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Marriage Rights?

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Letter to Editor – Regarding article on August 25th, “A Right to Marriage Rite” by Cynthia Tucker

“Who’s at Fault for Marriage Rights?”

In her editorial, nothing is mentioned of the growing devaluing of marriage in general. In this once-sacred sacrament of our society, who’s at fault? Specifically, why is marriage a civil institution when tradition and history show it a religious one? Is it more than money – a form of taxation...?

Since the 1970’s (the introduction of No-fault divorce), marriage has been devaluing: a covenant – or even a contract – has given way to a relationship of convenience. Everyday, spouses and parents are dragged into court for divorce against their will or desire. No-fault has devalued marriage to the degree that such radical deviations as described in the source article can be considered – even adopted – into an institution that has served free society well through the ages...steeped in religion.

What of the children – emotionally or paternally destitute by divorce? The system that created No-fault lays claim to work in their best interest against the statistics of post-divorce problems that are overwhelmingly higher than in conventional families. If the system is working in their best interest, why are the children being adversely affected by the results?

The civil institution does not respect marriage, family, or religious sacraments.

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