



John the Baptist to Herod:  
"It is not lawful for you."

# Statement of Protest to Bishop Dr. Georg Bätzing, Bishop of Limburg and President of the German Bishops' Conference

*Bishop Bätzing breaks with Catholic morals  
and establishes his own national church:*

## As Catholics, we are called to resist

**T**hrough its website, the Diocese of Limburg offered blessing services „for all couples“ on January 26, 2023. On January 18, 2023, the new „Guidelines Sex Education Competence“ were presented to the public.

The offering of blessings, blessing celebrations and blessing services for alternative life partnerships by the Diocese of Limburg is a schismatic and heretical act. Moreover, it is an act of grave disobedience to Rome. It is a bad

example that is spreading throughout Germany. On February 14, 2023, the Diocese of Aachen offered pseudo-blessings to all alternative partnerships. These were advertised on the diocese's social media with an internet meme (banner) depicting a same-sex couple kissing.

Blessing ceremonies for alternative life partnerships imply a sexual morality that contradicts Catholic morality. Catholic morality condemns acts

outside a sacramentally contracted marriage, especially when they are habitual. Moreover, celebrations of blessing contradict the Catholic understanding of marriage. For this reason, the performance of blessing ceremonies is de facto equivalent to the establishment of a separate sexual morality or magisterium.

The „Guidelines for Sexual Education Competence“ for the Diocese of Limburg, presented at the end of January 2023, are essentially an introduction of a non-Catholic sexual ethic and gender theory into the Catholic Church. Thus, the guidelines contradict Catholic sexual morality and Christian anthropology.

Explanation:

- *Conducting blessing ceremonies for alternative life partnerships contradicts the „Responsum ab dubium“ of March 15, 2021, where it is explained - with emphasis on same-sex couples - that the Church has NO authority to conduct such blessings.*
- *The Secretariat of State, in its letter of July 21, 2022 to the German Bishops' Conference, expressly forbade the Church to make any unauthorized changes in magisterium and governance.*
- *The implementation of the „Guidelines Sexual Pedagogical Competence“ even explicitly contradicts the - highly controversial - Synodal Way. This is because the basic text „Successful Relationships“, which theologially justifies these guidelines, did not receive the necessary majority at the Fourth Synodal Assembly in September 2022.*
- *Bishop Dr. Georg Bätzing, chairman of the German conference, always emphasizes that Germany is not on a path to schism, nor is it on a „German special path“ and, of course, the German bishops will adhere to the guidelines of the universal church and church law. But the implementation of blessing ceremonies and the new sexual morality contained in the guidelines feeds the suspicion that such statements to the universal church are pure stalling tactics, because in some dioceses they are already creating facts.*

The implementation in the diocese of Limburg of blessing ceremonies and the basic sexual morals for this purpose, as well as the enactment of the „Guidelines for Sexual Education Competence“ are thus a grave transgression against the Catholic faith, against Catholic morals and against the unity of the Church.

For these reasons, we would like to call upon Bishop Dr. Georg Bätzing to,

1. To do everything possible to ensure that such blessing ceremonies no longer take place in his diocese.
2. In addition, we request Bishop Dr. Georg Bätzing to explain in detail to all relevant bodies in his diocese (parishes, pastoral units, etc.) why such blessing ceremonies contradict Catholic morality and the Catholic Magisterium and why sacrilegious simulation is a sacramental. So one lies even to those whom one supposedly wants to „bless“!
3. Withdraw the „Guidelines Sex Education Competence in Pastoral Care“ and declare them invalid.

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*Write a note of protest to Bishop Dr. Georg Bätzing Despite clear statements of the Vatican and even violating the Synodal Way, Diocese Limburg introduces area-wide blessings for alternative forms of partnership.*



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## Most Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Boniface, St. John the Baptist, help us to stand up for the Catholic faith and the Catholic Church

**W**hy pray for to St. John the Baptist? He was beheaded because he denounced the immoral and scandalous behavior of Herod and stood up against it.

Therefore, we turn to St. John the Baptist and repeat his words to the shepherds of the Catholic flock who open wide the door to the wolf of heresy, schism and immorality: *Non licet tibi*. It is not licit for you.

We do this not in a spirit of revolt, but of resistance. The same attitude that led Plinio Correa de Oliveira, the inspirer of our movement, to oppose the policy of concessions by parts of the Church to communist regimes. In the words of the famous Catholic thinker, the Church is not, never has been, and never will be a prison for upright consciences. An ecclesiastical authority cannot force the faithful to accept what is obviously unacceptable. So we offer resistance that is not separation, not rebellion, not bitterness, not presumption. But within the limits of Church doctrine, it is firm.

In fact, we are urged to such an attitude by canon law itself, when it says: „According to their knowledge,

competence and eminent position, they have the right and sometimes even the duty to express their opinions in what concerns the good of the Church, to communicate them to the spiritual pastors, and to make them known to the rest of the faithful, respecting the integrity of faith and morals and reverence for pastors and the general good and dignity of persons.“ (Can. 212, § 3.)

We therefore call upon all true Roman Catholics to resist with all lawful means at our disposal. Let us not be carried away by discouragement and uncertainty in the face of the internal revolution we are now experiencing in the Church. The Church has seen other winds and weathered other storms and has emerged stronger from every tribulation. The Creed, the Ten Commandments, the whole Bible and the perennial Magisterium of the Church confirm us in this position.

May St. Boniface help us to be great in the storm. And may the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, so gracious, motherly and royal, spread over us her protective mantle.

