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ADDRESS TO THE BODY OF CHRIST

The pope approves blessings for same-sex couples. Let's address some things here.

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The Vatican Approves Blessings For Same-Sex Couples

Some call it a small victory. Some call it the downfall. One thing is certain—the church is divided and has been for a long time.

On Dec 18th, 2023, the Vatican released a new document containing the approval of priests to bless same-sex couples with conditions. The Vatican still stands on the biblical truth of God's design for marriage remaining between a man and a woman; however, couples in "irregular situations" and of same-sex are able to receive a blessing that in no way resembles that of a sacrament of marriage, but rather an expression of supplication "that God may

grant those aids that come from the impulses of his Spirit...so that human relationships may mature and grow in fidelity to the Gospel, that they may be freed from their imperfections and frailties, and that they may express themselves in the ever-increasing dimension of divine love" (section 3, para. 31 of the Fiducia Supplicans). The document goes on to further explain blessings and the explanation behind this recent decision. If you'd like to read the full document for yourself, you can do so **HERE.**

The concern in the church when it comes to blessing same-sex couples or people in irregular situations is that it rides on a slippery slope. It is clear that the Vatican is trying its best to welcome all to receive the love of God, and for that, we can appreciate their efforts; however, many feel that it opens up a door. We have seen this open door in many churches across the nations that have unfortunately led to the conflation of the word of God with the desires of the world.

