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CFAC Vows to Continue Defending Traditional Marriage

Calgary – Canada Family Action Coalition (CFAC) is disgusted by the government's manipulative tactics in ramming through the re-definition of marriage last night.

"Re-defining marriage is the WORST possible resolution to the marriage concerns of all parties," says Brian Rushfeldt, CFAC's Executive Director. "Our government should have appealed the "illegitimate court decisions at lower courts that forced this matter rather than using activist judges to do their dirty work."

"We are deeply concerned that Canada will follow the Scandinavian experiment where the significance of marriage has declined to the point that over 60% of children are now born out of wedlock, and are growing up with an absent mother or father. Children are the innocent victims of the Canadian Liberal's political ideology and social engineering."

Including same sex-relationships in the definition of marriage was absolutely unnecessary to provide all rights and benefits to homosexuals choosing to live together. "Laws governing common law relationships already provide all the rights and benefits they were supposedly demanding. This was not about rights – the goal of the homosexual activists was to erode the sacred institution of marriage."

CFAC's President, Dr. Charles McVety, points to the lack of democratic accountability and honesty among MPs. "One year ago yesterday, Canadians elected what they thought was a predominantly pro-marriage parliament. The fact is, if all those MPs who campaigned on a pro-marriage platform would be voting in accordance to their promise – this Bill would be defeated. People like Joseph Volpe and many others made very specific promises to the people who elected them, and yesterday these MPs not only voted to destroy marriage, they voted in violation of the trust given to them by their own constituents. If you can't trust an MP to deliver on a promise as specific and important as marriage, what promise can you ever trust him with? These MPs in particular are deserving of defeat in the next election."

Mr. Rushfeldt adds, "CFAC is also concerned about the deceptive promises of Mr. Martin and Mr. Cotler, who know perfectly well that this bill will provide NO protection for any religious person, leader or layperson. The Supreme Court has already stated that the federal government has no jurisdiction over religious freedoms with this law. Will it now be illegal for parents to teach their children that marriage is between one man and one woman? Will schools be forced to teach children that homosexual behavior and same-sex marriages are normal and healthy? Will individuals who express an opinion in support of traditional marriage, especially outside the doors of a church, be hauled before human rights tribunals?"

"This Friday we will be celebrating Canada Day. But July 1, 2005 is not a day to be a proud Canadian if one values marriage, family, and religious freedoms. A responsible government would do everything in its power to strengthen and protect marriage and family. But not so with the current coalition of socialists and separatists."

But all is not lost, says Rushfeldt. "Social norms do not automatically change just because some new law is enacted. A huge majority of Canadians will not teach nor allow their children to be deceived by false ideologies about marriage. The man /woman definition of marriage will continue to prevail in Canada IF the majority of citizens continue to defend it. And I believe that all MPs who voted to re-define marriage will pay a heavy penalty in the next election."

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