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ALL THINGS IN CHRIST"  
(Ephesians 1:10)

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## From The Mail

### It's Not Too Late To Sack Them

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Remember Fr. Richard Rohr, the Franciscan who runs the Center for Contemplation in Albuquerque and who was a guest speaker at the New Ways Ministry conference in Pittsburgh?

Well, here's some interesting information about Rohr from a priest who lives near him.

"I would like to bring to your attention two priests, Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M., and Fr. Jack Clark Robinson, O.F.M. In late October, 1996, I learned that Rohr and Robinson had recently presided at a 'wedding' between two lesbians. The 'wedding' was not conducted on Church property, but there was a program of the 'liturgy,' which, I understand, included readings from Sacred Scripture, a sermon, and an exchange of vows.

"Archbishop Michael Sheehan learned of the event when someone mailed him a copy of the program. He called in both priests and warned them not to do it again. Please understand that Archbishop Sheehan is a wonderful archbishop who has his hands full trying to bring order from the chaos he inherited from his predecessor. His performance to date has been exemplary. Many priests were disappointed that he did not sack both Robinson and Rohr. Perhaps if he had, the center with its leftist agenda would be out of the archdiocese."

It's not too late. But if the archbishop did take action against Rohr and Robinson, he'd have to face the wrath of the editors of *The National Catholic Reporter*; Rohr is the guru of the *NCR* crowd.

Do you suppose praise by *The Wanderer* would compensate for *NCR*'s wrath?

After the *Wanderer*'s report announcing the New Ways Ministry conference program appeared in the Dec. 28th issue, a reader in the Diocese of Fort Worth wrote to her bishop, Joseph Delaney, asking why the diocese was endorsing this event. A reasonable question.

The bishop's answer came from Daniel J. Luby, S.T.D., director of Christian Formation: "Our endorsement of the symposium does not necessarily imply agreement with any of the speakers, although it certainly suggests a general confidence in the organizers and most of the presenters. For what I know of the speakers with whom I am familiar, such as Fr. Rohr and Bishop Gumbleton, I am confident that their goal is, not the teaching of false doctrine, but honest wrestling with a very vexing pastoral problem and providing comfort and wise counsel for millions of Catholics who are homosexual and for others who offer them pastoral care."

And perhaps Luby could have honestly added: "... and who wish to see homosexuals and lesbians marry."