



# Diocese of San Jose

Office of the Bishop

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Dear Father/Sister/Brother.

Recent news reports of policies and practices related to members of the LGBT community in other dioceses can be confusing.

I take this opportunity to assure you that the pastoral response in the Diocese of San Jose remains just that: compassionate and pastoral. We will not refuse sacraments or Christian Burial to anyone who requests them in good faith.

Finally, let us remember and be guided by the words of Pope Francis: "The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."

May the Lord bless you in your ministry.

With every best wish and kind regard, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Patrick J. McGrath  
Bishop of San Jose