

# Pope Francis's World Cup Advice Inspires Spirit of True Fraternity Banner for Gay Pride

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., July 9, 2014 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – In response to Pope Francis's wish for "a wonderful World Cup, played in a spirit of true fraternity," artist Daniel Edwards depicts the pope in a "true fraternity for gay pride" banner, showing support for the pope's aggressive efforts for human rights and equality, that will debut in St. Petersburg, Fla. this month, announces Cory Allen Contemporary Art (CACA).

"I wish everyone a wonderful World Cup, played in a spirit of true fraternity," said Pope Francis last month. The pontiff also said he hoped the World Cup would mark "solidarity among peoples" who "recognize themselves as members of the unique human family."

Pope Francis's advice regarding solidarity and fraternity of good sportsmanship comes at a time of prevailing fan intolerance in international soccer. Openly gay players are virtually non-existent on the international level because teams either do not allow it, or teams fear the backlash of physical violence to which their players may be subjected by the xenophobic fans of opponents.

"Spirit of True Fraternity and Gay Pride," a life-size vinyl banner, portrays the pope who said, "Who am I to judge a gay person of goodwill who seeks the Lord?" Pope Francis is depicted wearing his white zucchetto, embraced from behind by another version of his self wearing the miter. Both pope depictions display serene smiles while each give their blessings with their right hands, as an official FIFA World Cup soccer ball balances on fingers posed in the gesture of benediction.

"The timing of World Cup soccer and the Gay Pride celebrations in June and July seem appropriate, as both aspire to gain acceptance for the spirit of true fraternity," said Cory Allen.

Other works by Edwards include "L.A. Fertility," the nude pregnant sculpture of Kim Kardashian and the prenatal portraits of angel-winged celebrity fetuses titled "Womb Mates," which depicts baby North West and baby Prince George.

"Spirit of True Fraternity and Gay Pride" will be unveiled at CACA's The Showroom in St. Petersburg, Florida this month and the African-American and Latin Gay Pride, Miami Beach Bruthaz, July 17 to 20, 2014.

For more info, contact Cory Allen at 727-365-0254 or visit <http://www.cacanet.com/>.

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