



Catholic LGBTQ+ Ministry Lexington
Fortunate Families Ministry Lexington

7 March 2021
Third Sunday of Lent

We, consecrated women in the Commonwealth of Kentucky,
following the example of Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., of Lexington, KY,
and other bishops,
in union with Diocese of Lexington LGBT Ministry and Fortunate Families,
make public our support for LGBT youth who are significantly more at risk
than their heterosexual peers.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that LGBT people should be treated with
“respect, compassion and sensitivity” and that “every sign of unjust discrimination in their
regard should be avoided.” (CCC2358)

All people of goodwill, especially people of faith, should help, support,
and defend LGBT youth who attempt suicide at much higher rates
than their straight counterparts, who become homeless because of rejection,
who are bullied and harassed, and who become targets of violent acts.

The Catholic Church reinforces that the God-given dignity of all human life
must be defended, supported, and celebrated.

We make this statement to proclaim to our LGBT community,
especially our youth, that we stand with you,
oppose any form of violence directed toward you,
and denounce bullying, harmful rhetoric, and harassment directed at you.

We pledge to honor, defend, support, and celebrate your dignity
in our words and actions because you are beloved members of the Church
and reflections of God who created you,
loves you more than we can ever begin to imagine,
and is on your side.

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