

It has come to our attention that St. Thomas More is listed on a number of “LGBT” websites noting that we are “welcoming” to these groups of people. Thus, some clarification is in order.

1. St. Thomas More has never petitioned or applied to be recognized by such sites and we do not know how we have been selected by them.
2. Everyone is, indeed, welcome to worship at St. Thomas More.
3. We do not engage in any kind of advocacy for any of the aforementioned groups.
4. We teach what the Catholic Church teaches regarding these issues.
5. Homosexuality is a tremendously different issue than Transgenderism/Gender Dysphoria and it would be best if these two groups are not combined.
6. Transgenderism/Gender Dysphoria is a mental disorder per the American Psychological Association. People who believe they have this disorder need professional help and support.
7. There are only two sexes/genders. This is a biblical truth and is Church teaching.
8. Gender theory is nonscientific, and a term created by activists.
9. Parents should be the ones who decide how to communicate issues of sexuality to their children, not the state and not schools.
10. Children should not be physically mutilated nor provided any kind of therapy which alters their natural development. They have not yet reached the age of consent. To do these things to a child constitutes a grave sin.
11. No ministry at St. Thomas More will use “gender theory” pronouns, etc.
12. People attending St. Thomas More must use the bathroom of their genotypic sex/birth sex.

References:

[Church Teaching On Homosexuality](#)

[American Psychological Association on Gender Dysphoria](#)

[Pope Francis' Teaching Regarding Gender Theory/Transgenderism](#)