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Catholic College Profs and Religious Attend Dissident Catholic Group Event

The biggest standing ovation at the dissident Catholic New Ways Ministry's "Seventh Annual Symposium on Catholicism and Homosexuality," which was attended by many Catholic college professors and clergy this weekend, was reserved for Barbara Johnson, the lesbian who was recently denied Communion.

Predictably, featured among the lecturers were Gov. Martin O'Malley, a Catholic layman who signed into law a measure that legalized same-sex marriage in Maryland, as well as Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, a retired Australian bishop who summoned the Catholic Church to rethink its teaching on sexuality for heterosexuals and lesbian/gay people, according to New Ways Ministry.

But perhaps even more disturbing is that among the scheduled speakers and workshop leaders, according to the New Ways Announcement

Sister Sandy Yost, Professor of electrical and computer engineering of The University of Detroit-Mercy, delivered a lecture entitled "*Lesbian Nuns: Journeys of Integration.*"

Orlando Espin, professor of theology and religious studies at the University of San Diego, led a workshop entitled "*LGBTQs among Latinos/as and Latino/as among the White LGBTQs.*"

Jamie Manson, an affiliate faculty member at Fairfield University who also boasts a weekly column in the *National Catholic Reporter*, was slotted to head up a focus session called "*Young Adults, LGBT Issues,*

Susan Ross, professor and chair of the Theology Department at Loyola University Chicago and currently president-elect of the Catholic Theological Society of America, delivered a lecture called "*From Spotless Bride to Working Partner: Relationships, Marriage, and the Church.*"

The organization, according to Catholic Culture, has been censured by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for its dissent from Catholic teaching on homosexuality.

Recently, Cardinal Edwin O'Brien released a statement on the conference, saying, "In no manner is the position proposed by New Ways Ministry in conformity with Catholic teaching, and in no manner is this organization authorized to speak on behalf of the Catholic Church or to identify itself as a Catholic organization."

Father Joseph Brown, a Jesuit at Southern Illinois University, and Father Fred Daley, a priest of the Diocese of Syracuse whose lecture was entitled, "Gay Priests: Coming Out While Staying In," were also featured.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has reaffirmed that New Ways Ministry dissents from Catholic teaching on homosexuality and is not a Catholic organization, according to [Catholic](#)

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1. Nancy D.

Posted March 19, 2012 at 2:08 pm | [Permalink](#)

Let them be anathema!

2. BobD45

Posted March 19, 2012 at 3:43 pm | [Permalink](#)

The scandalization of our youth and our fellow Christians by these supposed priests and nuns is appalling. When will the Pope act on this and defend the Church from these apostates? I guess the cancer in the Church has not been expunged after all.

3. Hermann

Posted March 20, 2012 at 10:50 am | [Permalink](#)

Lesbian nuns?

Somehow I don't see the problem!

Let's see, wasn't there this thing about celibacy – and doesn't that mean the same for straight and for lesbian nuns?

Oh, well, I'm protestant, so perhaps I'm too dumb to understand!

Shalom

Hermann

4. Jimbo

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God taught the Jewish people obedience with numerous stupendous miracles, and then sat back to see if they would again be wayward ! Is infanticide and homosexuality indoctrinated by schools and government wayward ?