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**Statement from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston regarding Pope Francis' reported comments on same-sex civil unions**

CHARLESTON, SC – Earlier today, it was reported that Pope Francis expressed support for same-sex civil unions in a secular documentary. Below is a statement from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston regarding the reported comments.

“The pope’s reported statement was made about same-sex civil unions in the context of a secular documentary. No one at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston has viewed the documentary in question, nor has the diocese received any communication on this issue from the Vatican. It is worth noting that the Holy Father does not use secular documentaries to offer definitive teaching on matters of faith and morals. This reported statement has not altered the teaching of the Church on the sacredness of marriage.”

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