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[Image: https://www.sermonindex.net/images/forum/2004/may/featured_news.gif]

Dear Friends,

This is disturbing. I got the Action alert and decided to look further to verify everything.

I thought maybe we as a group could lend some weight in the fray.

David

<http://www.gaygameschicago.org/sponsors/home.php>

<http://kraftfoods.com/kf/About/About+Brands.htm>

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Dear Friend of the Family,

Kraft Foods, makers of popular products like /Macaroni and Cheese, Kraft Singles, Oreo cookies, Maxwell House coffee, and Ritz Crackers/ is a sponsor of the 2006 Gay Olympic Games in Chicago.

In addition, Kraft has authorized its company logo to be placed on the gay games official website as a major corporate sponsor.

The gay games are supported and endorsed by dozens of homosexual activist groups and organizations, including homosexual magazines and television outlets.

Tell Kraft to drop their corporate sponsorship of the 2006 Gay Games in Chicago.

Take Action

Kraft is ignoring emails. Please make a personal phone call to Kraft and tell them to pull their financial support from the 2006 Gay Games.

Their toll-free number is 1-800-323-0768

Additional contact information

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Online contact form -

http://www.kraftfoods.com/main.aspx?m=contact_us/cu_form1

Sincerely,

Donald E. Wildmon, Chairman
American Family Associatio

Re: Kraft is a major sponsor of 2006 Gay Olympic Games - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/5/11 16:11

I just phoned and issued an complaint about this.. It took only a few minutes. I am praying that if enough people take action Kraft will realize how much of their costumer share does not agree with sponsoring and agreeing with the homosexual lifestyle as normal and moral.

Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2005/5/11 16:20

Just e-mailed them. Thanks for the heads up bro.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/5/11 16:22

dohzman

Actually emailing them will do no good. They are ignorning emails and are only paying attention to phone calls. If you call the tollfree number it will only take a few minutes to issue an complaint and concern about the sponsorship.

Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2005/5/11 16:31

Done. However it might take alot of out pour to change thier direction and committment to this event. I wonder if focus on the family has a heads up on this?

Re: Kraft is a major sponsor of 2006 Gay Olympic Games, on: 2005/5/11 18:45

I have massive amounts of Kraft Mac and Cheese in my pantry coz my son likesit, plus oreo cookies, as well as having tons and tons of ritz crackers in my homeless outreach food pantry.

(what I do is combine two cans of chunky soup with a roll of ritz crackers as well as some tuna, as well as a half gallon of apple juice, and this comprises a bag which I carry in my ride...but back to the emergency at hand)

so what do you think/feel? Maybe we should just throw all this stuff out?

Get rid of all this filthy food produced by that filthy company!

Thats what I'm gonna do, and then I'm gonna call James Dobson and all my friends at focus, and get them on the warpath....oh yes! Thats an appropriate word for the ministry at focus on the family...warpath. I LIKE the way that sounds...warpath! A warpath for Jesus.

seriously. Kraft is a fortune 100 company and the dictates they follow are the dictates of the dollar, not of the God Most High. Respectfully, I believe a move in the direction you press is as about as effective as Denny Green's ministry was recently as an outreach to the gay community in America.

the gay's look at the religious right, which comes across as consistently pro-business,(as opposed to pro-labor) and then when a business acts pro-business, as in bending to the dictates of the dollar, the religious right, (as personified by "focus on the family") excoriates it.

do you really think one homosexual will be warmed to the church by any contemplated boycott of Kraft?

but proceed ahead lads!

don't be offended by what I wrote, just speaking my mind (heart) and that is as American as apple pie.

While I was sitting here....., on: 2005/5/11 19:18

I'm at the King's College library, and I WAS (past tense) trying to complete some work on my play, and before I begin to work, I check my mail, and then come to sermonindex, coz it's my favorite website, and I commented on the thread below. (I pray I didn't offend anyone)...wait a minute, lemme expand on why I'm hesitant to offend anyone...in my town, we have a fellow who purports to be a 'shaman', and he (like me) does food outreach to the latino community, and one time the Holy Spirit had me write him a letter, and ask him in WHOSE name does he feed the poor?...and I remember writing so meek and so humble, prefacing stuff by saying that I ask this in a spirit of meekness and in love, etc .

well, I wrote this letter about a year ago, and just today I heard from a pastor that he was approached by a pair, a man and a woman, who proclaimed the pastor, a "good" Christian, (he is) and they knew he was because they had met a bad christian who wrote them an offensive piece of hate mail, etc etc.

I immediately called them, I've known this pair for years, and I apologized to the wife, and said I was so sorry for offending them, that wasn't my intent, please forgive me. She was shocked to even hear from me, I said that I never knew they were offended, and I was devastated to hear this. She proceeded to ask what I meant by the letter, and the Spirit told me to go nowhere near that question, I deflected it, and she told me that they have been feeding people for seven years in the name of 'love'. I could have gone into a whole discussion of a Bit of my favorite Scripture which is "God is love, who ever lives in love, lives in God and God in him"., but I didn't, they don't have the ears to hear the Gospel.

That's what the Lord has been revealing to me about certain people and that includes some within the "church", or some that live in "christian city", as my sis Chanin puts it.

Now with this Kraft thing, my word is "what do you expect?"...it's stuff of the world, and my main thought is this: respectfully.....I think that the evangelical church in America has no clue to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who do not LOOK LIKE IT.....and that assessment includes me.

food for thought, and in conclusion, Thank God for the Holy Spirit that speaks unto men's heart, or we all would be doomed.

Re: While I was sitting here..... - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/5/11 19:34

Neil

I personally might still eat Kraft products but for now I feel it was a good thing to at least phone in and complain and share with them my disagreement over them doing this as a loyal customer of theirs. If we all just pray and call in, I am sure it will make a positive difference.

Re: Kraft is a major sponsor of 2006 Gay Olympic Games, on: 2005/5/11 23:09

Greg is right you can't stop eating Kraft products. They own more companies, and we may be purchasing stuff that we don't even know they produce. In my home town people are trying not to buy Irving tissue paper because they got a 25 year tax break from the city, but what they don't know is they bought out Kimberly-Clarke tissue. So they may switch to Cottonelle, they are still buying from Irving. So you can't get around it. What we can do is pray against this, because it's the principalities and powers that we need to take hold of and wrestle with until it's brought down.

Wanna get angry about something.....read this, on: 2005/5/12 0:23

A former priest who served under Mahony in the Stockton Diocese describes his ploys.

By Jean Guccione
Times Staff Writer

May 11, 2005

In a chillingly frank account, a former Roman Catholic priest, promoted 20 years ago by Roger M. Mahony, recently described his decades-long career as a pedophile, including his sexual tastes and how he groomed his young victims for abuse.

In a 15-hour videotaped deposition in March, Oliver O'Grady described how his heart raced when one of the slim, playful boys he preferred towed off after a swim. He also said he liked to lift little girls' skirts and peek at their underpants.

Asked to demonstrate how he would lure one of his estimated 25 victims into his arms, the 59-year-old Irish native softened his voice, flashed an avuncular smile and looked directly into the video camera.

"Hi, Sally," O'Grady improvised. "How are you doing? Come here. I want to give you a hug. You are a sweetheart. You know that. You are very special to me. I like you a lot."

If his hug met no resistance, O'Grady testified, he would take the child's compliance as "permission" to molest.

The deposition came in connection with lawsuits filed against the Stockton Diocese over alleged abuse by clergy. Mahony, who was bishop of Stockton from 1980 to 1985 before heading the Los Angeles Archdiocese, inherited O'Grady, who had admitted years earlier to molesting an 11-year-old girl. In 1984, police investigated a therapist's report that O'Grady had molested a boy.

After police declined to file charges, Mahony transferred O'Grady to a rural parish and later promoted him to pastor there, where he allegedly molested three more victims, including a baby girl who suffered vaginal scarring, according to plaintiffs' lawyers. Mahony has said he was unaware of any molestation reports. The additional victims were molested after he left the diocese.

"The cardinal acted on the information he had, just as the police investigator did," church attorney Don Woods said.

Costa Mesa-based plaintiffs' attorney John C. Manly conducted the deposition in Ireland. The now-defrocked priest, an Irish citizen and native of Limerick, was deported from the U.S. in 2001, after serving seven years in California state prison for sexually abusing two brothers. He lives in Thurles, Ireland.

A transcript of the deposition was filed Tuesday in Alameda County Superior Court, where the Stockton Diocese is defending four lawsuits alleging that the church failed to protect parishioners from abuse. Manly filed the transcript in opposing a church motion to dismiss one of the suits.

O'Grady, on the video, asked why church officials did not remove him from ministry after he committed the molestations.

"I think it probably would have been best if, back in 1984, they said, 'Look, we need to put a halt to this. We need to take you out,' " O'Grady told lawyers during the questioning. "But even the 1984 situation, as I understand it, was handled as best it could have been handled at the time."

Woods said Tuesday that O'Grady "was not trying to say what should have been done. He's saying I wish it could have been done differently.

"It's a lament from hindsight," he said.

An attorney for the Stockton Diocese, Paul Balestracci, declined to comment, noting the open lawsuits over O'Grady's misconduct.

O'Grady's deposition offers a far-reaching, and often disturbing, glimpse into the mind of a convicted pedophile. Still, there were times during the marathon question-and-answer session when he was less than candid.

He refused to name any of his 25 victims, invoking his 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination. He at first denied molesting one little girl, then the next day admitted that he had lied and that he had abused her. He said his abuse ended in the mid-1980s, but in his criminal case he had pleaded guilty to molestations as late as 1991.

Although O'Grady voiced remorse for his abuses, he often appeared to be enjoying his videotaped performance. At one point, he winked into the camera.

O'Grady testified that he was molested as a child by two priests in the sacristy of his church. The first occurred when he was 10 and an altar boy, he said.

The priest "began the conversation by asking how I was, what I was going to do for the day, and I remember he was Â—he called me over to him and he began to hug me, you know, in a kind of gentle way, first of all.

"Then he turned me around Â... which means I had my back to him with him standing behind me, and then the hands would come down and hug me here and then went lower."

When he was growing up, he testified, he was involved in molestation within his family, both as perpetrator and victim. And when he was a teenager, he added, a priest touched him sexually.

"It was not a very pleasant experience on some occasions, but it was a very normal thing. Nobody talked about it," he said. "I did not consider it a very serious criminal matter."

O'Grady testified that his own sexual attraction to children began before he was ordained a priest in 1971.

"The only thing I understood religion to say at the time was that anything Â... to do with sexuality was sinful, and that is where a lot of my conflict came," he testified.

His first assignment as a priest was to the Stockton Diocese in 1971. Five years later, O'Grady testified in an earlier deposition, he fondled an 11-year-old girl he had met at a summer camp and invited to sleep over at the rectory.

"I remember going into her bed, and I tried to caress her and fondle her, and I sensed her objections to that, nonverbally, and I stayed for a little while more and then decided not to continue. So I left and went back to my own bed," he told lawyers during the March deposition, estimating that he had spent no more than 20 minutes in the girl's bed.

The girl's parents complained to then-Bishop Merlin Guilfoyle, who preceded Mahony in Stockton. O'Grady testified that the bishop, who is now deceased, confronted him and he confessed.

O'Grady wrote the family a letter of apology, angering Guilfoyle, O'Grady said. The letter was in O'Grady's personnel file when Mahony assumed the bishopric, according to court records.

O'Grady said he suffered no repercussions for his transgression.

"Life just continued," he testified.

Court records show that in 1984, four years after Mahony became bishop of Stockton, O'Grady told his therapist he had fondled a 9-year-old boy. The therapist alerted child welfare officials, and police opened an investigation.

O'Grady took the 5th Amendment when asked during the deposition what he told his therapist. But he testified that Mahony was out of town at the time, so he told the bishop's second-in-command about the investigation. He said the official sent him to talk to the diocese's lawyer.

The child, who had been asleep during the alleged molestation, said he was unaware of any abuse, and police declined to file charges. Court records show, however, that police said an attorney for the diocese promised that O'Grady would be transferred to a job where he would not have contact with children, and that he would be sent to therapy.

O'Grady testified that Mahony sent him to a psychiatrist for an evaluation, which the cardinal has acknowledged was the church's standard operating procedure at the time for handling pedophile priests. Almost immediately thereafter, O'Grady said, Mahony transferred him to a parish in San Andreas, about an hour outside Stockton. Mahony later promoted him to pastor.

There was no school at his new assignment, but O'Grady testified that he supervised hundreds of students who came in on weekends and after school to study Catechism.

Mahony has testified in court that he never saw the letter of apology O'Grady wrote to his female victim's family. He also said that he did not know the details of what O'Grady had told his therapist and that once police declined to file charges in connection with the 9-year-old boy, he saw no reason to investigate further.

O'Grady "was in counseling at the time," Woods said, "and the second opinion that the diocese obtained said the counseling was satisfactory and he should continue with it."

The second opinion did not recommend that he be removed from ministry, nor did the render any diagnosis of pedophilia."

After years of therapy, O'Grady said, he's embarrassed and ashamed of his sexual attraction to children.

But asked to describe his "type," he gave an animated response. "Generally, a boy who was — spontaneous, affectionate, playful, generally around the age of 10, 11, and who seemed to maybe need somebody to care for him. I'm not saying that he necessarily had family problems but seemed to identify with me as somebody who he could trust, who he could come to, who was willing to take care of him."

The priest searched his congregation for submissive children. "If they demonstrated affection, by hugging and that sort of stuff, it sort of awakened within me urges to be affectionate in return," O'Grady testified.

"If I got comfortable doing that and felt he was comfortable with me hugging him, and I had thoughts or feelings that I wanted to go further, I might at that time explore that possibility," he said.

"I might have to do a little planning — to be sure that the boy was there, to be sure the boy was alone, and that there was not any hurry on him leaving."

O'Grady testified that he had sexual relationships with two mothers of children he molested. He also said he occasionally wore women's lingerie he found among donated clothes left at his church.

"Perhaps I was trying to use external things to arouse myself," he said.

A Stockton jury in 1998 awarded one of O'Grady's victims \$30 million, later reduced to \$7 million. Jury members told The Times they thought Mahony was untruthful on the witness stand, that he had allowed O'Grady's pattern of abuse to continue.

Mahony said he thought the jurors were wrong and that he took extraordinary steps to protect children.

Over the years, O'Grady said, he tried to understand and possibly curb his appetite for children — reading books about his disorder, touring a residential treatment center for pedophile priests and eventually opening his parish to secret Sex Addicts Anonymous meetings so he could attend.

After O'Grady was released from prison and returned to Ireland, the Stockton diocese paid for him to undergo three years of outpatient therapy, he said, and also agreed to pay him \$800 a month for 10 years starting on his 65th birthday.

"I would have liked somebody in the diocese or somebody to have intervened as early as possible in helping me confront this situation as a very, very serious one," he said, "and help to educate me to the very serious nature of the problem that I had and was causing."

Each time he reached into a child's pants, O'Grady said, he knew his conduct was wrong, "definitely a sin." But there was "another part of me saying, 'I can't seem to control these desires, thoughts, feelings when they come.'"

After a molestation, O'Grady testified, he always went to a priest and confessed his sin.

View the deposition, on: 2005/5/12 0:34

warning-this will make you sick, especially if you are a parent.

You wanna write a letter, or make an irate call, forget Kraft, call the Los Angeles diocese and tell Mahoney, who allowed this monster a pastorate, to resign now

(<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-ograde051105-wmv,0,27475.wmvfile?colla-home-headlines>) Deposition of a former priest pedophile

Re: Wanna get angry about something.....read this, on: 2005/5/12 21:21

Why doesn't the RRC do the world a favour and let these priest marry. "It's better to marry than to burn". If these guys do n't do something about thier lust, they'll be burning in hell.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2005/5/13 0:10

KArI

I agree