

The Good Life for Homosexuals

Family life has been deteriorating in this country. As a result, we are suffering from an increase in broken homes, divorce, adultery, promiscuity, fornication, juvenile delinquency, abortions, rape, child abuse, murder and every other kind of social disorder imaginable.

The human family is the basic society on earth. If parents don't love their children; and children are not conceived, and born, out of a dedicated, love relationship between a man and a woman; we should not be surprised that any family is dysfunctional. We cannot expect people, who do not love and respect, their wives and husbands, children, and parents, to love and respect their neighbors, as they should.

Our cities, and our country, and the world, is falling apart; because of **the selfish approach to life**, of people who are unable to love, even members of their own immediate families. Why is this happening? It is because of an increase in **godlessness**.

All people, including homosexuals, were created by God for the happy, contented, peaceful family lives made possible for us by God, in Jesus Christ.

This world was created to be a paradise for all of us. It could be, and should be, and will be, for those of us who live as God's children. This means that, we can recover the love relationship with God lost by Adam and Eve, when they sinned.

God comes to us in Jesus Christ(who St. Paul calls the new Adam) inviting us to repent, and to enjoy a better life than Adam ever had, by realizing the family relationship of true sons and daughters, that Jesus himself has with God Our Father, and always has had, even when he lived on this earth.

As we pray to God Our Father and experience, as Jesus Christ always did on earth, being as much a part of God's family, as is possible for us; by making a fervent, loving effort to bring about, as much as possible in our lives, what we are praying for as loving, obedient children; we learn what it means to be bonded by family love to our immediate family; and more and more to our human neighbors in our cities, our country and the whole world.

Many people are born with handicaps; noticeable when they are mental or physical. We all are born with greater handicaps, with a human nature damaged(not inclined to live always in the friendship love of God) by sin(the original sin of Adam). Our damaged nature reveals itself in pride, selfishness, lustfulness, greed, envy, gluttony and laziness.

All of these self-destructive tendencies can be overcome inasmuch as we embrace the way of true love, the way of truth, the way of the perfect image of God, Jesus Christ. This will happen for any of us, the more we embrace the family life of God with, in, and through the way of life given to us in Jesus Christ. Some of us are called by God to live out our lives in this world with dedicated, committed Christian love in human families as wives and husbands, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters.

Others among us are called to live as single people. **The good single life is also necessarily family life.** Many inmates, heterosexuals and homosexuals, ask if religious life is possible for them in the Catholic Church. Religious life is possible for anyone, whether they would be accepted or not in any monastery, in any convent, or by any bishop for ordination. What is most necessary for religious life is to live, like Jesus Christ, as members of the family of God. This means to live the Trinitarian life; never losing sight of who we are, and what we are called to be, in our intimate relationship with God Our Father, God Our Brother Jesus Christ, moved by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God; overwhelmed, consumed by the love and truth of God. Jesus Christ and St. Paul, who chose to live the single life, in order to never be distracted from the Trinitarian life, encourage us to follow them.

So, the good life offered by Jesus Christ, can be embraced by homosexuals, as well as by heterosexuals.

*“His disciples said to him, ‘If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.’ But he said to them, ‘Not everyone can accept this teaching, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others, and **there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.** Let anyone accept this who can.’”* (Matthew 19:10-12)

*“I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord; but the married man is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried woman and the Virgin are anxious about the affairs of the Lord, so that they may be holy in body and spirit; but the married woman is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to put any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and **unhindered devotion to the Lord.**”* (1 Corinthians 7:32-35)

When we choose to **live the dedicated single life**, in order to love God in a wholehearted way, overcoming the powerful sexual and other distractions which make it difficult for us to be attentive to him in our desires, thought, and prayer; **we are not suppressing our natural sexual desires**; but are **sublimating them** to a greater love, the love of our uncreated God, who is more worthy of our love than any person or thing he ever created, or that he ever could create.