Vatican Clarifies Pope’s Condom Remarks

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The Vatican clarified Pope Benedict XVI’s recent remarks about condoms by reiterating they could sometimes be used to prevent the spread of disease but not to prevent pregnancy, *The New York Times* reports. The recent statement, from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, was issued to clear up the possible misinterpretations and manipulations of the pope’s comments as permission for widespread condom use, which goes against the church’s stance against birth control. This was the Vatican’s third clarification on the pope’s condom comments, which were welcomed by AIDS activists when they appeared last month in a book.

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