

Confused but Humane Trumps Clear and Bigoted

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[Cathy Grossman, at USA Today](#) [1], looks at the controversy at California's Crystal Cathedral which announced the other day that it was demanding its choirsters sign statements that they oppose sex outside of traditional marriage.

Evidently, no one sought the opinion of the church's founder Robert Schuller, who has stepped away from the demand that his choir pass a test of orthodoxy. He pointed out that he has never required the choir members be Christian.

As Grossman points out, Schuller's comments are a bit confusing, but they nonetheless breathe a healthy sense of tolerance.

I would add that I suspect Schuller understands something that every pastor in America understands: A music program with no gays is going to be a lousy music program!

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