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Comment and Analysis: Fr. Paul Shanley vs. Cardinal Medeiros by John J. Graczyk

BOSTON — Shortly after having assumed leadership of the Roman Catholic Church in Boston, Cardinal Medeiros called Fr. Paul Shanley into his office...

time has come for you to stop this running around the country and find a parish to work in...

homosexual can engage in a homosexual relationship that is striving for permanence and be moral...

The Cardinal responded that gay people have no need for special ministry because they are welcome in the Church...

The other priest responded, 'What were you doing? You were working with the gays, weren't you...'

Church Agency Offers Guides for Homosexuality, Abortion Debates

NEW YORK CITY — Guidelines for ecumenical debate on homosexuality and abortion have been approved by an agency of the National Council of Churches...

The guidelines point out, however, that 'when extensive theological and moral differences preclude consensus on issues of public policy, it is unwise for individual Christians and denominations to advocate the closing of debate through restrictive laws.'

One of the guidelines is that the guidelines should cover a number of issues. The Commission says those questions should include: What considerations should be taken into account in deciding that an 'unmoral act' should also be illegal?

The guidelines also stress that 'determination and protection of civil rights are of utmost importance. Individual Christian and denominations must call the state to account when the rights of citizens are denied or violated.'

The guidelines state that 'stereotyped notions and caricatures of people and positions must be avoided, and that all Christians 'have a responsibility to see that all sides of a controversial issue are heard fairly and fully in New York City (1987)...