# Free Condoms for Valentine’s Day in Philippines

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Health officials will give away condoms on Valentine’s Day in the Philippines despite protests from a Catholic archbishop, GMA News reports. Health workers will focus their distribution efforts in bars, massage parlors and similar establishments targeting men who have sex with men (MSM). Archbishop Angel Lagdameo said, “The use of contraceptives affects the morality of our people and our society in general…[Filipinos instead should practice] abstinence, fidelity to one’s spouse and obedience to God’s will.” The Philippines reported at least 236 new cases of HIV in 2011.

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