

## **“Male and female he created them” (Gen 1:27)**

“Today, in schools, they are teaching this to children – to children! -- that everyone can choose their gender, ... and this is terrible.” Pope Francis.

Regarding sexuality and sexual identity, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “By creating the human being man and woman, God gives personal dignity equally to the one and the other. Each of them, man and woman, should acknowledge and accept his sexual identity” (CCC 2393).

“Catholic health care services must not perform interventions, whether surgical or chemical, that aim to transform the sexual characteristics of a human body into those of the opposite sex or take part in the development of such procedures.” USCCB Committee on Doctrine, March 20, 2023.

“Educational ministries of the Church are under increasing external pressure to treat students consistent with their self-selected gender identity, in education records, forms of speech (use of pronouns and names consistent with the self-selected gender), participation in school activities and sports, and access to bathrooms and locker rooms....

The moral issue for Catholic schools is that they cannot participate in or promote the denial, or perceived denial, of the biological sex with which a child has been endowed by the Creator.”  
Brief Statement on Transgenderism from the National Catholic Bioethics Center. 2/22/2017.

“Thus, when a person experiences same-sex attraction or some form of gender dysphoria, such struggles do not change the biological fact of how God created that person, and it would be untruthful for the Catholic Church or our Catholic schools to pretend otherwise.” from the policy statement of the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls.

“That is the particular evil of transgenderism—it wants to force everyone to lie, to become like Satan himself, who lied to Eve in the garden to achieve his diabolical goal. It wants to beat us into submission, to exchange truth for a lie.” --Eric Sammons, editor-in-chief of *Crisis Magazine*.

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