

Robert Flores

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Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Greetings. Here is some information you may need re Robert Flores, Jr., and Dorothy Brogaard before they counsel with you.

QUESTION: Are Robert and Dorothy parallel to Mr. Enrique Ruiz and Holly who married before they came into the church? In the past the Ruiz's had severe problems -- even a separation. Much counsel was necessary to keep them together (they are fairly happy now). The point is, their marriage has caused questions among the ministry and laity.

FACTS:

- 1 A decision is needed SOON -- they are very involved emotionally. Several ministers have discouraged their relationship but it's hard for them to accept a "no."
- 2 Though it's true Dr. Hoeh at first said they might possibly get married if it were not for the example Bob needs to set in the Work (which "possibility" gave them some hope to hang onto), it is also true that he now discourages their marriage.
- 3 It will take strong discouragement to stop them now... however, they say they will drop it if strongly discouraged by you.

CONSEQUENCES:

racism
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- 1 We wish to hire Bob Flores in the Spanish Department (the Work did not employ him after graduation), feeling that he has ministerial potential. How can we hire him if he, dark, marries her, blond, when we have generally taught the opposite??
- 2 The Flores family (especially Mrs. Flores, Robert's mother) is very sensitive about race feeling her family is not Mexican, not Indian, but "Spanish." This to me is not factual but her feelings are so deep that her spiritual condition could be endangered especially if the decision were "against" Bob on purely racial grounds.
- 3 Other similar cases are "waiting in the wings" to see which way this case goes. Several people will be affected by the decision, not just Robert and Dorothy.

Personally I feel that they should have gone along with the previous discouragement, should not be double and triple checking the decision with you and should for their own benefit drop the romance. Dorothy assures me it is not too late... but perhaps I'm too strict and perhaps she is kidding herself. I know God will guide you.

Respectfully,

Charles