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Same-sex Marriages and Blessings

My dearest Brothers and Sisters, Greeting in the name of our beloved Lord

As many of you know The Vatican decreed on Monday that the Catholic church cannot bless same-sex unions since God “cannot bless sin.” They issued this formal response to a question about whether Catholic clergy can bless gay unions.

Here is my response:

What the Vatican put out is about the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, we have to remember that not all Catholics are Roman Catholics. We as a Catholic church like many other Catholic churches are happy to marry or bless same-sex couples whether they are Catholic or not!. We understand that the Roman Catholic church has a long way to go before ever-changing the way it sees our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters, We like many others are disheartened by what was issued. We the Progressive Catholic Church International stand side by side with our LGBTQ+ family as we see them as a blessing from God. Being LGBTQ+ is NOT a sin!. For any church to hold the stance on marriage as a lifelong union between one man and one woman for the sole purpose of procreation is a narrow interpretation not espoused by all Catholic Churches. Marriage is a union of two people coming together to form a loving bond with each other and to show the wider world the outward sign of an inward work of grace.

If you are wanting to get married or have a blessing then I know that our clergy will be happy to help, so please don't give up on the idea as there are many churches like ours who are on your side and are happy to support you!.

Most Reverend Dr Barry Frier