

ACCEPTANCE of DIVORCED CHRISTIANS – Divorced Catholics tend to be marginalized by the Church and previously divorced Protestants encounter impediments when seeking to join the Roman Catholic Church.

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We need to create a less arduous path than current annulment regulations to allow people to fully participate as Catholics, receive the Eucharist, and remarry.

To journey together, we need to be active in our communities. As individuals, parishes, and the universal Church, we must do more outreach and ease obstacles that inhibit/prohibit people from being fully welcomed into Catholicism.

How can we expect people to want to be a part of Christ's Church if they do not feel welcomed because of marital status? For what other faults do we deny people? What would Jesus do? He would open His arms to everyone. He wants everyone to be in His Church. The Church is a hospital for the sick, not a country club.

There are reasons people divorce, including abuse. The process needs to become more aware of situations surrounding divorce and accept people where they stand.

There needs to be more marriage prep. Couples should pray together before and during their marriage.