



# Statement of Protest to Bishop Helmut Dieser

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Indeed, blessing ceremonies for alternative life partnerships imply a sexual morality that contradicts Catholic morality. Catholic morality condemns acts outside of a sacramentally contracted marriage, especially when they are habitual. Moreover, celebrations of blessing contradict the Catholic understanding of marriage. For this reason, conducting celebrations of blessing is de facto equivalent to establishing a separate sexual morality or magisterium.

Explanation:

- *The performance of blessing celebrations 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 perform such blessings.*
- *The Secretariat of State, in its letter of July 21, 2022 to the German Bishops' Conference, expressly forbade making any autonomous changes in magisterium and governance.*
- *The implementation of blessing ceremonies even expressly contradicts the - highly controversial - Synodal Way. This is because the basic text „Successful Relationships“, which theologially justifies such blessing celebrations, did not receive the necessary majority at the Fourth Synodal Assembly in September 2022. The action text „Blessing Celebrations for Couples who Love Each Other“ will not be addressed until the Fifth Synodal Assembly in March 2023. This means that even the highly controversial Synodal Way cannot be invoked by the Aachen diocese.*
- *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 celebrations feeds the suspicion that*

*such statements to the universal church are pure stalling tactics, because in some dioceses one is already in the process of creating facts.*

The implementation of blessing ceremonies and the sexual morals that are fundamental to them are therefore 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 on Bishop Dieser,

1. to do everything possible to ensure that such blessing ceremonies no longer take place in his diocese.
2. furthermore, we call upon Bishop Helmut Dieser 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 you even lie to those you are supposedly „blessing“.

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*Write a protest note to bishop Helmut Dieser:  
Despite clear statements of the Vatican and  
even violating the Synodal Way, diocese Aachen  
introduces area-wide blessings for alternative  
partnership forms.*



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## St. John the Baptist, Charlemagne and our resistance

A relic of St. John the Baptist is being exhibited with other valuable relics from 9. to 19 June 2023 in the Aachen Cathedral.

It is the cloth with which the head of the forerunner and Christ's forerunner was wrapped. He had been beheaded because he had the immoral and scandalous Herod's immoral and scandalous behavior and had opposed it.

Therefore we turn to St. John the Baptist and repeat his words to the shepherds of the catholic flock, who are the wolf of heresy, schism and immorality. and immorality to the wolf of heresy, schism open: 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 to oppose the policy of concessions by parts of the of the Church to communist regimes. To put it 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, rebellion, bitterness and presumption. But within the limits of the Church doctrine, it is resolute.

In fact, through canon law itself to such an attitude, when it says: „According to their knowledge, their competence and their eminent position they have the right and sometimes even the duty to express their opinion in what concerns the good of the of the Church, to communicate to the spiritual shepherds and to express to them the integrity of the faith and morals, and with reverence and respect for the pastors and respecting the general utility and the dignity of the persons other faithful.“ (Can. 212, § 3.)

We therefore call upon all true Roman Catholic faithful to resist with all the lawful means at our disposal. In the face of the internal revolution we are now experiencing in the church, let us not be carried away by discouragement and insecurity. The Church has already seen other winds and weathered other storms and has emerged strengthened from every tribulation. The Creed, the Ten Commandments, the entire Bible, and the perennial teaching authority of the Church confirm us in this position.

May Charlemagne, whose relics are venerated by thousands of believers every year in the cathedral of Aachen, help us to be strong in the storm. And may Our Lady of Aachen, so gracious, maternal and royal, spread over us her protective mantle.

