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**Statement from Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone Regarding the
Federal Court's Ruling on Same Sex Marriage**

"Our Catholic faith teaches us that marriage is defined as the union of one man and one woman in a permanent commitment with an openness to life and family. This teaching regarding marriage is not a judgment about persons who experience same-sex attraction, but a statement about how the Church has always understood the nature of marriage itself.

"The federal court's decision today does not change the fact that the Roman Catholic Church has consistently taught and will continue to teach that marriage is a sacrament. It is a covenant of love between one man and one woman which bonds them for life and to any children that come from the union."

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