



The Church's Official Stance On Homosexuality

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The new opinion is that God loves all his children. Nevertheless, some Catholics have used God's name to persecute gays, lesbians and transgender people. An example of this is when Antonio Aaron Bianco, from San Diego, came to work at St. John's Parish, a Roman Catholic Church and was shocked to find someone had broken in and spray-painted "NO FAGS" on the conference room wall. For Aaron, a gay, Catholic layman, this was just one of many terrifying omens. Two weeks earlier, someone had tried to set the sanctuary doors on fire. For months he had received phone calls and letters with message's like "sodomites not welcome in the church." The most recent harassment, the break in, happened on the 29th of December 2018 and was published by The New York Times.

Even though there are people who marginalise against homosexuality in the church, there are Catholic homosexuals. But it's important to state that in the eyes of The Church, being gay or lesbian is not a sin, contrary to popular belief even amongst educated Catholics. "If a person is gay and seeks The Lord, and is of good will, who am I to judge him" – a quote from Pope Francis July 29, 2013. If The Pope, who is the most important Catholic in the world, says we shouldn't judge a gay person then we should take his word for it.

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