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Para uma Igreja do Povo de Deus
Per una Chiesa del Popolo di Dio
For a Church of the People of God

Press Release

So Sad that Pope Francis backs Vatican Statement ‘God does not bless LGBTQ Couples’

19 March 2021 Out of the blue the Vatican has issued a statement “the **Church** does not have, and cannot have, the power to give the blessing to unions of persons of the same sex.”

After all the talk about the importance of love, of families, of reaching out to those at the periphery – now this totally un-Christian statement endorsed by Pope Francis.

Blessings of LGBTQ couples have been taking place for decades. This Vatican statement will boost and not diminish these blessings. As Francis DeBernardo of New Ways Ministry says “the toothpaste is out of the tube and it can’t be put back inside.” In 29 countries same sex marriage is legal. God made LGBTQ people in God’s image and they are loved unconditionally.

71 countries still criminalise homosexual activity and these countries will take encouragement from this un-Christian statement. This statement endorsed by Pope Francis will lead to renewed attacks on LGBTQ people. Lives will be lost and suicides will increase.

God loves LGBTQ couples and families. God will **continue to** bless LGBTQ couples and families, even if some sad men in the Vatican think otherwise.

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