

Editorial

The supremacy of truth

In the last week of August, the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States was, at least temporarily, brought to its senses, by a gentle, fatherly slap from the Vatican. This slap was the order forbidding "Rev." Charles E. Curran from posing as Professor of Theology at the Catholic University of America.

This Charles E. Curran, is a more than typical representative of an odd crew of social engineers, who, under the guise of membership in the Jesuit, the Benedictine or some other order, or in pretext of being adherents of the so-called Concilium movement, have, for some 20 years now, invaded the Roman Catholic Church in order to destroy it from within.

The public's prurient interest has focused on Curran's teaching of sex. The man has variously succeeded in supplying "theological" justifications for male homosexual sodomy, female lesbian genital acts, masturbation, and so forth, on the grotesque grounds that such acts of violence against dignity may occur "in the context of a loving relationship striving for permanency." He has argued in writing: "My position affirms that for an irreversible, constitutional or genuine homosexual, homosexual acts in the context of a loving relationship striving for permanency are *objectively morally good*."

A swarm of degenerate, libertine American clergymen and others associated with the U.S. conference of Catholic Bishops have risen to defend Curran from the Vatican's decision to stop him from posing as a "Catholic theologian." Curran's defenders' rallying point is "academic freedom," "religious freedom," and "freedom of inquiry."

These defenders of Curran go out of their way to point out what a decent and proper and modest religious person Charles Curran is, implying, of course, that he does not practice what he teaches. So, this is the arrangement of this conspiracy of evil: The Father Currans, presuming that they do not practice what they teach, are deployed to defend the right of others to practice what they, the "theological" apologists of sodomy etc., preach. Then the protectors of these Father Currans champion the right of the non-practicing

preachers of sodomy to preach sodomy. These latter, claim or impute that they themselves do not preach as the Currans preach, but simply defend the others' right to preach sodomy.

This entire fabric of casuistry and hypocrisy has gone on for years, buttressed up by a subtle threat against the moral authority of the Pope: "If you don't let us do what we do, we are going to split." There is also the cruder argument: "There is a New Age coming along now. New mores are prevailing among the young. Homosexuality is more and more viewed as a viable loving relationship. More and more young people are discovering the God-given gift of their body's sexuality," and so on *ad nauseam*. Or: "The majority of American Catholics do not agree with the Holy Father on the matters of contraception, abortion, and divorce. Do you want the Church to be 'alienated' from the opinions of the majority?"

The answer to all this degenerate trash from Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, the Prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, is straightforward: We will not argue the merits or demerits of Mr. Curran's kinky and degrading opinions of sex. We shall simply deprive him of the right to peddle his wares while retaining the position of Catholic theologian. Ratzinger's letter to Curran of Sept. 17, 1985, said: "In light of the indispensable requirements for authentic theological instruction, described by the council and by the public law of the Catholic Church, the Congregation now invites you to reconsider and to retract those positions which violate the conditions necessary for a professor to be called a Catholic theologian. It must be recognized that the authorities of the Church cannot allow the present situation to continue in which the inherent contradiction is prolonged that one who is to teach in the name of the Church in fact denies her teachings."

All the little devils in the Catholic Church are upset that they cannot disguise their seductions as "theologically acceptable." They can only cause harm when garbed as "theologically acceptable." When the authority of truth asserts herself, evil is powerless.