

Sin is no love!

Can Bishop Bätzing and his amorality be stopped anymore?

The Diocese of Limburg has published a new brochure entitled [“Guidelines to Sex-educational Competence in Ecclesiastical Fields of Action”](#). In these guidelines every Catholic belief is abandoned and a new view of man and of sexuality is created along the lines of gender theory. Bishop Bätzing, who released this document for implementation after a resolution by the diocesan synodal council, thereby once again took a stand against Catholic Church teaching.

For example, point three (“Sexual Orientation, Acceptance of Gender Diversity and Ways of Life”) states: “There is diversity in sexual identity and orientation. Parishes and facilities are to actively promote an appreciative handling of this variety and diversity.” The easy language edition, which was released at the same time, even states this point in the following way: “Sexuality does not exist between a man and a woman only. It also exists between a woman and a woman. Or between a man and a man. Or between people who feel like they are neither man nor woman.” This clearly contradicts what was written as early as in the Book of Genesis and what is part of Catholic Church teaching: God made humans male and female. The document repeatedly states that everyone is to find their sexual self-determination and openly live it out, and that the Catholic Church is supposed to encourage this. Now, where can we find God in this; where can we find the Catholic faith? In the easy language edition of point seven (“Reconciling Faith and Sexuality”) we read the following: “Sexuality and faith fit together well because both are good.” It should be evident that this reasoning does not justify the statements made.

The circumstances under which the guidelines were created reveal a staggering cynicism and tenacity: Bishop Bätzing constantly stresses that Germany is not on a special path and most certainly not on the way into schism. Yet, in this decree he ignores the clear instruction from Rome, dated July 21, 2022, which made it clear that Catholic teaching, structure, and morals must not be changed. The Vatican statement also stressed that the faithful must not be compelled to embrace new teaching or morals. In spite of this, the new decree is mandatory

for parish priests and for employees of diocesan facilities, as explained by Katharina Döring, designee for family education.

What is more, Bishop Bätzing is implementing the orientational document of the Synodal Path (Basic Text of the Successful Relationships forum) that failed to receive the necessary episcopal majority at the Synodal Assembly in September 2022. Bishop Bätzing also ignored the criticism of the Synodal Path's documents that was made by the Cardinals Ladaria and Ouellet back in November 2022, when the German Bishops were present in Rome for the ad limina visit. Vatican News emphasized this in its news story on the Limburg guidelines.

We can only hope that Rome will at long last issue a final "no" condemning the German synodal ideas.