

WHERE ARE THE CATHOLIC YESHIVA UNIVERSITIES?

On September 9th, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a “stay” stopping a New York trial court from ordering Yeshiva University to approve a LGBT student group on campus; Yeshiva is an Orthodox Jewish university that seeks to adhere to the Torah.

This raises the question: How are Catholic colleges and universities dealing with the LGBT agenda?

There are approximately 230 Catholic institutions of higher education in America, and according to New Ways Ministry, a dissident Catholic group that rejects the Church’s teachings on sexuality, more than 130 have yielded, in one way or another, to LGBT demands. Here are ten examples.

Boston College

“Student Outreach and Support Services supports gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning students and their allies....”

“Horizon is a group where gay, bisexual, questioning, trans, queer, genderqueer, and/or other male-identified students can discuss and seek support in a safe space.”*

“Prism is a group where gay, lesbian, bisexual, questioning, trans, queer, genderqueer, and/or other female-identified students can discuss and seek support in a safe space.”*

“Pronoun Display and Name Guide – An easy how-to guide for how to add your pronouns to Canvas and Zoom.”

DePaul University

“The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Queer, Asexual and Ally (LGBTQA) Student Resource Center at DePaul University exists to promote, foster and support a campus environment that is inclusive of people from all sexualities

and gender identities.”

“The Annual Drag Show is organized by Spectrum DePaul, an LGBTQ student org on campus.”

Fordham University

“Promote an understanding, acceptance, and appreciation of our lesbian, gay, transgender, questioning (LGBTQ) students that is rooted in Jesuit tradition...”

“The Department of Political Science voted unanimously to adopt the Chosen Name/Pronoun policy confirming that any students who wish to be identified by a chosen name can contact their faculty members via email and request their chosen name and pronoun be used.”

Georgetown University

“The LGBTQ Resource Center, serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning individuals, is the first such Center of its kind at a Catholic/Jesuit institution in the country.”

“While on campus, students may elect to use a chosen name other than their legal name.”

“Georgetown University provides housing to undergraduate students without regard to, and does not discriminate against, on the basis of...gender identity or expression, genetic information...”

Holy Cross

“We strive to provide a safe and affirming community for all LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, asexual/aromantic) individuals. The + is used as a wide signifier of inclusion...”

“The Chaplains’ Office and Counseling Center are excited to invite... students who identify as trans, gender non-conforming, non-binary, genderqueer, genderfluid, agender, questioning, and other members of the community to attend a weekly LGBTQIA+ support group.”

Loyola Marymount University

"Lavender Graduation is an [sic] cultural celebration that recognizes LGBTQIA+ students...."

"You now have the option to add a chosen name, your preferred gender, and pronoun identity to your Personal Information page in PROWL...."

St. John's University (New York)

"St. John's University enables students to use a Preferred Name where possible in the course of University's business and education."

"Gender-inclusive housing (GIH) is a living option in which two or more students share a bedroom, suite and/or apartment inclusive of their gender identity, sex or gender expression."

St. Louis University

"Free to {Be} is a student group centered around queer and trans+ students of color (QTSOC)."

"The SafeZone Competency program strives to shed light on the systemic use of heteronormativity and cis-normativity...."

Saint Xavier University

"In addition to the chosen first name, students, faculty and staff may select their personal pronouns from the lists provided in their directory preferences."

"Personal Pronouns: He/His; She/Her/Hers; They/Them/Theirs (Singular); Ze/Hir/Hirs."

Santa Clara University

Rainbow Resource Center Mission Statement: "We advocate for those who self-identify within the wide spectrum of sexual orientations and gender identities/expressions and educate the whole program within the context of Jesuit values."

"Students who wish to update their preferred name should click on the Student Profile tile in their eCampus record...."

Pope Francis has addressed the fiction that we can change our sex, calling it gender ideology. He has specifically said that it is "demonic."

It would be instructive to know what the presidents of these queer-friendly Catholic colleges and universities would do if they learned that these LGBTQIA+ organizations held a forum to denounce the pope for his remarks.

None of what these Catholic schools are doing is required by law—Title IX provides for religious exemptions. It is all voluntary. This is the state of Catholic higher education in America today.