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Statement from the Catholic Church on Court Decision Recognizing Same-Sex Adults' Rights

The Catholic Church holds a traditional view on marriage and sexual ethics, rooted in its religious teachings and moral beliefs. The Church's stance on same-sex relationships and sexual activities is based on its interpretation of natural law and biblical principles.

In response to the court decision recognizing the right of same-sex adults to engage in consenting sexual activities in privacy, the Catholic Church reaffirms its position on marriage and sexuality. The Church teaches that sexual intimacy is reserved for marriage between a man and a woman, and views same-sex sexual activities as contrary to this understanding.

The Church acknowledges the dignity of all individuals and advocates for respect and compassion towards people with same-sex attractions. However, it upholds the belief that sexual acts outside of heterosexual marriage are inconsistent with its teachings.

The Catholic Church encourages dialogue and understanding while remaining steadfast in its convictions regarding marriage and sexual morality. It emphasizes the importance of upholding the sanctity of marriage and the family as foundational to the well-being of society.

The Church's response is rooted in its religious doctrines, which have as their basis God's holy and unchanging word, and is intended to uphold its teachings on marriage and human sexuality, while promoting understanding and respect for all individuals.

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