

Sample Letters Submitted to the Star Tribune Through Minnesota Majority's Online Letter Writing Tool

Hopkins, MN

I think "Saint" Nick missed his calling. He likes to pontificate more than our new Archbishop. I'd like to know from Nikita when we became a Communist country where there is no freedom of religious speech? Sounds like Nick is due for a Colemanoscopy.

Hanover, MN

When will Nick Coleman and the rest of the Gay Agenda get it!!! Homosexuality, no matter how you spin it, is a sin. The Church is to love the sinner but hate the sin. If you want to live an active homosexual lifestyle than don't expect the Church to embrace and condone your actions. Stop and repent just as the "Good Book" says. There is no other interpretation.

Prior Lake, MN

I am disturbed regarding Nick Coleman's article castigating Archbishop John Nienstedt for simply stating the Church's position on human sexuality. A large percentage of people in the USA believe the bible. Christians are disturbed by your disrespect to our beliefs. We support the Archbishop's right to shepherd his flock.

Marshall, MN

I am not happy with your comments about Archbishop Nienstedt. He was just concisely and charitably explaining the Catholic Church's teaching regarding a homosexual's obligation to chastity and the Church's obligation to support and encourage such a chaste lifestyle. Your criticisms expose a deep-seated intolerance and hatred you towards those who hold traditional values regarding human sexuality. We have a right to uphold the truth!!!

Andover, MN

Archbishop Nienstedt has only reflected the beliefs of the Catholic Church in his article about homosexuality. He has been persecuted by radical groups, disrespecting his right to teach and guide the Catholic Church members. He is only being faithful to Christ and his mission in his church. The Star Tribune's article is offensive.

Golden Valley, MN

I am writing to express my deep concern for Star Tribune columnist Nick Coleman. I worry because his recent fixation with Catholic Bishops, priests, and sodomy is deeply troubling. While any one of the aforementioned topics can be controversial issues for any writer, the combination can be explosive. Nick Coleman is the case in point. He seems to have become obsessed with sodomy lately.

Morris, MN

I am disturbed at the anti-Catholic remarks in the article and misrepresentation of our Archbishop. Mr. Coleman shows his bias towards the gay community once again. Please remove him from your staff!

Hibbing, MN

Archbishop Nienstedt is not called to change the teachings given to the Church by God. For the past two thousand years the Church has faithfully passed on the teachings of Christ, in spite of attacks and sometimes brutal persecution. Truth does not change. The Truth God gave the Church to pass on will not change.

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Hastings, MN

We believe that Nick Coleman unfairly took the side of the gay activists without reading carefully what Bishop Nienstedt had to say. The Bishop wrote in a very caring and gentle manner. Our Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 2357 says that Sacred Scripture presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity. Nick indicated that his catechism did not use the word grave. Archbishop Nienstedt has a very serious responsibility to instruct his "flock" on the teaching of the Church and the means necessary to save their souls. It is time to take a breather and listen carefully to the Archbishop. He has important words of wisdom for us all.

St. Paul, MN

Thank God for men in the pulpits, Catholic or not, who still stand for what the Scriptures teach regarding the sin of homosexuality. Those who don't like what the Catholic teaches on the subject can find another denomination or start their own church. Maybe Nick Coleman could be their pastor since he thinks he knows more than the Creator of the universe. All of you could then worship at the altar of homosexuality and killing babies. This is Nick Coleman's idea of real church. Apostates love making their own rules. God didn't say, "let's make a deal, He said, "this IS the deal" Liberal churches are losing members by the thousands, people desire moral direction, not wimps in the pulpits.

Grand Rapids, MN

Archbishop Nienstedt did what is right in defending and upholding the teachings of the Catholic Church. The Church provides compassion and support for homosexuals through programs like Courage and Encourage holding the premise of hating the sin but loving the sinner. They are based on the 12 step spiritual program of Alcoholics Anonymous with the goal of wholeness and integrity in one's moral life. Faith-filled Catholics need to stand by our leader in the face of these attacks against him, as he is doing what his office as spiritual leader of the Archdiocese demands. It may not be popular with some, but that's the truth of it all, and it must be told.

Lake Elmo, MN

Nick Coleman may be a loose canon and a bit adolescent, but that's why we like him. Thus my disappointment at his attack on the new Archbishop. Nick abuses logic and basic common sense, and I never thought he was dumb. You can say something is wrong without being hateful. Parents, teachers and politicians do it all the time. Is it only clergy who have lost the first amendment? Admittedly, homosexuality is a hot button issue, but Coleman's reaction reveals more about himself and the media than it does about the truth or falsehood, right or wrong of the bishop's clear and gentle words. We need more light than bile on this issue.

St. Cloud, MN

I am appalled by the arrogance of Nick Coleman's view on the teachings of the Catholic Church concerning homosexuality. How dare he correct the Archbishop who used the article he wrote in the Diocesan paper, the Spirit, to clarify a much needed confusion. Many people think they can sin mortally and still receive the holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Unfortunately, for Nick Coleman, there still is a Church which knows that God's rules don't change even if they are politically incorrect. God bless Archbishop Nienstedt. His voice is kind, humble, courageous and truthful. He is not confused nor does he strive to stay in hiding when there are issues which are hurting good people who want to know and live the truth. Thanks be to God for Archbishop Nienstedt.