

March 18 2008

Consul General Krzysztof W. Kasprzyk,
Consulate General of the Republic of Poland
233 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016

Dear Consul General,

I write regarding the Polish leader's remarks on Lisbon treaty. I understand that images of our wedding were used in this context. My spouse Tom and I are angry that the images of our wedding were used as part of campaign against same sex marriage and ^{thus} fostering ^{Titus} fear and intolerance of lesbian and gay couples. We are frustrated to hear that images from such a joyous day are used to spread intolerance.

I request a meeting to discuss the matter of civil rights raised by the Polish political leader's remarks and the uses/misuse of our wedding photographs. I ask that you meet with myself and representatives of the New York gay community working in the area of human and civil rights. For much of the day I have been fielding calls from Polish reporters. Some wondered if we had granted permission for use of our wedding photographs. We would never have agreed to permit our photographs as part of a homophobic campaign.

Polish people need to know who we are.

Tom and I are a gay couple. We are also Catholic. I am an Irish Immigrant. Tom is American. We met at Church at Catholic Mass one Sunday evening in January 1996. We were legally married in Toronto on July 27 2003 by Judge Harvey Brownstone. At the ceremony Judge Brownstone guided us in signing the official marriage registry. An exchange then followed of vows and readings. There were sudden tears as all became aware of what was happening. Later he handed us the "Record of Solemnization of Marriage", license # E227152. It reads "this is to certify that Thomas Anthony Moulton and Brendan Francis Fay were married on July 27, 2003 in the city of Toronto," signed by Judge Harvey Brownstone and witnesses Vincent Maniscalco and Edward DeBonis. It sits on a stand in our hallway. Weeks before our Canadian marriage we had a beautiful church wedding and reception surrounded by family and friends. We had the cake, rings, cards, gifts, an abundance of love, prayer, commitment, yet we walked out of the church legal strangers denied fundamental legal rights (1138) and societal or church recognition. Reality hits home and people are amazed when we tell them of these rights and that we could be deported, denied entry to emergency room, denied health insurance, and right to adopt or naturalization. The Toronto ceremony changed all that. As we grooms returned across the border with our legal marriage license Judge Brownstone reminded us of the international treaties with the mutual agreement honoring Canadian marriages.

I along with other New York activists founded the "Civil Marriage Trail Project"

helping other couples make the journey to Canada for marriage equality until the day when like any other couple it becomes possible for same sex couples to go to the local marriage bureau whether in the US, Poland or Ireland.

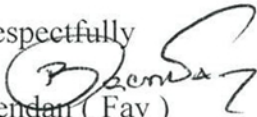
My Spouse Tom is a pediatric hematologist oncologist working with Children with blood disorders and cancer at a Hospital in the Bronx. I was a teacher for many years now I am a documentary film maker - I produced a documentary on Franciscan priest Mychal Judge who died in the World Trade Center on 9/11.

I join with Polish activists in working for the day when Poland joins other nations around the World in ending discrimination against same sex couples and extending to them the civil right to marry.

I look forward to our meeting .

You can reach us at 718-721-2780

Respectfully



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