



## COMMUNION OF SYNODAL CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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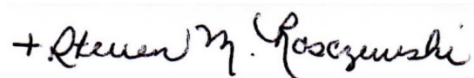
Birth of St. John the Baptizer

The Communion of Synodal Catholic Churches is saddened that the U.S. Supreme Court is so divided as to be unable to give our nation clear and unequivocal guidance concerning the treatment of immigrants in our midst. However as followers of Jesus, the Bishops of the Communion of Synodal Catholic Churches feel compelled to live by the clear and unequivocal practice of Jesus and of the early Church. Among the people of God there is no Jew or Greek, man or woman, gay or straight, native born or immigrant. We are all made one by Jesus Christ. As Christian people it must be our practice to treat immigrants in the same way we treat ourselves. It is impossible to love God whom we do not see if we do not love the immigrants whom we do see.

Our practice and our teaching are brief but clear. We love our neighbor as we do ourselves. We want for them everything we ourselves have. The foreigners in our midst are part of our family and we oppose any discrimination towards them.

Time has come for all nations and humanity to make real the truth of our fraternity in God. We should be tearing down walls and fences that divide us and working to figure out how we can become more of a global community.

On behalf of the Bishops of the Episcopal Council of the Communion of Synodal Catholic Churches, we remain one in Christ, our Way.



The Most Rev. Steven M. Roszczewski,  
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