## CATHOLIC KILLER FALSELY CLAIMED TO BE FEMALE

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Robert Westman is the man police have identified as the mass shooter in Minneapolis who murdered two children and injured many more. He falsely claimed to be a woman. To be blunt, there is no such thing as a transgender person: sex is binary and no amount of LGBTQ propaganda can change that reality.

The killer may have identified as a woman, calling himself Robin Westman, but his self-perception is not dispositive. What matters is his DNA. Westman was a biological male.

In a manifesto posted on YouTube, before it was taken down, Westman expressed devotion to his parents, saying they did not let him down. But he also said he was "corrupted by this world and have learned to hate what life is." He also wrote about all the pain he was in, opining, "I'm tired of the pain this world gives out."

In one way he may have been right. He was corrupted alright, and he no doubt experienced "the pain this world gives out." But the corruption and the pain that he endured was a product of his pathological condition. It is not normal for someone to deny his nature. Moreover, those who encourage the lie that the sexes are interchangeable are responsible for creating this sick milieu; it allows disturbed people like Westman to turn their self-hatred against others.

Earlier today I tweeted the following. "When someone kills schoolchildren at a Catholic school, as has happened in Minneapolis, it begs the question, why? If it is the deed of a mentally disturbed person with no ideological agenda, that is horrific but it is much more problematic if it is the work of a religious or secular extremist. We await more news."

Westman had an agenda. He did not choose to kill Catholic kids by accident or happenstance. He could have chosen public school students, but instead he went into a Catholic church during Mass to vent his pain. It certainly suggests that his self-loathing—that is why he killed himself—was something he attributed to Catholicism.

The Church teaches us to love our neighbor. It also teaches us not to rebel against our God-given nature. There is nothing inconsistent about that. But apparently Robert Westman didn't get it.