

Colbert on same-sex funerals

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Before I settle in to watch tonight's "Colbert Report," I wanted to share Stephen's commentary, "[Skeletons in the closet](#) [1]," from last night's episode.

Colbert defended the Catholic Church's threat to cut charitable work in Washington D.C. if a same-sex marriage amendment passes. "They have no choice," he said. "After all, Jesus said, 'If you wish to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor. Unless a couple of dudes go and register at Pottery Barn, in which case, f*&^ the poor.'"

Just as some are arguing for civil unions instead of marriage, Colbert proposes that churches start refusing funerals for gays and lesbians, leaving them to have "civil end-of-life ceremonies."

"We shouldn't have to watch these people flaunt their alternative death-styles," he said.

Watch the whole, sarcastic clip [here](#) [1].

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