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## **Bishop Golka's statement on "Fiducia Supplicans"**

COLORADO SPRINGS. Bishop James Golka issued the following statement on the Vatican declaration "*Fiducia Supplicans*: On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings"

"The declaration "*Fiducia Supplicans*" issued today by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith clearly states that the Church's teaching on marriage has not changed. The declaration also prohibits any action on the part of pastors that could create confusion about marriage, such as giving a blessing in conjunction with a civil marriage ceremony. Rather, this declaration is simply an effort to accompany people through the imparting of pastoral blessings on those who acknowledge the need for God's healing love and mercy in their lives."

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