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Dear Dr. Waquer (can I say Richard?),

I was greatly interested, greatly moved, by your letter - your courage in being honest and forthright, at a time and on a subject bound, sooner or later, to cause your ejection from the priesthood. In another few years, ~~perhaps~~ perhaps, with Pope Francis at the helm, these last bastions of Catholic bigotry may have fallen.

I like to think of you as living across the street when



I visited Thom, and glad to know that he appreciated you and your work. I still miss him deeply - there were not too many people with whom I could be entirely open - and I like to think that his ghost is pleased that my title comes from his book poems. (I find it a huge relief being open now to all and sundry - I am so glad I completed my book before I became ill).

And what a liberation, an affirmation, for an all that the Supreme Court voted as it did. I suspect that Ruth-Bader Ginsberg, quite ill now, stayed on to ensure the 5/4 decision,

THOMAS FOR YOUR GROWN,
AND MY VERY OWN MINDS.

Oliver