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The University of Illinois has evidently fired a professor who, in teaching the class "Introduction to Catholicism" explained in an email what the Catholic Church teaches on the difference between a homosexual inclination and homosexual activity. One of the students was evidently offended by the professor's statement of the Church's teaching.

The news reports are a bit sketchy, and this is the kind of story that often has more than meets the eye at first glance. Still, it is difficult to imagine that anything the professor wrote warranted his termination. Liberals who support academic freedom must be as incensed by this as conservatives who worry about political correctness. Academic freedom does not cut both ways, it cuts all ways.

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