



PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT

POLITICS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

HYPOCRISY AT ITS WORST: GET THE BISHOPS OUT OF OUR BEDROOMS



Last week Bishop John McAreevey resigned because of a cover up of child sexual abuse in his Drogheda diocese.

A Father Malachy Finnegan had raped young boys while he was a teacher at St Colman's College in Newry. But Bishop McAreevey officiated at his funeral mass.

Despite covering up for rape and sexual abuse, Bishop McAreevey had no difficulty issuing moral edicts about human sexuality.

In 2017, he was part of a group of Northern Bishops which issued a questionnaire to all candidates for electoral office. Among his questions were:

What will you do to uphold the right to life... of children conceived through sexual crime, if the next Assembly seeks to introduce legislation that removes a fundamental right of life'

What will you do to protect... the natural institution of marriage between one man and one woman as the fundamental building block of society.

Their sickening hypocrisy on sex means the Bishops have no right to tell women how to conduct their lives.

The upcoming referendum on abortion is all about whether Ireland goes back to the days when the Bishops dictated their morality to others - or whether we move towards a society where there is genuine equality between men and women.

Today the leaders of the right wing parties, Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, say they have been convinced to remove the eight amendment.

But they only did so because of popular pressure and because they want to save their electoral skins. Two years ago, they were voting to give women 14 years jail sentences for taking an abortion pill.

We should not rely on these parties to win the referendum. We need a grassroots movement that is going door to door in each constituency to win the vote.

People Before Profit will be doing just this in the coming months. We have produced tens of thousands of leaflets, badges and T shirts to help in this campaign.

We need to raise money to print posters to counter the fundamentalists right and ask you to sponsor a poster. If you go to our website (<http://www.pbp.ie/>) you can

sponsor a poster for €5 or €10 or whatever you wish to donate.

But crucially we urge you to get involved in campaigning with us.

You can join People Before Profit by text JOIN to 087 2839964.

AFTER MARCH

**Come to our post march
DRINK AND DISCUSSION**

Brid Smith TD starts a discussion on:

**HOW TO WE WIN THE
REPEAL REFERENDUM?**

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