

Censure vs. Censorship

Not all censorship
is necessarily censure.

Censure is
condemnation;
censorship is
curtailment.

Censure does not
approve;
censorship doesn't
allow.

Censure finds
fault;
censorship doesn't find
room.

Censure proclaims
it's wrong or bad;
censorship claims
it's inappropriate.

Censure decides
it should not be;
censorship judges
it shouldn't be here.

Censure says:
"Don't do it."
Censorship warns:
"I won't show it."

Censure arises from
violated values;
censorship (or its lack)
stems from
policies and agendas.

The self-effacing
can be censored
without feeling censored.

The self-centered
fail to exercise
both self-censure
and self-censorship.

If the wise
do not censure,
how will the immature
know what to censor?

No matter how tolerant
society is,
evil should be
censured--
even when not
censored!

© *Msgr. Walter Niebrzydowski*
June 3, 1991
Fr-Walter@nyc.rr.com
www.fatherwaltersparish.org