



St. Paul Catholic Church in Lexington, Kentucky, had a sign outside of its church in June welcoming LGBTQ members. (Courtesy of Mike Stunson/Lexington Herald Leader)



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St. Paul's Church in Lexington, Kentucky, [welcomes LGBTQ Catholics](#) with a gay rights banner. The symbolic outreach has generated positive comments from parishioners.

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