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Many women, the Pope said, “believe that they have no other option.”

“I have decided, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, to concede to all priests for the Jubilee Year the discretion to absolve of the sin of abortion those who have procured it and who, with contrite heart, seek forgiveness for it,” the letter said.

The Vatican issued this statement Tuesday, clarifying the change.

“Forgiveness of the sin of abortion does not condone abortion nor minimize its grave effects,” it said. “The newness is clearly Pope Francis’ pastoral approach. Many bishops have granted priests permission to forgive the sin. The fact that...
this statement is coming from the Pope and in such a moving, pastoral way, is more evidence of the great pastoral approach and concern of Pope Francis.

“That people come to confession today to confess abortion and other grave sins is cause for us in the Church to thank God and to put into practice the mission of the good and merciful shepherd who came to seek out those who were lost.”

Long-standing Church practice is to regard abortion such a grave sin that those who perform it, or women who undergo the procedure, face near-automatic excommunication, Reuters said. Only those who receive forgiveness from a chief confessor of a diocese, the “penitenziere,” in Italian, or by a Christian missionary, could stay in the Church, the news service reported, citing Vatican spokesman Father Ciro Benedettini.

But the pope’s lightening that load a bit.

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