Archdiocese of Detroit

Statement Concerning Cancellation of Reception at St. Mary Parish, Royal Oak

"The Detroit archdiocese realizes that ministry to the homosexual community is both sensitive and necessary. At the same time, we are concerned that such ministry can cause more harm than good if it is conducted in the midst of controversy and ambiguity. Regrettably, that appears to be the agenda of a movie program and presentation scheduled this coming Sunday in Royal Oak, which was to be followed by a reception at St. Mary Parish. Made aware of these arrangements this week, the archdiocese has determined that one of its parish facilities is not the appropriate setting for a gathering not in accord with the mission and message of the Church."

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