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STATEMENT FROM BISHOP BRENNAN ON POPE FRANCIS’ “FRANCESCO” REMARKS

The quotes attributed to the Holy Father in the recently-released documentary film “Francesco” do not alter or realign church doctrine, but actually reaffirm the traditional definition of Marriage as a lifelong, life-giving, committed union between one man and one woman. Consistent with prior remarks, it appears that he is addressing the matter within the framework of Church teaching: the objective truth of the definition of Marriage, respect for the dignity of every person at all times, regardless of sexual orientation, and safeguarding the civil rights of peoples by legal authority. It is always important to go to the Pope’s actual words in the proper context rather than relying on reports about them.

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