

**Catholic Church and homosexuality:  
Pope Francis endorsed the  
same sex civil union and LGBT rights**

The Catholic Church or Christianity in general has been long opposing the existence of the LGBT+ community. They said that falling in love or being together with someone with the same sex is considered taboo. It is because forbidding relationships between people with the same gender is written in the bible. They also said that God has created only two gender. However, we can't ignore the fact that the members of LGBT are still human and deserves to be accepted and to be respected.

On October 2020, Pope Francis expressed his support for same sex civil unions and LGBT+ rights through a short clip from a documentary. However, the pope continues to forbid people of a religious faith and clergy to participate to the said union. In a documentary, the Pope stated that Homosexual people have a right to be in a family. He also said that the members of the LGBT+ are still children of God and that nobody deserves to be thrown out or be miserable over it.

Those were beautiful words coming from the leader of the church. However, this has holes in it. Some people see the Catholic Church's approach to Homosexuality is full of contradictions and double standards. Pope Francis also expressed before that he is against same sex marriage. Although he said that members of the LGBTQ+ community should not be miserable and thrown out, he is also against to gay men joining the clergy.

However, some articles said that some people misinterpreted the Pope's words. The people who would listen to the clip may interpret the Pope's words about "right to a family" as something like family as man, wife, and children. However, if you listen closely and attentively you would notice that the pope was actually talking about the parents who neglected their child after coming out to them. The Pope's sentence was "That son and daughter has a right to family... Do not throw them out of the family." The Pope also said on 2013 "If gay people accept the lord and have goodwill... then who am I to judge them?"

In conclusion, whether the Catholic Church or Christianity in general is not favor to same sex marriage, It is still proper and ethical to respect people's opinion and sexuality. Just because they are different than you or just because they chose a different path, that doesn't mean that they are turning their back to the church. There are a lot of people who are members of LGBTQ+ that still believes in the teachings and gospels of God.

Every people, regardless of their sexuality has a right to live, respected and treated equally.