

EDITORIALS ON POPES

Atlanta Journal-Constitution

(4-20-05): It bemoaned the Church's "hard-line" on "the ordination of only men to the priesthood."

Boston Globe

(4-20-05): It said Catholics will continue to ponder issues such as "women priests."

(4-3-13): "No one expects Pope Francis to be ordaining women priests any time soon."

Chicago Tribune

(4-19-05): Pope Benedict XVI is "feared" by those who want to "ordain women."

(4-20-05): It said the quickness with which the selection of Pope Benedict XVI was made meant the cardinals "weren't consumed with mollifying Catholics" on the subject of women priests.

(3-14-13): It noted that Pope Francis has "forcefully opposed" such subjects as abortion and same-sex marriage.

Dallas Morning News

(4-20-05): Pope Benedict XVI "will not hesitate to wield a sword in defense of authentic Catholic teaching—even if it drives many away."

(3-14-13): Pope Francis was criticized for his opposition to the Argentine government's legalization of "same-sex marriage."

Denver Post

(4-20-05): Prior to being named Pope Benedict XVI, he was "the driving force behind crackdowns" on "homosexuality" and "women's ordination."

Kansas City Star

(4-20-05): "Benedict likely won't bend" on women's ordination.

(3-13-13): Pope Francis will not “waver from the church leadership’s strident opposition to abortion, gay marriage...”

Los Angeles Times

(4-20-05): Pope Benedict XVI “probably will tolerate no talk of loosening church views on women priests.” He was also accused of “condemn

[ing] gays.”

(3-14-13): It regretted to note that Pope Francis is not going to change the Church’s teachings on “same-sex marriage.”

Miami Herald

(3-16-13): Pope Francis is “an outspoken opponent of gay marriage” and he is a traditionalist on “the role of women.”

(7-30-13): Although Pope Francis was praised for saying he would not judge a gay person of goodwill, he “did not signal a doctrinal change in the church’s position that homosexual acts are a sin,” nor did he “retreat” on women’s ordination.

New York Times

(4-20-05): Pope Benedict XVI is not going to change on “homosexuality.”

Philadelphia Inquirer

(3-14-13): It is hoped that Pope Francis will “bring a new perspective on inflammatory social issues, such as abortion and homosexuality.”

San Francisco Chronicle

(4-20-05): Pope Benedict XVI needs to “knock the sharp edges off Catholicism by admitting women as priests.”

(3-14-13): Citing his opposition to gay marriage, it said, “The new pope is no free-thinking reformer.”

(7-30-13): It was encouraged by Pope Francis’ statement about not judging gays, but noted with disapproval that the “door is closed” on women’s ordination.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

(4-20-05): “Those who hoped, against the odds, that the new

pope might soften the church's teachings" on "the ordination of women," it said, "will be disappointed by the choice [of Pope Benedict XVI]."

Sun-Sentinel

(4-20-05): "There is nothing in Pope Benedict's background to suggest he will give ground" on "the ordination of women as priests."

(8-1-13): It was happy to learn that Pope Francis would not judge gays, but it noted "Francis offered no hope that they [women] may one day be ordained priests."

USA Today

(4-20-05): It noted that "millions ignore church teachings" on moral issues.

Washington Post

(4-20-05): It took Pope Benedict XVI to task for impeding "the distribution of condoms in Africa and other developing countries."