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Check Our Recent Interview
No interview due to Good Friday

News From Around PA
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Erie will be hosting a training on Building an Inclusive Church on April 26-27. Training presented by Reconciling Works, Lutherans for Full Participation, supporters of LGBTQIA people and their families.

Philly Historical Society has added Camac Baths building to its Register of Historic Places. Oscar Beisert, architectural historian and project director at the Keeping Society notes, “this building is significant as one of the earliest known and documentable meeting places/venues for gay/bisexual men in Philadelphia.”

The Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) now has an office in Philadelphia. Its goal is to “bring the message of safe spaces and its officially sanctioned materials to schools across the city.”

Openly lesbian Professor Camille Paglia at the University of the Arts tried to make a presentation “Ambiguous Images: Sexual Duality and Sexual Multiplicity in Western Art and Androgyny”, but was shutdown by student protestors. She has been deemed not radical enough because she questions transgenderism!

News From National Scene
A survey given to all Austin, TX Independent School District students in grades 3-11 told children “Sex is what a person is born. Gender is how a person feels.” It then asked students to select whether they feel they are a “girl/woman,” “boy/man,” or “identify in some other way.”

Research and parents’ experiences with rapid-onset gender dysphoria in teens supports the theory that increased exposure to sexual politics increases children’s transgender identification.

School climate surveys received a boost from the Every Student Succeeds Act, which updated No Child Left Behind in 2015. It now requires non-objective criteria such as children’s “socioemotional learning”.

The ACLU&Michigan’s lesbian attorney general signed a settlement barring working with faith-based adoption agencies because of their beliefs about marriage. Catholic Charities is now suing the state over this.

Colorado’s HB 1032 would specifically prohibit religious, moral, and ethical perspectives on sex from being discussed in the classroom. The bill demands that schools teach about the relational and sexual experiences of LGBT teens. It would forbid any emphasis on abstinence and sexual-risk avoidance.

The US Naval Academy will bar transgender students beginning in 2020.

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