

Same Sex Marriage

Many people today support the right of those with same sex attractions to marry, but few have been informed of all the facts. The Catholic Medical Association supports your right to know. Same sex attraction and homosexual behavior are not genetically determined; people are not just born that way. These attractions result from conflicts with confidence and often with trusting.¹ Research shows that those in same sex relationships lack stability and loyalty, and these individuals have a higher prevalence of psychiatric illness and abuse, than those in heterosexual relationships.² The attempt to redefine marriage and deprive children of a mother and a father is associated with many negative outcomes for the children,³ including poor academic performance, less secure relationships, and more anxiety.⁴ The Catholic Medical Association supports your right to know. To find out more, go to cathmed.org.

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