

Austin Interfaith

Austin Interfaith has been a grantee of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development since 2007 receiving a total of 11 grants adding to \$515,000. Most recently, Austin Interfaith received a <u>CCHD grant for the 2020-2021 fiscal year</u> for \$60,000.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020-2021 GRANTEES			
Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
Diocese of Austin	Austin Interfaith Sponsoring Committee	Economic Justice	60,000.00

At issue with this is the fact that Austin Interfaith, and its leader, is openly promoting transgender and homosexual ideologies by:

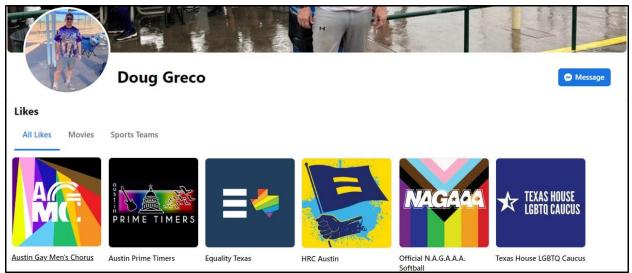
- Posting an article supporting gender affirming surgeries for minors
- Liking LGBT organizations on social media
- Writing in favor of a transgender bill in Texas
- Taking part in meetings to discuss challenges to the LBGT community
- Writing more LGBT content and articles
- Being a member of the GSWS (gay softball world series)

• Posting numerous pictures on social media in which he is obviously supporting LGBT

On March 11, 2022, Austin Interfaith posted an <u>article</u> supporting "gender affirming care" for minors (such as puberty blockers and hormone therapies), showing their open encouragement of the transgender agenda.



That this kind of promotion from Austin Interfaith is taking place is bad enough, but the reason for it lies entirely with its leader, Doug Greco. Greco has been the <u>lead organizer</u> for Austin Interfaith since 2018 and is an open advocate for homosexual and transgender ideologies. For instance, Greco's facebook page is littered with "likes" for LGBT organizations and groups.



On April 29, 2021, Greco publicly opposed <u>TX House Bill 1399</u>, which would have banned doctors from performing genital mutilation surgeries (ie, transgender surgeries), transgender hormone "therapy" and prescribing puberty blockers for gender-confused Texas children. In a public statement before the House Committee on Public Health, Greco said:

In opposition of HB 1399:

This bill interferes with the decisions best made between doctors, parents, and their children. The State should not play the role of medical provider here.

On May 12, 2021, Greco publicly opposed <u>TX House Bill 1424</u>, which protects nurses and doctors from being forced to participate in an abortion or any other procedure which would violate the individual's ethical, moral, or religious beliefs. In a <u>public statement before the House Committee on Public Health</u>, Greco said:

In opposition to HB 1424

I can't imagine this bill, if it became law, could be constitutional. It provides such a broad exemption, that it would not only violate the Hippocratic Oath, but basic expectations of medical provision. Could a doctor or nurse deny their services because they do not want to treat persons of a particular political part? Religion? Race? Gender? And justify it because of their own moral or religious belief? This law would be ripe for abuse.

In 2017, Greco wrote an <u>article</u> about organizing Texas in favor on a transgender bill. He makes an argument for the "Bathroom Bill" in which he praises the recent LGBT legislation concerning "marriage equality." He wrote:

"And monumental progress in the last several years of the LGBT civil rights movement culminating in marriage equality being legalized nationwide came immediately after a few particularly brutal years at the beginning of this decade.."

Greco writes in agreement of the bathroom bill being an obstacle preventing trans individuals from integrating into society, saying:

"But the real story has been that transgender people have once again stood up, organized, and fought for themselves, just like at Stonewall. Along with pro-LGBT organizations, legislators, CEO's, clergy and allies across the state, this coalition has stopped the latest attempt to restrict members of our community from full inclusion in society."



A Broad Coalition of Advocates, Led by the Texas <u>Transgender Community</u>, Organized to <u>Defeat "Bathroom Bills</u>"

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According to Greco's Linkedin Page, Greco was the Director of Programs and Program

Development for Equality California from 2015-2016, after having worked for Austin Interfaith from 2006-2012 and before becoming the Lead Organizer for "Central Texas Interfaith" (AKA: Austin Interfaith) in 2018.

In August of 2015, <u>Equality California</u> published an article titled, "UPDATE ON EQCAI'S WORK IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY." The article chronicles Greco's involvement "workshops on basic LGBT terms and concepts, the intersection of the LGBT and undocumented communities, and how to make LGBT patients comfortable discussing their sexual orientation or gender identity."

The article also features a photo of Greco leading a training session on healthcare disparities and LGBT intersection.



Doug Greco leading a training on healthcare disparities and the intersection of <u>LGBT</u> and undocumented communities.

According to the art5icle, on August 7th, Equality California sponsored an event "focused on healthcare access for the undocumented and LGBT communities and drew local LGBT, immigration, and healthcare organizations, as well as community members." Doug Greco is individually named as leading the talk about LGBT intersection and undocumented communities:

"EQCAI staff members Doug Greco and Justin Flores teamed up with Jan Hefner and Jose Granados from The Center **to talk about healthcare disparities and the intersection of the LGBT and undocumented communities**, as well as local issues facing these communities in Kern County. Attendees also participated in small group "house meetings" to discuss their own healthcare stories and how LGBT, immigration, and health care advocates can work together to address these disparities."

In May of 2020, while acting as Lead Organizer for Austin Interfaith, <u>Greco wrote an article</u> using the murder of a lesbian woman (who began sexually a sexual relationship with his daughter before she was 18), and her mother, to advocate for pro-homosexual and pro-transgender laws. After describing the brutal murder of those two women, Greco wrote:

"LGBT civil rights and advocacy organizations dug in deeper in their fight at the ballot box, in State Houses, City Halls, and the halls of Congress. Targeted education campaigns to change public opinion were coupled with both state and federal judicial strategies to **chip away against the prohibition on same-sex marriage, which became this period's defining fight**. Eventually, bit by bit, state by state, public opinion changed and statewide bans put in place over the previous decade were being overturned at breakneck speed. In 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the Defense of Marriage Act, and finally in 2015, the Obergefell ruling legalized **same-sex marriage nationwide. This was just one issue, albeit a foundational one, in the fight for LGBT civil rights. A monumental battle had been won.** The next phase of the LGBT movement would be defined by the move to a broader set of issues at the intersection of socioeconomic status, race, and gender, as well as transgender rights."

Greco is also a member of the <u>Gay Softball World Series</u> (GSWS) and has posted various pictures of himself and friends supporting it.



On September 5 of this year, Greco posted this picture of the rainbow GSWS acronym.

On <u>Sept. 8, 2021</u>, Greco posted this picture of himself (see the red arrow) wearing the rainbow t-short of his LGBT softball team.



On <u>Sept. 6, 2021</u>, Greco posted a group photo of himself and his LGBT softball team, all in their rainbow-logoed t-shirts.



On November 16, 2019, Greco posted a picture of himself on facebook celebrating Equality

Texas' 30th anniversary.



Conclusion

Austin Interfaith is led by an LGBT activist who has clearly used his position in a CCHD-funded organization to promote transgender and homosexual ideologies. His history of support for same-sex "marriage" and the genital mutilation of children makes him a clear danger to sound morals and the Catholic faith at the very least. Outside of the Catholic faith, he is a menace to the common good. Given this, no Catholic could ever, in good conscience, ever give to Austin Interfaith.