

SF archbishop: Don't say 'gay marriage'

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San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone has said Catholics opposed to same-sex marriage should limit themselves to even using the term "only sparingly," as the idea, according to him, is an impossibility.

Speaking to the London-based *Catholic Herald*, Cordileone compares the term to male lactation.

"Legislating for the right for people of the same sex to marry is like legalising male breastfeeding," states Cordileone in [the interview](#) [1].

The good archbishop might be interested to know that in certain, rare circumstances, males can, in fact, lactate. Those familiar with podcasts might be interested in [this](#) [2] from the "Stuff You Should Know" folks. Fair warning: The podcast uses descriptions of male and female anatomy.

As my colleague Brian Roewe reported [last year](#) [3], Cordileone also prefers that Catholics do not use the terms "gay" and "lesbian," but instead "persons with a homosexual inclination."

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