## CHEERING FOR SAME-SEX BLESSINGS

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The Vatican decision to allow priests to bless same-sex couples has led to a firestorm of protest. The Catholic clergy, in many parts of the world, are simply refusing to heed this directive.

So who likes this decision? We put together a sample of comments made by various segments of the population; we even included some who said this new development is a sham because it didn't go far enough.

Notice the comment made in the first entry of this report by Catholics for Choice, an anti-Catholic letterhead funded by the establishment. Its leader says, "While some priests have been secretly blessing same-sex unions for years, to now do it publicly—with the backing from the pope's teachings—will be transformative for advancing LGBTQIA+ visibility and inclusion."

In December, Fr. James Martin said that after the document on blessing same-sex couples was issued, he was delighted to bless a gay couple (in a living room), saying, "It was really nice to be able to do that publicly." Thus did he tacitly admit that he had been doing so all along.

In the 1990s, I had dinner with a priest who said he allowed girls to be altar servers long before it was permitted. He bragged how his defiance of Church strictures helped pave the way for reform. This is how the so-called progressives operate—by stealth.

The same phenomenon has obviously been going on with regards to same-sex blessings. Indeed, it wouldn't come as a shock to learn that gay-happy priests have presided over the illicit "marriage" of two men or two women.

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