered here.

While courts can delineate basic principles for protecting the religious freedom of individuals and institutions, legislatures can often craft exemptions and protections that optimize respect for all the interests concerned. This explains why the European Court of Human Rights, despite deep commitment to sexual orientation rights, has recognized the importance of affording member states of the Council of Europe a wide margin of appreciation in this area because of the “absence of a European consensus and taking into account that the case at stake [challenging same-sex marriage] undoubtedly raises sensitive moral or ethical issues.”

So, after all, no court in the world would buy the facile idea that “its quite simple really, it is just about love”.

Bruce Arnold
30 April 2015

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Yours sincerely,

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Bruce Arnold

(Issued on Wednesday, April 29, 2015)

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Equality” document. Instead, anything cited as “authority” is emotional, glib and selective, and is neither judicial nor constitutional. Yet the whole of this Referendum campaign so far has pretended to focus on our Constitution. And it is a fact that, without thought or discussion, we are intending to change fundamentally that Constitution.

The US Supreme Court will hear that “it is important to recognize that the vast majority of nations, even those protecting LGBTI rights, define marriage as solely the union of male-female couples. Only seventeen non-U.S. jurisdictions currently recognize same-sex unions as marriages. All of the rest, 176 sovereign nations, retain the understanding of marriage as the union of a man and a woman.”

Surely, at the very least, this significant fact should have been mentioned in “Yes Equality”. Yet the “Yes Campaign” is silent on it. It is not mentioned in their campaigning literature.

We are one of 193 member states of the United Nations, with a distinguished record of service to the major world body. Ten times more countries disallow same-sex marriage than allow it. Additionally, more nations have constitutional provisions defining marriage as the union of a husband and wife than have recognized any form of same-sex union. Many other countries adopt legal protections of same-sex unions that stop short of changing the definition of marriage.

While the document acknowledges that some countries are hostile to the LGBTI community, rejection of same-sex marriage is not the result of mere bigotry and intolerance. 95 of the 176 states allowing only traditional marriage have decriminalized homosexual conduct. Eighty-eight have affirmatively extended constitutional and/or legislative protections to LGBTI individuals. This includes the following:

- The prohibition of discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation.
- The banning of hate crimes based on sexual orientation.

Constitutional Tribunal, for example, determined that exclusive recognition of male-female marriages does not violate its constitution's ban on arbitrary discrimination.

“Reserving the celebration of marriage to persons of different sex cannot be said to constitute an arbitrary or capricious difference, for it is ostensible that its foundation is based in the natural differences between man and woman, which the law has legitimately esteemed to be relevant in establishing differences, as it occurs, for instance, in America's labour and social security legislation [which in some cases favours women over men]. In a similar fashion, it is clearly reasonable, and not arbitrary or capricious, that those who celebrate the contract of marriage as defined by article of the Civil Code be, precisely, a man and a woman”

The German Constitutional Court has held that constitutional provisions “guarantee the essential structure of marriage.” These provisions provide that “[m]arriage and family shall enjoy the special protection of the state” and that “the care and upbringing of children is the natural right of parents.” The German Constitutional Court has upheld the right of the legislature to create same-sex civil partnerships, but has also ruled that “part of the content of marriage, as it has stood the test of time . . . is that it is the union of one man with one woman to form a permanent partnership”

The constitutional protection of marriage means that marriage alone, like the family, enjoy[s] constitutional protection as an institution. No other way of life . . . merits this protection. Marriage cannot be abolished nor can its essential structural principles be altered without an amendment to the constitution.

Marriage is not only a “sphere of freedom” but also a “social institution” and the “structural principles that characterize marriage give it the form and exclusivity in which it enjoys constitutional protection as an institution.” Not surprisingly, no examination of this in “Yes Equality”

Constitutional courts in France, Italy, Ireland, Austria, and Colombia have specifically identified the realities of procreation and children as legitimate and sufficient state interests in limiting marriage to heterosexual unions. Ireland, if the Referendum is passed, will move away from this circumstance into an unknown range of alternative intrusions into our legal system, not yet fully enumerated.

In 2011, the Constitutional Council of France focused on biological differences between men and women: “the difference in situation between couples of the same sex and couples composed of a man and a woman can warrant a difference in treatment in regards to the rule of family law.” This difference in situation was in “direct relation to the purpose of the [French marriage] law,” thus justifying the legislature’s decision to limit marriage to male-female couples.

In 2010 the Italian Constitutional Court, strictly followed in 2015 by Italy’s Court of Cassation, upheld the constitutionality of that nation’s marriage laws, relying on an understanding of the potential procreative nature of marriage. The Constitutional Court focused on the relationship between marriage, the family, and the protection of children, holding that “the legislation itself does not result in unreasonable discrimination, since homosexual unions cannot be regarded as homogenous with marriage.”

The Colombian Constitutional Court likewise accepted the legitimacy of the government’s decision to limit marriage to male-female unions, although they also have granted same-sex couples the same rights as other co-habiting couples and recognized that homosexual couples should have the right to form some kind of legal union.

In 2003, the Austrian Constitutional Court rejected a claim that lack of access to same-sex marriage violated anti-discrimination provisions, holding that it was not required to extend “the concept of marriage as being geared to the fundamental possibility of

parenthood” to relationships of a different kind. It reiterated this holding again in 2014, rejecting a claim that differences between male-female marriage and same-sex registered partnerships were unlawfully discriminatory.

Because of the sensitivity of the religious, moral, and social issues involved with same-sex marriage, every national court of last resort to address the issue, with the exception of Brazil’s, has deferred to legislative prerogatives in structuring their nation’s legal responses in this important domain. Other foreign courts, even those holding that same-sex couples have significant rights, have explicitly deferred to legislatures to resolve the complex issues surrounding same-sex unions.

This deference afforded the legislative branch by national courts of last resort reflects axiomatic concerns of democratic legitimacy and respect for constitutional separation of powers that have long been foundational in the United States.

The U.S. Supreme Court has indicated that the doctrine of judicial restraint “requires us to exercise the utmost care whenever we are asked to break new ground.” It has emphasized that democratic, respectful, rational deliberation on sensitive issues “is impeded, not advanced, by court decrees based on the proposition that the public cannot have the requisite repose to discuss certain issues.” These concerns have special cogency in the domain of family law and marriage, which has long been left to legislation in American states as in virtually every other legal system of the world.

None of this has been the subject of examination in Ireland or in this referendum. We have done the opposite. Instead of exercising *“the utmost care whenever we are asked to break new ground”* we have not considered that valuable objective at all. A massive breaking of “New Ground” is envisaged in the “Yes Equality” document, with greater change than has been envisaged in any other country mentioned before the US Supreme Court, yet there is nothing whatever in their document on any of the issues covered here.

While courts can delineate basic principles for protecting the religious freedom of individuals and institutions, legislatures can often craft exemptions and protections that optimize respect for all the interests concerned. This explains why the European Court of Human Rights, despite deep commitment to sexual orientation rights, has recognized the importance of affording member states of the Council of Europe a wide margin of appreciation in this area because of the “absence of a European consensus and taking into account that the case at stake [challenging same-sex marriage] undoubtedly raises sensitive moral or ethical issues.”

So, after all, no court in the world would buy the facile idea that “its quite simple really, it is just about love”.

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Dear Taoiseach Mr. Kenny

The one-sided campaign for a 'Yes' vote in the referendum is unfair and unjust and the attack on the NO campaign side shows the lack of democracy in our society.

- It is human beings which must be treated equally before the law and not human relationships.
- Equality does not require different relationships to be treated the same.
- Treating two fundamentally different relationships differently is not an act of discrimination nor inequality.
- A human right is innate everyone possesses an equal intrinsic dignity as a member of the human family and equal in value and dignity regardless of age, race, or sexual orientation.
- The human right to marriage is based upon the unchanging and fundamental truth that marriage is between a man and a woman and embodied in the intimate and permanent union of a male and a female.
- For a relationship to be called a marriage it has to be consummated.
- It is not homophobic or intolerant to want to protect the rights of children to have a father and a mother and for the protection of the family unit.
- Conferring 'marriage' on same-sex unions will usurp the laws of nature and as Pope Francis has said, 'Powerful forces are threatening to disfigure God's plan for creation'.
- Cases are multiplying all over the world of individuals who have seen their livelihood destroyed or threatened by a vigorous and intolerant homosexual lobby which demands complete approval and compliance, it forces the acceptance and normalisation of homosexuality on everyone.
- The freedom of Christians and other citizen are threatened by a militant homosexual lobby and children are being indoctrinated with an ideological view of human sexuality that is not compatible with reason.

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The denial of the rights of parents to control what their children are taught in schools i.e. through the imposition by the State of compulsory anti-life, anti-family policies and that all children must be indoctrinated into the 'homosexual rights' agenda is a serious breach of parents rights.

The Amendment to the Constitution if passed will have profound implications on the family environment and on our understanding of parenthood.

Mr. Kenny you and all of the mass media lead a vigorous attack on the clergy in regard to child sex abuse, but now you are all choosing to ignore the suffering it will cause children who do not have the right to a father and a mother.

This leads one to believe that all those who appeared to be concerned about children did not really care about them, but had their own agenda.

It is a blatant and outrageous lie by you Mr. Kenny and your government and all others campaigning for a 'yes' vote to say it will not affect marriage, family life, the Church or faith based groups.

It is time we had political parties and a government that speaks the truth

Yours Sincerely,

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Dear Elected Representative

Please find attached “ **Marriage is a Divinely Instituted Covenant Among Three Parties: Almighty God, a Man, and a Woman**” (Broadsheet 3, pdf format), which we have published to address the forthcoming Marriage Referendum. We provide our contribution on the fundamental importance of marriage in the light of Sacred Scripture and Catholic Church teachings (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

We ask you to also consider the recent statements from Catholic Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, Eamon Martin and other Christian Churches on the prudence of maintaining marriage as a union of one man and one woman .

We offer you these teachings to help inform your conscience on this important issue in advance of the Referendum on 22nd May 2015.

Yours sincerely

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"IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY ..."...

(... Preamble of the Irish Constitution ...)

**MARRIAGE IS A DIVINELY INSTITUTED COVENANT AMONG
THREE PARTIES: ALMIGHTY GOD, A MAN, AND A WOMAN.**

Broadsheet 3, Easter Sunday 2015, 'He is Risen, Alleluia!'

MARRIAGE, FUNDAMENTAL PILLAR OF CREATION.

Our Lord said, 'Have you not read that the Creator from the beginning made them male and female ... a man ... becomes attached to his wife, and the two become one flesh?' (Matt 19:4)

'God created man and woman together and willed each for the other.' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, CCC 371)

Marriage is a divinely instituted covenant of co-operation between Almighty God and humankind, being a covenant among three parties: Almighty God, a man, and a woman.

Notwithstanding **MARRIAGE** being a fundamental pillar of Almighty God's order of Creation, the Irish people are being asked to vote (on the 22nd May 2015) either '**Yes**' or '**No**' to the following referendum wording:

"Marriage may be contracted in accordance with law by two persons without distinction as to their sex".

If passed this clause will be inserted as a new section after Article 41.3.1 of the *Irish Constitution*. This metaphysical impossibility – 'same-sex marriage', 'marriage equality', 'equal marriage' -- will henceforth change the meaning of marriage in the *Constitution of Ireland* and our increasingly disordered way of life.

Dear readers in Ireland and other countries, please invoke Our Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lady of Knock Queen of Ireland, St. Joseph, St. Patrick and St. Michael the Archangel in your Masses, Rosaries, and the *Novena Prayer* (see p. 4) that this attack on **MARRIAGE** and family life will not succeed, and that the Irish people will vote '**NO**' in the proposed referendum on Friday 22nd May to reject 'same-sex marriage' and to preserve the Almighty God given blessed traditional meaning of marriage as that of one man and one woman.

Ireland was founded in 1937 as a Catholic Nation ...

Preamble of the Irish Constitution: 'In the Name of the Most Holy Trinity, from Whom is all authority and to Whom, as our final end, all actions both of men and States must be referred, We, the people of Éire, Humbly acknowledging all our obligations to our Divine Lord, Jesus Christ, Who sustained our fathers through centuries of trial, gratefully

remembering their heroic and unremitting struggle to regain the rightful independence of our Nation, and seeking to promote the common good, with due observance of Prudence, Justice and Charity, so that the dignity and freedom of the individual may be assured, true social order attained, the unity of our country restored, and concord established with other nations, do hereby adopt, enact, and give to ourselves this Constitution.' (Preamble to the *Irish Constitution*; enacted 1st July 1937, Feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ; entered into force on 29th December 1937, Feast of King David).

The Irish Constitution, Article 41. The Family.

Article 41.1.1 The State recognises the Family as the natural primary and fundamental unit group of Society, and as a moral institution possessing inalienable and imprescriptible rights, antecedent and superior to all positive law.

Article. 41.3.1 The State pledges itself to guard with special care the institution of Marriage, on which the Family is founded, and to protect it against attack.

As recognised by the *Irish Constitution*, marriage of **one man to one woman** is Almighty God's plan for humanity. Marriage and the family are the divinely ordained moral environment for having children, raising them in stability, and educating them to become members of human society. Marriage and the family are guarded with special care because they are a fundamental pillar of Creation and the most fundamental of all human institutions.

The proposed change would be a flagrant usurpation and desecration of moral authority under the Laws of God, and a very radical distortion -- quite beyond recognition -- of the original and current intent of the *Irish Constitution*.

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The Grand Design of Creation ... 'God saw that it was good' ...
In Genesis there are two accounts of the creation of mankind:
... in the first account ...

'... God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness ... So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it (*) ... And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and

indeed, it was very good.' (Gen. 1:24- 31). * the marriage covenant is at the origin and heart of the Creation of mankind!

Thus Almighty God established the original **marriage covenant**, formed in original grace and holiness, obedience and integrity. Almighty God thus established the order of co-creation, of co-operation in procreation, through the blessed union of a **man and a woman**, a human sexual pair. This began Almighty God's great plan for mankind, for the partnership of **man and woman**, of human family and social order, for populating the earth ... and for populating Heaven.

The second account ...

'... the Lord God formed **man** from the dust of the ground (*adamah*), and breathed into his nostrils the *breath of life*, and the man became a living being.' (Gen. 2:7) ... **with an immortal soul!**

Thus Almighty God created man, a human being (... 'flesh', human nature ...), animating him with an immortal soul, created by Almighty God himself.

'Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the **man** should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner. ... And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a **woman** and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called **Woman**, for out of man this one was taken. Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh (one being). ...' (Gen. 2:4b-24)

Thus Almighty God created humankind – **male** and **female** -- in his image and likeness ... i.e., beings having a certain similarity of nature: personhood, personality, a spirit, with intellect, memory, will, authority ..., as the crowning species of his creation. He blessed humankind with divine gifts, both spiritual and temporal, giving them dominion over the earth, and a mandate of management in ongoing creation and co-creation, in a share of the divine Kingship, Priesthood and Prophethood of the Triune God.

Marriage is a covenant among three parties: Almighty God, the Creator and Sustainer of all life, and a human couple, a **male** and a **female**, a **man** and a **woman**. It is a covenant of co-creation and procreation: a human couple creates offspring and Almighty God animates them with life, an immortal soul.

It is a covenant of life and love, of family and society, of co-creation and procreation of offspring, for increasing and multiplying the human race, for building family and social order, for populating the earth, and for populating Heaven, for the glory of God. It is thus a fundamental divinely ordained pillar of Almighty God's entire order of Creation.

It is a covenant of blessedness and blessings, of life and love, of co-creation and procreation, both spiritual and temporal. The complementarity of the human sexual pair, of male and female, of masculinity and femininity, physically and emotionally, psychologically and spiritually, of the fundamental elements of human nature (body and mind, soul

and spirit, feelings and memories) are fundamental and constitutive; they are individual, unitary and complementary. This spousal complementarity of **male and female** in marriage is fundamental, since in the order of Almighty God's Creation, male and female respectively manifest fundamental characteristics that are proper to the very nature of their sex, i.e., each separately brings gifts, talents, graces and blessings that are proper and fundamental to maleness, masculinity, manliness, manhood, husband-hood, and fatherhood on the one hand, and femaleness, femininity, womanliness, womanhood, wifehood, and motherhood on the other.

Man and woman were -- and still are -- created for holy fruitfulness, in Almighty God's great design of Love and Life, of co-creation and procreation, of offspring, family, society and the social order, on earth, and in Heaven.

The Bible: Almighty God's laws and lessons ...

The *Bible* relates God's laws and lessons, e.g., the Flood (Gen. 6-8); the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19:1-29); the Decalogue (Ex. 20); the laws of holiness and sexual prohibitions (Lev. 18:22, 24-30); blessings and curses (Deut. 28); on unnatural sexual relations (Rom 1:24-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:8-11; 2 Peter 2:5-10; Jude 7). The Old Testament tells of the chosen people's blessings and prosperity for fidelity, and corrections and punishments for infidelity. It is the same for this generation. The New Testament calls all humanity to salvation through the redemptive fruits of Christ's Cross.

The New Testament: Jesus sanctified Marriage at the Wedding Feast at Cana.

'On the third day (of the first week of Jesus' public ministry), there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there; Jesus and his disciples had also been invited' (apparently they were related to the bride and groom). We all know what happened: the wine failed, and Jesus turned water into wine! This was the first of Jesus' signs. He revealed his glory and his disciples believed in him.' (John 2:1-12)

Jesus, by his divine presence and participation in the marriage and wedding feast, and through his redemptive sacrifice on the Cross of Calvary, **sanctified marriage**, the union of man and woman, and raised it to the status of a **Sacrament**. Thus **marriage** is the pinnacle of Almighty God's covenantal blessings for the union of **man and woman**, the co-creative family unit and the social order ... a unique relationship, indeed very different from all others.

Our Lord gave Anne-Catherine Emmerick (1774-1824) accounts of his luminous discourse at the *Wedding Feast in Cana*. This teaching was for the couple being married, and also for his disciples and those present. In that discourse, Jesus explained the divine sublime in marriage, of co-creation of procreation, of parenthood, and how holy chastity is fundamental to having holy offspring, a holy posterity. Any discussion of marriage would do well to keep in mind his divine explanations of the mysteries of Creation of man and woman, of marriage, and of co-creation and procreation.

The Fruitfulness of Virginity, Celibacy and Chastity.

A fundamental pillar of Christian holiness – largely overlooked today to the great detriment of the Mystical Body, and human society as a whole -- is the extraordinary spiritual and temporal fruitfulness of virginity, celibacy and chastity, even within the context of Christian marriage and families. Such characterised the life of the Holy Family of Nazareth, of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (c.f., the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*).



The presence of Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John-the-Evangelist, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist at Knock, reminds us how all attained sanctity in their calling – in the image of the *Lamb of God* himself – in virginity, celibacy and chastity completely consecrated to the Divine Will of the Holy Trinity. St. Joseph, we beseech you, intercede powerfully to protect marriage, the family, and children.



Our Lord confirmed the Institution of Marriage.

When the Pharisees put Our Lord to the test on the matter of divorce, he affirmed the absolute character of marriage and its indissolubility ...

'... Have you not read that the Creator from the beginning made them **male** and **female** and that he said: *This is why a man leaves his father and mother and becomes attached to his wife, and the two become one flesh?* (*) They are no longer two, therefore, but one flesh. So then, what God has united, human beings must not divide. They said to him, 'Then why did Moses command that a writ of dismissal should be given in cases of divorce?' He said to them, 'It was because you were so hard-hearted, that Moses allowed you to divorce your

wives, but it was not like this from the beginning. ...' (Matt. 19:4-8) (* 'one being', a union of complementarities).

Jesus then continued with a fundamental teaching on sexual abstinence (Matt. 19:10-12), which is a fundamental and universal teaching for all of God's children.

On the Second Coming of the Son of Man.

'As it was in Noah's day, so will it also be in the days of the Son of man. People were eating and drinking, marrying wives and taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and the Flood came and destroyed them all. It will be the same as it was in Lot's day: people were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but the day Lot left Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. It will be the same when the day comes for the Son of man to be revealed.' (Luke 17:26-30)

For a formed and informed Conscience ...

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) teaches, in some detail, on numerous essential matters for formation of a right conscience concerning the proposed referendum (see the *Subject Index*): e.g., ... on the sublime integrity and dignity of the human person (all are children of God, without exceptions); human sexual identity; the complementarity of male and female; marriage and matrimony; moral theology; freedom and responsibility; morality of human acts; the passions; conscience; the virtues; vocation to chastity; offences against chastity (including homosexuality), and more.

Marriage in the Order of Creation.

CCC 1601: 'The **matrimonial covenant**, by which a **man** and a **woman** establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses (**man & woman**) and the **procreation** and education of offspring; this covenant between baptised persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a Sacrament.' (CCC 1601; *Code of Canon Law*, can. 1055; cf. GS 48§1)

CCC 1603: 'The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the **married state** has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws ... God himself is the author of **marriage**.' (GS 48§1) The vocation of **marriage** is written in the very nature of **man** and **woman** as they came from the hand of the Creator.'

Chastity: CCC 2348: All the baptised are called to chastity. The Christian has 'put on Christ', the model of all chastity. All Christ's faithful are called to lead a chaste life in keeping with their particular states of life. At the moment of his Baptism (and renewal of Baptismal promises at Easter), the Christian is pledged to lead his affective life in chastity.

Social Justice and Respect for the Human Person.

CCC 1930: Respect for the human person entails respect for the rights that flow from his dignity as a creature. These rights are prior to society and must be recognised by it. They are the basis of the moral legitimacy of every authority: by flouting them, or refusing to recognise them in its positive legislation, a society undermines its own moral legitimacy. ... It is the Church's role to remind men of good will of these rights, and to distinguish them from unwarranted or false claims.

The referendum proposing 'same-sex marriage', 'marriage equality', 'equal marriage' is a proposal for a false claim.

Chastity and homosexuality: Catholic Church teachings on homosexuality -- CCC 2357, 'Under no circumstances can they (homosexual acts) be approved.'; 2358; 2359 -- follow teachings on the **dignity of the human person and chastity**.

'The Meaning of Marriage – Marriage is a unique relationship different from all others':

'The Constitution of Ireland regards the family 'as the necessary basis of social order and as indispensable to the welfare of the Nation and the State.' (Art. 41.1.2°). 'The State pledges itself to guard with special care the institution of Marriage, on which the Family is founded, and to protect it against attack.' (Art. 41.3.1°). **Any attempt to change this protection would be a radical change in the meaning of marriage – the 'foundation stone' of society – in the document (the Irish Constitution) that expresses the foundational values of the Irish State.'** (from *The Meaning of Marriage: Marriage is a unique relationship different from all others', A Pastoral Statement of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference, 3rd Dec 2014*).

Archbishop Eamon Martin, President of the *Irish Catholic Bishops Conference*, reaffirmed the Catholic Bishop's **opposition to a 'Yes' vote** in the 'marriage equality' referendum on 22nd May. Outlining the Bishop's opposition to the referendum, Archbishop Eamon Martin said, 'The Bishops are coming to this, of course, as a people of faith with a very strong understanding of marriage as a Sacrament grounded in Scripture, grounded in the church's teaching.' Archbishop Dairmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin and Vice-President of the Bishops Conference added, 'The teaching of the church is very clear.' (*Statement from the Spring General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference, 'Marriage is important – Reflect before you change it' – Statement of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference, March 2015, www.catholicbishops.ie*).

In the Philippines, Pope Francis called for resistance to the threat to marriage and the family, and to false ideology, saying, 'The family is threatened by growing efforts on the part of some to redefine the very institution of marriage.'

It is important that Irish clergy, as the local shepherds of their flock, immediately alert all parishioners to the serious moral and social issues involved in this referendum and bring to their attention the clear leadership of our Holy Father and our Irish Bishops on this issue.

Quo Vadis, Catholic Ireland?

The referendum is indicative of how far Ireland has lost the knowledge of the truth and understanding of Almighty God's grand design of Creation, his ways and his rights ... and how far Ireland has strayed from right order, how *'the blind (leaders) are leading the blind (people) ...*



... .. and how the Evil One and evil spirits are leading Ireland astray. **But remember that Almighty God, St. Michael and his legions, and a faithful remnant ... are a majority.**

Novena Prayer.

Eternal God, Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we bow down before You in adoration, praise and thanksgiving.

We ask for Your grace to remain faithful to our Great Covenant with You. We recognise that as a people and Nation many of our people, who ... *'know not what they do'* ..., have drifted far from You, Your Kingdom and Your Law. For this reason, we beseech Your Infinite Love, Mercy, Forgiveness and forbearance for our people and Nation. Though we are but a remnant, on behalf of our people and Nation, we affirm that Ireland belongs to You, the Blessed Trinity, and we affirm our fidelity to our age-old Covenant with You.

MARRIAGE is a blessed covenant among three parties: the Almighty God, one MAN and one WOMAN!

For the Glory of God and the honour of Ireland, and with profound love and respect for all of God's children, Amen.



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26/04/15. Dear Taoisigh - re-sent - Monday 20th April 2015 AD.

27/04/15. That to the day of my Marriage, I vowed to love and protect Wife, been both of State and Church and been thereafter protected by State.

under Article 41 THE FAMILY - 1^o - 1^o AND 2^o + 1^o - 2^o 3 - 1^o - and our Constitution's current UNDERSTANDING of marriage is very similar, to that presented by ARTICLE 16 of the UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS:

MEN AND WOMAN OF FULL AGE, WITHOUT ANY LIMITATION DUE TO RACE, NATIONALITY OR RELIGION, HAVE THE RIGHT TO MARRY AND TO FOUND A FAMILY. . . . That to proceed to a referendum without first being subjected to the scrutiny to the moral, social, legal and psychological repercussions of this proposal of SAME 'SEX' GENDER, been entitled to a official certificate to MARRIAGE. Ch. maritale to MARRY. To undermine the INTEGRITY of our principal of State and Church, will be seen as a SCANDAL on all whom, need to re-think their place of worth

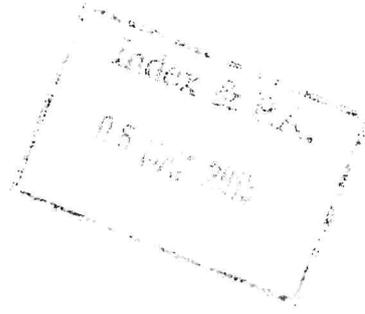
and GOD'S given gift of all, in their sacraments bestowed to them by their parents through Holy Church.

(SCANDAL. LUKE 17. 1-4)

PLEASE R.S.V.P.

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5 May 2015



[REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 28 April 2015 to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D. regarding the forthcoming Referendum on Marriage Equality.

The contents of your letter have been noted.

Yours sincerely,
Teresa Doolan

Teresa Doolan
Taoiseach's Private Office

CC. Angela Flanagan
For information

2018 Dec 2018

Dear Mr. King,

A brief note to you regarding
the referendum you hope to put through
on May 22nd 2018.

Do you believe in supporting marriage as
a human institution rather than trying
to dissolve it? There is something
irreplaceable in the marriage between a
man and a woman who commit to each
other in life & to remain open to the
transmission and the nurturing of human
life. We are not the children of a male
& female & this should be mentioned &
educated.

I am completely at odds to you. Why you
are supporting such a referendum is beyond
me. I wish I could & your thank you.

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Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach

Salutation: Dear [REDACTED]

Text of email I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D. dated 14 May 2015.

You may wish to be aware that the Referendum Commission's primary role is to prepare one or more statements containing a general explanation of the subject matter of the proposal and of the text thereof in the relevant Bill and any other information relating to those matters that the Commission considers appropriate.

The Commission can be contacted at;

The Referendum Commission
18 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.

Telephone: 01 639 5695
Locall: 1890 270970
Email: refcom@refcom.gov.ie
Facebook: www.facebook.com/referendumcommission
Twitter: @RefCom_ie
Youtube: Referendum Youtube Channel

Sign Off

Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

Telephone: 01-6194000
E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie

History: - OpenEnglish Email Reply Issued on 18/05/2015 15:07:13 to [REDACTED] by Michelle McKiernan

14/05/2015 21:42

To enda.kenny@oireachtas.ie
cc
Subject Questions before Marriage
Referendum

Dear Enda,
I'm looking for answers to couple of questions before the Marriage Referendum.

After reading the Article 41 of the Irish Constitution I would like to find answers to following questions:

1. Why does the State has any interest in our relationships and has decided to put into common law the institution of marriage and to give it special rights?

'The State recognises the Family as the natural primary and fundamental unit group of Society' and 'as the necessary basis of social order and as indispensable to the welfare of the Nation and the State.'

2. Why is the Family the natural primary unit group of Society?

3. Why is the Family the fundamental unit group of Society?

4. Why is the Family the necessary basis of social order?

5. Why is the Family indispensable to the welfare of the Nation and the State?

6. Why two married persons or two persons in Civil Partnership are given more rights than two unmarried persons? Is it a form of a discrimination against unmarried? Isn't it violating the 'Equality for Everyone' statement?

Thank you for taking the time to look into those questions and I'm looking forward to your reply.

Kind regards,
Your sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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[Redacted signature]

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May 2015

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 13th May 2015 to the Taoiseach Mr Enda Kenny T.D. regarding the forthcoming referendum on Marriage Equality.

Yours sincerely,

~~Teresa Doolan~~
Teresa Doolan
Taoiseach's Private Office

Telephone: 01-6194000
E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie

May 13th

Dear Taoiseach,

I'm not giving up, you are the Taoiseach of this country, you are taoiseach of all the people, this country is at a crossroads, the people are being led down a new Road, they know the old Road and where it led to, The Road to marriage.

You say The Referendum is not Redefining marriage It is to Redefine means to define again or differently - So marriage will never be the same again Neither will the photographs taken of a marriage ever be the same again

Who will be responsible for this, you and your government, because you are in power, and you are letting this happen How why Because of the demands of the GLTB, a powerful organisation who have a powerful moneyed, propaganda machine to promote their point of view and why we are at this crossroads, They have been calling the shots and now the people have a decision to make, they are at the mercy of propagandists What is your Role in all of this.

You've all got Gay Fever, you've been captured and taken over by the GLTB, you have succumbed to pressure, I'm appealing to you and your party to Regain your authority and control, Those who want to vote, No are as Right as those who want to vote yes, The GLTB propagandists have played hell with our emotions and we're...

in as normal people do, give in to pressure. But there is also a time when we should stand our ground and the time is, now.

I'll go to the word Kinriage again it may get you and the government out of a tricky situation. You try and find a word (to marriage) more akin to marriage than Kinriage. Akin in the dictionary = of similar character. So marriage and Kinriage go well together. So instead of same sex marriage

The word Kinriage should be introduced in its place. You have stayed out of debates on Radio and television. You are the Boss. Those who pay the piper calls the tune. The CHTB are calling the tunes and you're all got Gay Fever. Yes you've got an infection that plays hell with your emotions and distorts your judgement.

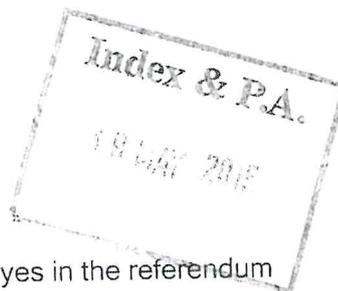
What is wrong with the word Kinriage if its meaning is akin to marriage. They could become like Night and day inseperable. Each equal in meaning yet with its own identity. When one would look at a picture of a marriage. It would still be of a man and woman. If you look at a picture of a Kinriage it would be of two men or two women. It would not be imposuring marriage. It would have its own identity. Give this to the people to vote for and you would have an overwhelming Yes to the

Referendum, But you would have to address the country with your solution to this divisive problem. As it is the No's are are Right as the Yes's
Why should we follow what other countries do - We are running out of time, we have ten days to go, before the 23rd May. You and we as a people and a country we could call it Kinriage Day, what more proof could there be that all our citizens will be equal, we could have a Kinriage House where their certificates will be legal documents equal to a marriage cert, what more could you give them
And it's a big And you will be protecting the institution of marriage as is in the constitution. Everyone in the country should be happy.
About children About forty per cent of children are born outside marriage. Several couples live together without marriage what is wrong with their ⁹⁴⁷⁸ demands is they are demanding marriage as a right because of their love. Love does not come into the meaning of marriage. They chose to ignore the gender issue, I might as well give up, But I resent their demand and so do a lot of people, so we lie down and shut up, Still we should stand up for what a word means and it's more than a word. I've written to the Editors of the Sunday Independent I don't suppose they'll publish, It's Gay Ferkle

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Details of Material teachers for marriage equality voting yes in the referendum
email sent to [REDACTED]

Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach

Text of email

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence of 18 May 2015 regarding the forthcoming referendum on marriage equality.
Yours sincerely,

Teresa Doolan
Taoiseach's Private Office

Telephone: 01-6194000
E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie

Angela Flanagan
For information

History: - Email Ack & Refer issued on 19/05/2015 15:24:15 to [REDACTED] by Sandra Markey

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To Aodhan ORIordain
<aodhan.oriordain@oireachtas.ie>
,
cc
Subject As Teachers, We're voting yes for
our pupils

A chairde,

I'm writing today to a Taoiseach and a Tánaiste, to Ministers, Deputies, Senators; elected representatives from all parties and none, from first time incumbents to veterans of the Oireachtas.

You're all different.

Yet you have something in common.

You are all educators.

Be it pre-school, primary, secondary, third level or adult education, you have all been teachers at some point in your lives.

I'm writing to you today as spokesperson for Teachers for Marriage Equality to very briefly outline our reasons for voting YES in the upcoming Marriage Referendum. We have produced a five minute video featuring different teachers; gay and straight, married and single, from the four provinces of Ireland. I'd appreciate it if you took the time to watch it and share with your followers on social media if you agree with the sentiments expressed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-5beJxVaeI>

In recent days a group calling itself Teachers for a No Vote have gained widespread media coverage and have somehow been able to give the impression that teachers care more about their own ideologies than they do about the children in their care. This is simply not the view of the majority. I would ask you to help us counter this negative image of our profession by using your followers on social media to spread our very positive message - we support our pupils and students, throughout their educational careers and into their adult lives as they find love.

For me it's a very simple YES. You, as politicians, have your differences. The teachers on the video are also all different. As teachers we tell children every day that being different is a wonderful thing, something to be celebrated and cherished. Some of those children currently grow up to discover that one of their differences is used to discriminate against them and to deny them a basic right. We're letting them down.

Thank you for taking the time to watch and please share using the hashtags #teach4marriage and #MarRef.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Salutation: Dear [REDACTED]
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Sign Off

Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach



Telephone: 01-6194000
E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie

History: - OpenEnglish Email Reply Issued on 19/05/2015 11:49:56 to [REDACTED]
byCiara Mahon

[Redacted]

18/05/2015 09:03

To <taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie>
cc
Subject: congrats

Dear Mr Kenny,

Let me say that I respect the stance you have taken on the Same Sex Marriage question. Whatever the outcome, your principled position will be remembered with gratitude.

Kindest regards

[Redacted]

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Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach

Text of email Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of 12 May 2015 regarding the forthcoming referendum on Marriage.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Doolan
Taoiseach's Private Office

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PS/Minister for Health

Referred please for attention and direct reply

History: - Email Referral Reply Issued on 20/05/2015 12:49:35 to [REDACTED] by Ciara Mahon

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12/05/2015 21:10

To taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie,
leo.varadkar@oir.ie,
olivia.mitchell@oir.ie,

cc

Subject Referendum on Marriage

My wife and I will be voting No in the upcoming referendum.

We are neither homophobic or religious zealots - we believe (i) in marriage as a union of a man and woman and (ii) that every child should have a father and mother. When does surrogacy become a human right?

We understand that most political parties have imposed the party whip with regard to the referendum and question why.

As we debated the issues surrounding both referenda we are utterly dismayed at the priority of the current government.

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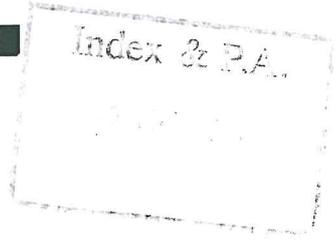
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Sound bites of the Yes campaign - equality, discrimination, mental health - time to pause my friends and reflect on the most vulnerable in our society - children (and adults) with special needs.

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Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach

Salutation: Dear [REDACTED]

Text of email I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence of 21 May to the Taoiseach Mr. Enda Kenny T.D. regarding your views on the referendum on marriage equality, the contents of which have been noted.

Sign Off

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Doolan
Taoiseach's Private Office

Telephone: 01-6194000
E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie

History: - OpenEnglish Email Reply Issued on 22/05/2015 18:00:39 to [REDACTED] byNiall Fitzpatrick



Vincent Gribbin ·
21/05/2015 11:29

To ""taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie"
<taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie>
cc
Subject FW: Same sex marriage

Regards,

Vincent Gribbin
Head of Communications & Media
Fine Gael Headquarters

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 May 2015 11:25
To: finegael@finegael.ie
Subject: Same sex marriage

Dear Taoiseach,

I would like to register my opposition to the bill for same sex marriage which you are promoting.

I am an Irish citizen have been born and bred in Dublin . I am now living in [REDACTED] . I see marriage as between a man and a woman as ordained by God and feel strongly that it should remain as such . I don't think that two people of the same gender can bring up children and respect the roles that two different sex parents have . I have been happily married for 37 years and would not want it any other way .

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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May 2015

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., regarding the referendum on marriage equality.

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Doolan
Taoiseach's Private Office

Telephone: 01-6194000
E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie

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May 2015

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence to the Taoiseach Mr. Enda Kenny T.D. dated 19 May 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Celine McEvoy
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

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Details of Material Marriage referendum
email sent to [REDACTED]
Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach
Text of email Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence to the office of the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., dated 25 May, 2015.

A copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D., for her attention and direct response to you.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

Telephone: 01-6194000
E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie

PS/Min for Justice & Equality
Referred please for attention and direct reply

History: - Email Ack & Refer issued on 27/05/2015 10:47:15 to [REDACTED] by Amy Mahon

[REDACTED]
25/05/2015 19:53

To "Averil Power FF \{S\}"
<apowerff@gmail.com>, "Barry
Cowen FF TD"

cc

Subject Referendum result and
democracy.

Hello

I was one of the 39% plus who voted no. I expected the yes side to win because the "Equality" brand was a strong label to try and defeat.

I pray that the victory for the LGBT community will give them the long lasting joy and contentment that they believe it will give them.

There are two issues that I personally feel need to be looked at now.

First. It seems to me that 39% plus of the population are now not represented politically on a very central issue, the meaning of marriage, in our society. How do you believe this imbalance in our politics should be addressed?

Second. What guarantees can you give me as a bible believing Christian that my right to believe homosexuality is wrong will never be infringed? Can you guarantee for me that my church will be free to preach on those aspects of the bible that highlight homosexuality as a sin without fear of being legally checked out? Can you guarantee for me that in their schools my children will not be forced to accept a gender neutral view of society and especially marriage? What guarantee can you give that my right to carry out my business without fear of being forced to deliver a message re homosexuality, ([REDACTED]), will never be infringed.

I think those are reasonable concerns.

Just to explain the reason for my no vote was mostly based on biblical principles. not as a negative but as a positive. I believe that God in his word outlines not only what is best for the church but for society as well. I believe that if I believe that God's ways are best I want what is best for my society. That is not trying to impose a Christian world view it is expressing my love for you and all citizens of Ireland.

I believe that for those in the LGBT community who read this they would not consider my beliefs loving, but they are and if people wish to discuss this with me further I am more than happy to facilitate that.

God's Blessings

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Salutation:

Dear [REDACTED]

Text of email

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., dated 24 May 2015, the contents of which have been noted.

Sign Off

Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach



Telephone: 01-6194000

E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie

History:
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- OpenEnglish Email Reply Issued on 26/05/2015 13:41:49 to [REDACTED] by Amy


24/05/2015 09:39

To "taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie"
<taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie>
cc
Subject Same sex marriage in Ireland

Dear Enda

 was taken away from her mother and forced to grow up in an orphanage in Ireland because she was born out of wedlock. Our family was forced to live with the many consequences of this.

Ireland has now legalised same sex marriage, look how far you have come! It brings me much joy to see this change in Ireland.
I thank you and the Irish people for their being willing to change and accept people for who they are.

Kind regards


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Sign Off

Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

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E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie

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25/05/2015 14:43

To lucinda.creighton@oireachtas.ie,
enda.kenny@oir.ie, Micheál
Martin
cc
Subject Ireland abandons its children

<http://www.mercatornet.com/conjugality/view/ireland-abandons-its-children/16209>

Dear Taoiseach and Deputies,
Please see above an excellent analysis of the redefinition of marriage amendment.
Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]
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CONJUGALITY

A BLOG ON THE FUTURE OF MARRIAGE

MERCATORNET

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

MONDAY, 25 MAY 2015

Ireland abandons its children

BY DAVID VAN GEND



Ireland has written a social suicide note and we grieve for her. But we will not follow her.

More than half the Irish have voted for homosexual marriage, seduced by celebrities to violate something they once held sacred: the life between mother, father and child.

From today, the Irish Constitution assumes a mother does not matter to a baby, and a father is irrelevant to his son. That is madness.

A constitutional right to same-sex marriage means a constitutional right to same-sex adoption and surrogacy, and that means motherless and fatherless families are now enshrined as an ideal in the Irish Constitution.

Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny said the vote was "Yes to love" -- but there are children who will never know the love of their mother because of Friday's constitutional amendment. He said it was "Yes to inclusion" -- but it deliberately excludes children of same-sex couples from "the natural and fundamental group unit of society", which is how the Universal Declaration of Human Rights describes the trinity of mother, father and child.

If equality for gay adults means inequality for kids, where is the justice in that?

If removing spurious discrimination against gay adults means imposing genuine discrimination on children who are deliberately deprived of a mother or a father, what is the reason to celebrate?

Gay Irish celebrity blogger Paddy Manning rejected claims of discrimination against gay couples, saying, "Marriage is, at its heart, about children and providing those children with their biological parents. Recognising difference is not discrimination."

Here in Australia, there is no unjust discrimination against same-sex couples in any way, be it taxation, superannuation, Medicare, next of kin status or any other matter, since Federal Parliament amended eighty-five laws in 2008. Same sex couples have full relationship equality and are free to live as they choose; they do not have the right to choose a motherless or fatherless existence for a little child.

Here in Australia, we will resist the dementia that is afflicting the decadent West. If we are the last country standing, we will still not abolish a child's birthright to the love of her mum or her dad just to gratify the demands of homosexual adults.

Conjugality deals with the true nature of marriage and the challenges it faces today. Our current focus is on the campaign to legalise same-sex marriage. We'd love to get your comments and suggestions. Send an email to conjugality@mercatornet.com

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Dear [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence to the office of the Taoiseach Mr. Enda Kenny T.D. received on 20 May 2015, the contents of which have been noted.

Yours sincerely,
Michelle McKiernan

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

Name AN TAOISIGH Reference Number _____

Address OIFIG AN TAOISIGH Telephone Number _____

T.I.P.H.E AN Rialtaí, BAILE Atha Cliath 2 -

BY:

Dear Taoisigh, 20th May 2015 AD.

That to last letter sent faxed 9th April 2015 and sending today this letter to all towns of State Church.

That on meeting many persons this day and speaking also engaging on the present topic the Referendum 2015 AD and of men woman, to find that the opinion is that such a Referendum should not been taken place, whom are distributing "YES" leaflets, and have been thinking hard of what their promoting. One very learned person amongst the street "YES" ADVOCATES

That the GOVERNMENTS push on the "YES" is INTRINSICALLY EVIL, PERVERSING THE COURSE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE.

and finished with that he is of Atheism and very engrossed to protect the Bunsreachtaí na hÉireann as a grandfather and Irish Scholar as is forewith.

Thank you
God Bless

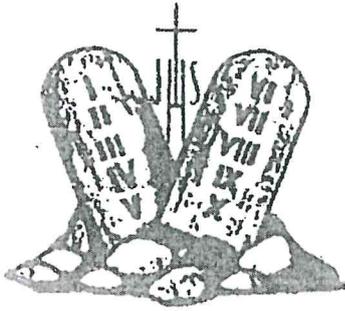
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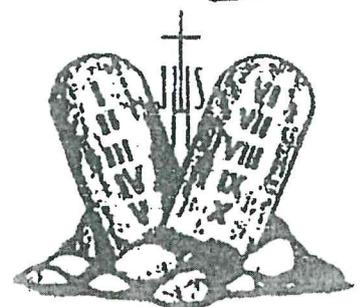
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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE LAW WAS GIVEN
THROUGH MOSES;
GRACE AND TRUTH CAME
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

John 1:17



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE LAW WAS GIVEN
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John 1:17

"Seek first [God's] Kingdom over you, His way of holiness, and all these things will be given you besides" (Mt 6:33).

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

These are the commandments which God gave to man to guide him to happiness in this life and in the next:

I. I AM THE LORD THY GOD: THOU SHALT NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME.

Commands: faith, hope, love, and worship of God; reverence for holy things; prayer.

Forbids: idolatry, superstition, spiritism, tempting God, sacrilege, attendance at false worship.

II. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN.

Commands: reverence in speaking about God and holy things; the keeping of oaths and vows.

Forbids: blasphemy, the irreverent use of God's name, speaking disrespectfully of holy things, false oaths, and the breaking of vows.

III. REMEMBER THOU KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH DAY.

Commands: going to Church on Sundays and holy days.

Forbids: missing Church through one's own fault; unnecessary servile work; public buying and selling; court trials.

IV. HONOR THY FATHER AND MOTHER.

Commands: love, respect, obedience on the part of children; care on the part of parents for the spiritual and temporal welfare of their children; obedience to civil and religious superiors.

Forbids: hatred of parents and superiors; disrespect, disobedience.

V. THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

Commands: safeguarding of one's own life and bodily welfare and that of others.

Forbids: unjust killing, suicide, abortion, sterilization, duelling, endangering life and limb of self or others.

VI. THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

Commands: chastity in word, and deed.

Forbids: obscene speech; impure actions alone or with others.

VII. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

Commands: respect for the property and rights of others; the paying of just debts; paying just wages to employees; integrity in public officials.

Forbids: theft; damage to the property of others; not paying just debts; not returning found or borrowed articles; giving unjust measure or weight in selling; not paying just wages; bribery; graft; cheating; fraud; ac-

cepting stolen property; not giving an honest day's work for wages received; violation of contract.

VIII. THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR.

Commands: truthfulness, respect for the good name of others; the observance of secrecy when required.

Forbids: lying, injury to the good name of others, slander, talebearing, rash judgment, contemptuous speech, and the violation of secrecy.

IX. THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.

Commands: purity in thought.

Forbids: willful impure thoughts and desires.

X. THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.

Commands: respect for the rights of others.

Forbids: the desire to take, to keep, or to damage the property of others.

Imprinted: Walter J. Kellenberg
Bishop of Knoxville Centre, N.Y.
June 6, 1971

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Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach

Salutation: Dear [REDACTED]

Text of email I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., dated 24 May 2015, the contents of which have been noted.

Sign Off

Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach



Telephone: 01-6194000
E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie

History: - OpenEnglish Email Reply Issued on 26/05/2015 13:38:10 to [REDACTED] by Amy Mahon

email will go to : [REDACTED]
Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach
Salutation: Dear [REDACTED]
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Yours sincerely,

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History: - Email created but NOT sent yet (Amy Mahon - 25/05/2015)



Fw: Complaint
Webmaster to: privateoffice
Sent by: Webmaster
Please respond to webmaster

25/05/2015 10:52

----- Forwarded by Webmaster on 25/05/2015 10:51 -----



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24/05/2015 00:13

To: webmaster@taoiseach.gov.ie
cc
Subject: Complaint

5/23/2015

Enda Kelly

Department of the Taoiseach
Government Buildings,
Upper Merrion Street,
Dublin 2

Re: Legalization of same sex marriage

Dear Sir;

I am writing to you to express my deep regret that the land of my ancestors...The Republic of Ireland has legalized a mental disorder. What mental disorder will The Republic of Ireland be legalizing next? Man wanting to marry his car? Woman wanting to marry her cat? Man wanting to marry a five year old child? Those too are mental disorders.

Sir, I am thoroughly disgusted by this piece of legislation and I have NEVER been so ashamed of being of Irish ancestry as I am now. I will be urging all my family, friends, and co workers NOT to support The Republic of Ireland in any way shape or form because of The Republic of Ireland's support for a mental disorder.



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May 2015

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Dear [REDACTED],

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., dated 21 May, 2015 the contents of which have been noted.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

Telephone: 01-6194000

E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie

11425



21-05-2015

Dear Mr. Kenny

Could you please explain to me how you and your government can spend £2 million on the marriage referendum when you are always going on about not having enough money for other services, I am unemployed and not receiving any social welfare and I am expected to pay household charges property tax and water charges. I had an appointment in St. James's Hospital which I had to cancel because I can't have the time to go.



27 May 2015

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., regarding the outcome of the marriage equality referendum.

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Doolan

Teresa Doolan
Taoiseach's Private Office

~~Lee Taoiseach~~

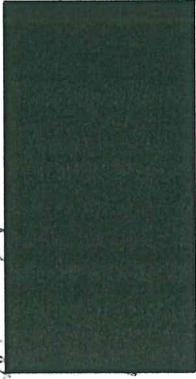


Tawheed,

Thank you for everything you did
to help secure a Yes Result
this weekend.

You have helped make our
country a better place for
thousands of people, myself included

Thanks again



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May 2015

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Dear [REDACTED],

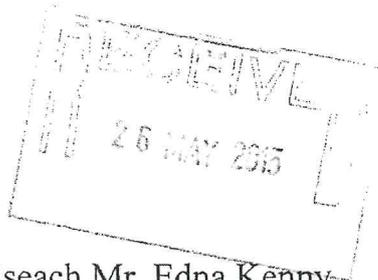
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 27 May 2015 to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D. regarding your views on the outcome of the Marriage Equality referendum.

The content of your correspondence has been noted.

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Doolan
Taoiseach's Private Office

cc. Angela Flanagan



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Date: 27th May 2015

Dear Taoiseach Mr. Enda Kenny,

I am very disappointed and upset by the actions of your government under your leadership , that led to the change of the definition of marriage.

You did a sterling work on behalf of the gay lobby. You should be proud of yourself that Ireland is now famous the world over for the wrong reasons.

In the heart of your hearts you know so well, you have done something shameful under the pretence of democracy .

You have changed a perfectly good constitution for the worse. The people who still have conscience will pray for you, as history will prove that your government actions , have betrayed many Irish generations, and would be responsible for leading astray many Irish generations to come.

Due to the results of the Marriage Referendum ; May 22nd 2015, Ireland will become aggressively secular and a less of a Christian country.

The corollary is that when there is a void , especially when it was a good religion something else will be waiting in the wings to fill that void and you know what ?! it will be Islam!.

Looking forward to your acknowledgement and reply.

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Oifig an Taoisigh

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from

Details of Material Marriage referendum

email sent to [REDACTED]

Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach

Text of email Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence of 25 May, 2015 to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., which will be brought to his attention.

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Doolan
Taoiseach's Private Office

Telephone: 01-6194000
E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie

cc Angela Flanagan
cc Taoiseach

History: - Email Ack & Refer issued on 27/05/2015 16:01:04 to [REDACTED] by Amy Mahon

25/05/2015 20:07

To enda.kenny@oireachtas.ie
cc
Subject

Dear Sir, I just want to thank you for following through on your pre-election promise to hold a referendum on marriage equality I'm not a `follower` of any party... I vote for who I think is honest and will at least try to do a decent job..... I'm delighted with the historic result and it gives us something we can be proud of as a nation after so many difficult years for so many people....for once I can say I felt and still feel so proud to be Irish after this historic result..... you gave a commitment and you kept it ... I admire that in anyone kind regards, [REDACTED].

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Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach

Text of email

Dear [REDACTED]

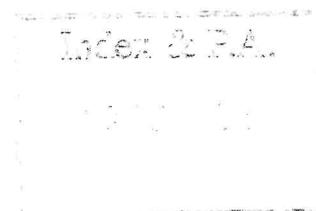
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 27 May, 2015 to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., the content of which has been noted.

[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

Celine McEvoy
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

Telephone: 01-6194000
E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie



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Referred please for attention and direct reply

Sarah Moran - For information

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Taking off the green shirt?

to:

webmaster@taoiseach.gov.ie, sandra.markey@taoiseach.gov.ie,
privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie, ciara.mahon@taoiseach.gov.ie

27/05/2015 03:30

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From:

To: "webmaster@taoiseach.gov.ie" <webmaster@taoiseach.gov.ie>,
"sandra.markey@taoiseach.gov.ie" <sandra.markey@taoiseach.gov.ie>,
"privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie" <privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie>,
"ciara.mahon@taoiseach.gov.ie" <ciara.mahon@taoiseach.gov.ie>

Dear Taoiseach,

Congratulations on a terrific referendum campaign and result. Your name will go down not just in Irish but in world history, as a result.

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29 May 2015

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Dear [REDACTED],

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., dated 25 May 2015.

The Taoiseach has asked that the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D., respond to you directly on the matter you raise.

The Taoiseach sends you his best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
Michelle McKiernan

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

PS/Minister for Justice & Equality
Referred please for attention and direct reply

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Subject of email: email to the Taoiseach

Salutation: Dear [REDACTED]

Text of email I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence to the office of the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D. dated 1 June 2015.

Sign Off

Yours sincerely,

Michelle McKiernan
Assistant Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach

Telephone: 01-6194000

E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie

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01/06/2015 21:05

To <taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie>,
"HQ-TANAISTE"
<HQ-TANAISTE@dfa.ie>,
cc

Subject Please review the democratic
principle on which the 'Marriage
Equality' Referendum was passed

Dear Taoiseach, Tánaiste, Ministers, TD's, Senators and MEP's,

Only 38 per cent of eligible voters actually voted in favour of 'marriage equality' (61 % voted, of whom 62 % voted Yes). In many countries, a two third majority is required to change a country's Constitution.

If same sex marriage is enshrined into the Constitution, this would be in direct contradiction to the Divine Law on which the Constitution of Ireland is based as it invokes the Most Holy Trinity in its preamble. The Christians among you will know that God has given us his law for our happiness and for our salvation. There will be a terrible price to pay if God is offended in this way.

Please also find below an article which explains how the Irish people have been manipulated over many years by a powerful homosexual lobby, financed from overseas, and the intimidation tactics which took place right up to referendum day.

On this basis I urge you to carefully examine the democratic principle on which the referendum was passed, as well as the fact that legalisation of same sex 'marriage' would be in opposition to the Most Holy Trinity who is invoked in the Constitution, and not to accept the referendum result.

Here is the link to the article:

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/what-really-happened-in-irelands-gay-marriage-referendum>

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

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9 June 2015

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 27 May 2015 to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D.

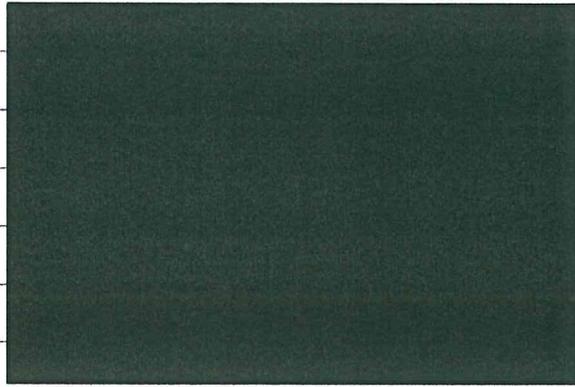
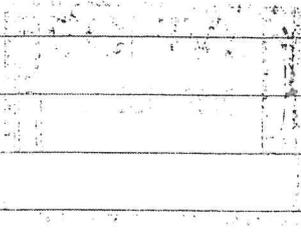
The Taoiseach has asked me to thank you for taking the time to send him your poem.

The Taoiseach wishes you all the best.

Yours sincerely,
Celine McEvoy

Celine McEvoy

07/5/2015



Dear Teresa Sarah Emily Keating,

My name is

[Redacted], I would like to share a poem I penned about the historic vote in Ireland on Same Sex marriage

Righteous Warrior Nelson

May 22nd 2015 the Irish people in Ireland casted their votes on Same Sex marriage I have always believed in equality for all Especially more so in this day and age

Today May 23rd 2015 is a historic day Same Sex marriage will be more approved Ireland will be celebrating no doubt The Irish people have made me feel proud!

I know Ireland would do the right thing I have more appreciation and admiration I have more respect and love for Ireland
The Righteous Warrior Nelson

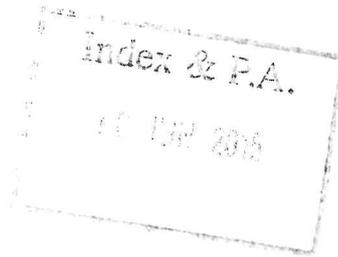
Yours Respectfully, [Redacted]

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9/ June 2015

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Dear [REDACTED],

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 27 May 2015 to the Taoiseach Mr Enda Kenny T.D., the contents of which have been noted.

Yours sincerely,
Teresa Doolan

Teresa Doolan
Taoiseach's Private Office

Telephone: 01-6194000
E-mail: privateoffice@taoiseach.gov.ie

From: [REDACTED]
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27th May, 2015.

PERSONAL

An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny T.D.,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.



Dear Taoiseach,

Following the recent referendum I should appreciate your assurance that my definition of marriage will remain in the Constitution, although another definition will probably have to be added.

My definition is in keeping with the definition which has been recognised since time began as set out in the Biblical book of Genesis, which describes God's creation of mankind, "male and female He created them". He instructed that a man should leave his father mother and cleave unto his wife and that they should be one flesh. With modern science we know that a child is born with equal chromosomes from father and mother, surely the fruit of one flesh.

Even if one does not believe in creation, but in evolution, every civilisation since the world began has followed having the family unit as the basis of society, sometimes polygamously, but in the main on the same principal. Even formerly very isolated people such as the Inuits of the Arctic, Indians of the Amazon, and people of Papua-New Guinea, without benefit of law or ceremony, held the family as the basic unit.

Nature reproduces its own kind in the same way, mammals, birds, amphibians, insects and even hermaphrodites (creatures that are both male and female).

I do not think all the dictionaries should have to change their definitions of marriage, even if you have to add an additional one to fit in with the Constitution of Ireland following a most carelessly held referendum. Did the present government have any concept of the magnitude of the damage they could do if they do not proceed with extreme caution?

I am in full agreement with Civil Partnership and legal rights for people in such unions.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]