

Gay weddings

In a move that has angered the Catholic establishment, Spain has become the third nation in the world to legalise same-sex marriage. Gay couples will also be allowed to adopt children



Netherlands:

April 2001 – Able to adopt children

Belgium: June 2003

Canada: *Bill expected to be passed by Senate by end of July 2005*

U.S.: *Massachusetts – only state to legalise marriage. Six other states allow registration of partnerships*

Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and UK allow civil registration providing similar property and tax rights