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Dear Mr. Martin:


I wept when I read about the enthusiastic endorsement that you, Prime Minister Paul Martin Jr., gave to a bill going through parliament legitimizing same-sex 'marriage'.

Your father, Paul Martin Sr., and your mother, would be spinning in their graves if they only knew what their son, Paul Martin Jr., was doing. I am 93 years old and knew your father and your family well back in Windsor where my wife and family of 8 children lived for 20 years. (My oldest son is a 72 year old Catholic priest still active in the U.S.) I remember you as a youngster running around the park with your father.

Your father, need I remind you, was a former Deputy Prime Minister in the Liberal government of the day and was a highly principled man who would never have tolerated such an aberration as a 'marriage' between two people of the same sex being legalized. When your father was given the ultimatum of opening wide the door to abortion in 1969 by former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, he flatly refused and was shoved into the Senate. The abortion promoting bill your father turned down was given to the Hon. John Turner, then the former Minister of Justice, to push through parliament.

Where did all the Martin family integrity go in just one generation? What about the teachings of our Catholic faith regarding same-sex marriage, abortion and other family life issues? Are they to be ignored and set aside for political expediency? I am begging God, from my heart, that He will enlighten you, Paul Martin Jr., not to take the road that you are taking.

Prayerfully,

  
L. Earle Wicklum