

Appendix 13: Altering of Parish books regarding sex-change operations

The Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith notes that official parish books may **not be altered for any reason, except to correct errors of transcription.** Therefore, even in cases of sex-change operations the records are not to be altered. Specifically, the altered condition of a member of the faithful under civil law does not change one's canonical condition which is male or female as determined at the moment of birth. However, should a situation arise in which some sort of notation is determined to be necessary, it is possible, in the margin of the **entry for Baptism** to note the altered status of the person under civil law. In such case, the date and relevant protocol number of the civil juridic act or document should be included along with, where possible, a copy of the documentation itself at that page of the Baptismal Registry.