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**SOME ZAMBIAN CATHOLIC YOUTHS' PERSPECTIVES ON POPE BENEDICT XVI'S POSITION ON CONDOM USE**

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**Abstract**

Not aiming at a grand, large-scale, but with the purpose of only to indicate wide range diversity of responses, this article reports finding from a cross-sectional survey on what Catholic youths made of Pope Benedict XVI's opposition to use of condoms to prevent HIV infection. The study was done in 2010. The main finding of the study was that the Catholic youth who participated in the study understood and agreed with their Pope positions on HIV and AIDS and condom use. They understood the moral position of their Pope and therefore their Church but supported her in words and failed her in their sexual lives because they found it difficult, if not impossible, to abstain from sex, which the Pope encouraged by discouraging the promotion of condom use. However, the youth rebuffed the accusation that Pope Benedict XVI had committed genocide in Africa by being inauspicious to condom use.

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