



Gender Dysphoria

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Attitudes to Gender Dysphoria

- + Secular: Transition.
- + Christian: Get healing and get over it.
- + Reality:
 - + Suffering/distress every day;
 - + Background hiss;
 - + Puzzle pieces that don't fit;
 - + Musical dissonance;
 - + From a young age.

Lenses to View Dysphoria

+Integrity

- + Denial of sexual integrity and essential gender created by God.
- + Breaking of laws related to emasculation and cross dressing.

+Disability

- + Non-moral reality.
- + Result of fallen world.

+Diversity

- + Something to be celebrated.

Experience of Dysphoria

- + Not doing it for sexual reasons.
- + Not related to same-sex attraction.
- + Not trying to deconstruct norms about sex and gender.
- + Just trying to survive.

Pastoral Response

- + Acknowledge our discomfort with atypical sexual behaviour.
- + Pope Francis: "Don't celebrate this, occupy it and walk together."
- + Minister to what is below the surface:
 - + Identity
 - + Community
 - + Salvation