



The Sanctity of Life

4th & 5th Commandments



Dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. If man exists, it is because God created him through Love and through Love continues to hold him in existence.

(Gaudium et Spes, 19)



Created in God's Image!
Reconciled in Christ's Blood!
Destined for Beatitude!

Honor Thy Father & Mother

Duties of:

- Children to Parents
- Siblings to Each Other
- Young to the Elderly
- Pupils to Teachers
- Employees to Employers
- Subordinates to Leaders
- Citizens to Their Country

Duties of:

- ▶ Parents
- ▶ Teachers
- ▶ Leaders
- ▶ Magistrates
- ▶ Governments
- ▶ All Authority

CCC 2197-2257

Honor & Duty

Respect for parents (filial piety) derives from gratitude toward those who, by the gift of life, their love and their work, have brought their children into the world and enabled them to grow in stature, wisdom, and grace.

Honor & Duty

"He was obedient to them."

"As much as they can, [grown children] must give [elderly parents] material and moral support in old age and in times of illness, loneliness, or distress. Jesus recalls this duty of gratitude."

CCC 2217ff

The Duty of Parents

Parents must regard their children as children of God and respect them as human persons. Showing themselves obedient to the will of the Father in heaven, they educate their children to fulfill God's law.

CCC 2221-2225

The Duty of Citizens

Do not use your freedom for evil!

contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom.

pay taxes, exercise the right to vote, and defend one's country...

CCC 2239-2240

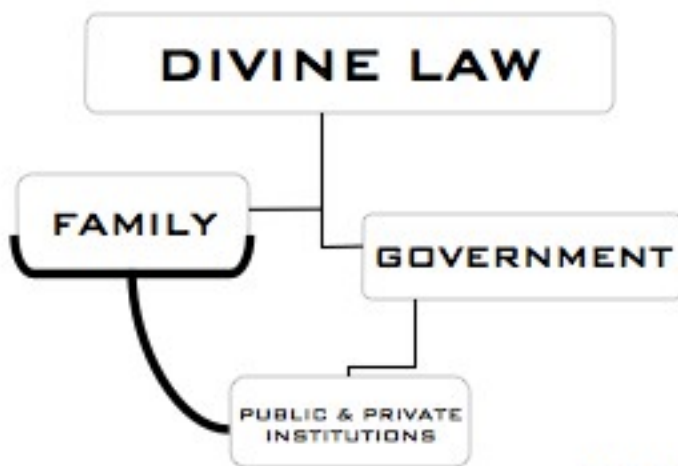
The Duty of Government

government has the duty to
protect the common good

the government's right to
protect society does not
extend to commanding evil

CCC 2234-2237

“Authority”



CCC 2209-2211

“I die the King’s good
servant...
but God’s
first!”

*Sir Thomas More
Chancellor of England
Martyred 1536*





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Familiaris Consortio

- Family is "willed by God"
- Icon of the Holy Trinity
- The Domestic Church
- Original Cell of Social life
- The Holy Family



FC 3, 49; CCC 2204, 2207

"The Church thus finds in the family, born from the Sacrament, the cradle and the setting in which she can enter the human generations, and where these in their turn can enter the Church."

“The family is the original cell of social life.

It is the natural society in which
husband and wife are called to give
themselves in love and in the gift of life.

Authority, stability, and a life of relationships
within the family
constitute the
foundations for
freedom, security,
and fraternity within
society.”



CCC 2207

Formation of Children

Primary responsibility
belongs to parents.

CCC 2223; FC 36

Marriage & Family

Marriage is the foundation
upon which family life is built:

Unity

Indissolubility

Procreation

Education



LIFE! It's wonderful!



Humanae Vitae



Doctrine you can't live without!

"Husbands, love your
wives, even as Christ loved
the Church
and handed Himself over
for her to sanctify her,
cleansing her
by the bath of
water with the
word."

Ephesians 5:25-26



Humanae Vitae

Trinitarian Communion –

Marriage reflects God's sacred gift & receptivity

Procreation –

Participating in the creative power of God!

Contraception –

Violation of the Natural & Divine Order

Coming together as one in love open to life.

CCC 2205

Humanae Vitae

Ordinary Magisterium:

All Catholics are bound seriously in conscience to accept the teaching contained in these documents with a true internal religious assent.

"It's good for you!"



Humanae Vitae

3—The Problem: New challenges to the long standing understanding and teaching on the nature of marriage and procreation.

4—The Magisterium has the responsibility and the *authority* to interpret moral law.



Humanae Vitae

- 5—A special consultative Commission* investigated this new challenge.
- 6—As Chief Shepherd and Vicar of Christ, I have to teach as I am guided by the Holy Spirit.
- 6—“by virtue of the mandate entrusted to Us by Christ”



Humanae Vitae

- 7—*Doctrine*: man is created in the Image of God and is wholly “other” than the common animal!
- 8—*Doctrine*: marriage is God’s institution (not man’s) --it is an icon of the Holy Trinity and carries the weight of a sacrament!
- 9—*Doctrine*: Married love both unites and gives life!



Humanae Vitae

- 10—Husbands and wives should understand the biology of the woman’s fertile cycle
- 10—There are due reasons for postponing babies

Plan naturally!

NFP

It's GOOD for women!



Humanae Vitae

14— “We declare” (that’s pretty clear authority)

No abortion, direct sterilization, morning after pill,
condoms, birth control pills, IUD’s, foams, jellies...

**These are always
and everywhere
intrinsically evil!**



Humanae Vitae

16—We must have the right intention to
postpone children

17—Contraception will breed other evils

18—The Church must be a
voice of conscience for
the sake of Her Sheepfold



Humanae Vitae

21—Self-Discipline: Husbands be willing
to sacrifice for your wife

25—Marriage is for saints!
(or at least those willing to
die trying!)

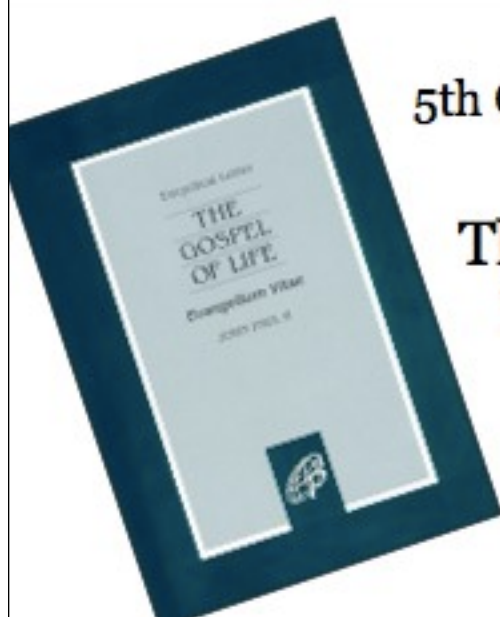
**God ALWAYS gives
the grace we need!**





“Spouses are therefore the permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross; they are for one another and for the children witnesses to the salvation in which the sacrament makes them sharers.”

FC 13



5th Commandment

Thou Shalt Not Kill

CCC 2258

“Don’t do it!”

- The fifth commandment forbids direct and intentional killing as gravely sinful.
- Infanticide, fratricide, parricide, and the murder of a spouse are particularly grave!
- Concern for eugenics or public health cannot justify any murder, even if commanded by public authority.
- Abortion, Euthanasia, Suicide
- Harmful behavior that risk personal safety or that of others.
- Hatred, Scandal, Destruction of reputations!

CCC 2268; 2270 ff

Legitimate Defense

- Personal Safety CCC 2263
- Civil Safety CCC 2265
 - Proportional force can be used against an aggressor.
 - Can mean the death penalty... BUT! CCC 2267
- World Peace CCC 2302
 - Military force requires rigorous consideration
 - Cannot Accumulate/Mass Produce Arms

If you want peace,
work for

Holiness!



Work for being Wholly (Holy) like the Master

Work on Wholly (Holy) having His heart

Evangelium Vitae

- “I came that they might have life and have it abundantly.” (Jn 10:10)
- Life is a “sacred reality” entrusted to us
- Jesus is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life” (Jn 14:6)

Evangelium Vitae

- The incomparable worth of the human person
- The Church has responsibility for her children
- The Church has spoken out in defense of life throughout the centuries, and she will speak again

EV 2-5

Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God who was made flesh (*cf. Jn 1:14*), is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart; it cannot but affect her at the core of her faith in the Redemptive Incarnation of the Son of God, and engage her in her mission of proclaiming the Gospel of life in all the world and to every creature (*cf. Mk 16:15*).

EV 3

Evangelium Vitae

- Distorted notion of freedom EV 4 & 92
- "eclipse of the conscience" EV 11 & 96
- "structure of sin" EV 12 & 98
- "Darwinianism" EV 22 & 83

Evangelium Vitae

- Blood of Christ reveals Man's Dignity EV 25
- Human Life is sacred EV 53
- "Catholics for Choice?" EV 62 & 99
- Cooperation in evil EV 74 & 101

Distorted notion of freedom



EV 4, 92



"eclipse of the conscience"

EV 11 & 96





"Preoccupation with efficiency ...which sees elderly and disabled people intolerable and too burdensome."



EV 64

"Darwinianism"



EV 22, 83

"The close connection which exists, in mentality, between the practice of contraception and that of abortion is becoming increasingly obvious."

EV 13-14



“structure of sin”

EV 12, 78



Cooperation in evil

EV 73-74, 101

Life Issues



<http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/FCStatement.pdf>



Human Life is *sacred*

EV 38, 53



EV 78-101

