



Statement by the Old Catholic Church of Switzerland on Conversion Therapy

The Old Catholic Church of Switzerland condemns conversion therapy in the strongest possible terms and advocates for a nationwide ban on these inhumane practices.

For the Old Catholic Church of Switzerland, every human life is a creature created by God. We receive our existence and our being from God. He has wanted us to be as we are, to feel as we do, and to love as we do.

There is no deficiency here; there is nothing to fix; there is only the need to respect and protect the God-given dignity of the human person.

Conversion measures view people as rigid objects that need to be repaired. People are thus forced to conform to a predetermined human standard. Human-made notions are placed in God's stead.

People are creatures created by God and cannot be remade according to human judgment.

Whoever does not accept others as God intended them to be denies God Himself.

The tradition of the Church in no way supports this coercion.

Human beings as the image of God are manifested in the freedom of every person and not in a predetermined physical or gender form.

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