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**Statement from Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone Regarding the  
First Same Sex Civil Marriage Ceremony in Charleston County**

"Our Catholic faith upholds the dignity of every human person, including persons with same-sex attraction. Regardless of any civil court ruling, the Catholic Church teaches and will continue to teach that marriage is a sacramental union between one man and one woman which bonds them for life. This teaching 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."

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