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The company he keeps

Archbishop George Niederauer fetes "Catholic who supports gay rights and a woman's right to choose," while Jerry Brown is keynote speaker

California Attorney General Jerry Brown was the keynote speaker at an event honoring the 100th anniversary of San Francisco's Catholic Charities CYO, the Nov. 16 archdiocesan newspaper *Catholic San Francisco* reported.



Former Catholic Charities president Clint Reilly, "a Roman Catholic who supports gay rights and a woman's right to choose," was given award by Archbishop George Niederauer.

Over 400 attended the "SharesSF Centennial Civic Luncheon," held Nov. 1 at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. The event raised more than \$112,000 for Catholic Charities. Archbishop George Niederauer, chairman of Catholic Charities, was also present. Before Brown's talk, Niederauer presented Clint Reilly, Catholic Charities' immediate past president, with the Centennial Service Award for his "leadership and dedication to enhancing the quality of life for the less fortunate," said *Catholic San Francisco*.

A San Francisco businessman and philanthropist, Reilly has been dedicated to the San Francisco archdiocese, for which he has raised a good deal of money, and to Bay Area politicians, according to an Aug. 11, 2006 Catholic News Agency story. Reilly ran a campaign management firm that worked with U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi and Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein.

In February 2001, *San Francisco Weekly* described Reilly as "a Roman Catholic who supports gay rights and a woman's right to choose." He was named president of San Francisco Catholic Charities/CYO by then Archbishop William Levada in 2001, serving in the post until March 2007.

In 2006, Reilly advised his wife, Janet Reilly, in her unsuccessful campaign for state Assembly. Janet Reilly received the endorsement of the Harvey Milk Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Club. In a 2006 San Francisco Young Democrats questionnaire, Janet Reilly said, "I support equal rights for all Californians and support gay marriage. I will actively work to lead the way for these legal rights, and I will use my leadership role to help defeat anti-gay marriage proposals. I am proud to live in San Francisco where Gavin Newsom stood up for this critical human rights issue and



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I would be proud to help lead this fight on a state level."

In his keynote address at the luncheon, Attorney General Brown "spoke on the partnership between faith-based nonprofits, government and community institutions in meeting the needs of the poor and the marginalized, particularly women and children," said *Catholic San Francisco*.

Brown has been a consistent supporter of legalized abortion. According to an Aug. 29 letter *California Catholic Daily* received from Chief Deputy Attorney General James Humes, Brown's office "asserts that same-sex couples are entitled to equal rights, benefits, and protections that are afforded to married couples."