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Family value advocates rip McGuinty

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TORONTO - Family values advocates are accusing Premier Dalton McGuinty and his government of bringing a radical sex agenda to schools through his anti-bullying bill.

Jack Fonseca, of Campaign Life Catholic, said thousands of parents are outraged, fearing their children will be taught about "fluid gender identity" — a boy taught he might be a girl, or vice versa.

"With respect to the premier being Catholic, the Catholic Church has very clear moral doctrine ... and it's not changeable," Fonseca said.

"Dalton McGuinty nor any other person that wears the cultural badge of Catholic and goes to church in order to look good come election time — they don't have the right to change Catholic teaching.

"So Dalton McGuinty, unfortunately, he's not a great Catholic on the moral issues. He supports abortion on demand, he supports taxpayer funding of abortion, he supports gay marriage, he opposes the traditional definition of marriage in law. That's not a very strong Catholic."

Rondo Thomas, of the Evangelical Association, said, "The premier's mother said to him, 'Dalton, I didn't raise you this way.' I rest my case."

The anti-bully bill, a response in part to the very public suicides of young teens, including gay youth, makes severe or repeat bullying punishable by expulsion.

"We will not tolerate bullying of any kind for any reason," McGuinty said last Wednesday during a visit to L'Amoreaux Collegiate Institute in Toronto.

The Accepting Schools Act defines as bullying any activity that is motivated by bias based on sexual orientation, ethnic origin, religion, sex, and mental or physical disability.

It requires school boards to take bullying seriously, and allows students to form groups to promote understanding of sexual orientation and gender identities.



Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty speaks to reporters in Niagara Falls on Nov. 26, 2011 at the Liberal Party's provincial council meeting at the Scotiabank Convention Centre. (Brett Clarkson/ QMI Agency)