

Vatican condemns surrogacy and gender transitions as ‘grave violations of human dignity’

The Vatican on Monday issued a declaration condemning surrogacy and gender transition procedures as “grave violations of human dignity,” listing them alongside abortion and euthanasia as practices that degrade God’s vision for humanity.

Repackaging what has been said on the various subjects individually, the Vatican’s Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a 20-page declaration titled *Dignitas Infinita*, outlining specific practices that the church sees as contradictory to human dignity.

The document as a whole draws from St. John Paul II’s substantial work on developing the theology of the human person, which builds upon centuries of Catholic thought. The Vatican clarified in its Monday publication that dignity “belongs to the person as such simply because he or she exists and is willed, created, and loved by God.”

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