

Discrimination of about 100,000 persons on (P2) ALD2/2/6/10/2/58

Issue of pluralism in Ireland

is it or the case that the position of the Catholic Church in Ireland has precluded open pluralism obvious legal obstacles.

- This Employment is judged on practical outcomes.

not unique /divisive

① - Evidence from research commissioned by the Forum indicates that in the past - in excess of 90% of children of mixed marriages were brought up as Catholics and even now it is in excess of 80% - Number of potentials has divided to have all work primary for conversion (for 1974) the higher to divorce → remaining - the major part to choose integrated education for their children
to have all the children brought up in the Catholic faith - Home rights - is not working -
Frank respect for other religious traditions,
parity of esteem -

the ^{proof} pragmatic of a commitment to Home rights & pluralism can be judged when one is in a minority - (the majority always speaks democracy) but when one is in a majority.

Contrary to perceptions

appreciable that their profession is (ref to Employment Act 1974)

Radical change in the posture, position and regulation of the Catholic Church is necessary if the Catholic Church is

to become a positive promoter of pluralism rather than an obstacle to it.

pluralism is held as a core and essence of diversity, not just North Island,

learning - acknowledgment of unity rather than an absence of diversity.

11.15 a.m. Questions from Forum Delegations

(10 minutes for each larger delegation, 7 minutes for each smaller. In practice this means a single - not multi-part-question, not shared among members but it might, if questions are kept brief, allow for a supplementary question within the allotted time-slot).

About 1 p.m. LUNCH

Note

As this session is being televised live on RTE 1, members are requested to be punctual and to be in their seats by 10.40 a.m., as the session will commence at the scheduled time of 10.45 a.m.

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