KUDOS TO POPE

It took courage for the pope to speak out against abortion and gay marriage in a Catholic nation that has lost its moorings. Having legalized the killing of the unborn three years ago, and now having said it is okay for two men to get married, Portugal, like much of Europe, is going down the wrong road. If it is acceptable to kill the least among us, it is hard to stop the slide when the next group of social vulnerables is put on the chopping block. And if it is okay to treat marriage between a man a woman as an alternative lifestyle, then there is nothing stopping the descent to recognizing all "partnerships" as equal, the net effect of which is to weaken the special status of marriage. So it was heartening to hear the Holy Father speak the truth, one more time.