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Statement from the Jesuits Regarding Fr. James Martin's New Book, "Building a Bridge"

Father James Martin, SJ, is a faithful priest, best-selling writer, and a respected member of the editorial staff at the Jesuit-run America Media.

His most recent book, "Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity," is an important publication for our Church and the people of God to whom we minister. All of Father Martin's books are written with the full consent of his religious superiors and in conformity with Catholic Church publishing guidelines. "Building a Bridge," which was reviewed by the *Censor Librorum* of the USA Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus, received an *Imprimi Potest* from Fr. Martin's provincial, declaring its suitability for publication.

Fr. Martin is a meaningful voice in our Church both in the United States and throughout the world. His recent appointment as a consultant to the Vatican's Secretariat for Communications affirms the power of his work, which is a tremendous tool for both preaching the Gospel and for evangelization.

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