

Integration, not Segregation: The Answer to Our Prayers

We join together in prayer these next forty days, crying out for Jesus to become our one sure foundation. We pray especially for loved ones exploring alternative identities. Like us, Jesus invites each to submit his or her sexual longings to God's ardent pursuit of us. That is integration: the alignment of our passion with His.

Jesus is already answering our prayers. At the onset of the Bishop's Youth Synod in Rome, where pro-LGBT+ forces are seeking Church confirmation, Archbishop Chaput of Philadelphia declared this awesome truth about integration—the robust version of chastity that remains God's call for His people:

'What the Church holds to be true about human sexuality is not a stumbling block. It is the only real path to joy and wholeness. There is no such thing as an 'LGBTQ Catholic' or a 'transgender Catholic' or a 'heterosexual Catholic,' as if our sexual appetites defined who we are; as if these designations described discrete communities of differing but equal integrity within the real ecclesial community, the body of Christ. This has never been true in the life of the Church, and is not true now. It follows that 'LGBTQ' and similar language should not be used in Church documents, because using it suggests that these are real, autonomous groups, and the Church simply does not categorize people that way.'

Amen, brother. Chaput applies the Church's moral teaching to combat corrupting forces that have marred a generation. Rather than band around and bless false selves, we invite all persons into the transforming love of Jesus, who establishes us on sure level ground. We go forward together. Integration, not segregation, must be our goal. United as members of one body under one Cross, we proceed toward the one goal of chastity.

That fills me with joy. I've a ways yet to go but I will get there with the help of Jesus and friends!

Our disordered starting points matter but are not all important. What matters most is that we drop labels like stones and simply immerse our bleeding souls (be they lustful or numb) in the waters of His mercy—His passion for us. Therein lays His power to transform us. Jesus remains blessedly simple, in spite of our complications. Thank You, beautiful Savior, for hearing our cries and answering.

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We're starting our prayer/ fasting time on October 10th for anyone who wants to join. If you'd like to pray along with us, let us know and we can send you a [book](#) or you can get it through kindle here <https://www.amazon.com/Becoming-Good-News-Andrew-Comiskey-ebook/dp/B07E95JKP5/>