

Artificial Contraception and the Church

It comes as a surprise to most people that, as recently as the early decades of the last century, all Christian churches were united in their opposition to artificial contraception. Luther, Calvin, and Wesley were all opposed to contraception. It was only in 1930 that the Anglican Church went on record as saying that for grave reasons, within marriage, contraception could be permissible.

By contrast, during this same time period, Pope Pius XI issued the encyclical On Christian Marriage, in which the Holy Father reiterated what has been the constant teaching of the Catholic Church: **because contraception violates goods intrinsic to marriage, it is intrinsically wrong.** This teaching of the Church went virtually unchallenged until the early 1960s, when the invention of the "Pill" and the rise of feminism led many people to be more accepting of contraception.

Some Catholics became convinced that the Church was holding on to a hopelessly outdated, unrealistic, and impractical standard. Some even believed that within a short time, this "old-fashioned" restriction would be lifted. In 1968, however, Pope Paul VI issued *On Human Life*, which reiterated true Church teaching:

The Church, which interprets natural law through its **unchanging doctrine**, reminds men and women that the teachings based on natural law must be obeyed, and it teaches that it is necessary that each and every conjugal act remain ordained to the pro-creating of human life.

There is an unbreakable connection between the **unitive** meaning and the **procreative** meaning of the conjugal act, and **both are inherent in the conjugal act.**

This connection was **established by God** and cannot be broken by man through his own volition.

(quoted from Sex and Contraception)

The brochure which was affixed to this portion of the bulletin is not available for the web-site.

Mon. 04/22 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**
 Feast Easter Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Denise Keagy, Stan Krish and Family

Tues. 04/23 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**
 Feast Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
 8:00 AM Mass Theresa M. McCall, Greg and Karen Querry

Wed. 04/24 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**
 Feast Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
 8:00 AM Mass Helen Buck, Ann, Daughter Cathy

Thur. 04/25 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**
 Feast Saint Mark, Evangelist
 8:00 AM Mass Stanley and Mary Biem, Ron, Bernice and Sons

Fri. 04/26 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**
 Feast Easter Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Bill Conrad, Bistline, Lucas and Joyce Families

Sat. 04/27 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
 Feast Easter Weekday
 4:30 PM Mass Lois J. Riley, Husband Jim

Sun. 04/28 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
 Feast Fifth Sunday of Easter
 9:00 AM Mass Francis Kasun, Ann., Kasun Family
 11:00 AM Mass Bill Stitt, Wed. Ann & Ann of Death, Wife Mim & Family

*Lord
 Jesus
 Christ
 Son
 Of
 God
 Have
 Mercy
 On
 Me
 A
 Sinner*

Happy Birthday:

04/22 Alex Clark
 Ken Smithmyer

04/25 Denise Stitt

04/26 Christine Manna

Wedding Anniversaries

04/23 Frank and Janice Frucella

**Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we pray the Holy Rosary Daily
 At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately from 8:30am to 7:00pm**

Few people are aware that many forms of contraception are abortifacients; in other words, they some-times work by causing an early-term abortion. Rather than inhibiting ovulation, they work by preventing the fertilized egg, the tiny new human being, from implanting in the wall of the uterus. The IUD works in this fashion, as do Norplant, DepoProvera, the patch, and some forms of the Pill.

Taken from Sex and Contraception

MONEY MATTERS

Third Sunday of Easter, (April 14, 2013)
 203 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,403.00 of which \$ 125.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	190	# Used	95	# Unused	95
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**Annual Catholic Appeal 2013
Goal for Our Lady of Fatima Parish
\$14,855.00**

**Pledged to Date
\$ 9,295 or 63% of Goal**

Ms Connie Andros	Ms Helen Glashauser	Ms Mildred Maucieri	Ms Caroline Smith
Ms Constance Angeski	M/M Charles Hennigan	M/M James McKnight	M/M David Smith
M/M Ron Biem	M/M Tom Hofer	M/M Joseph Milliron	M/M Jerry Smith
Mrs Marian Boslet	Ms Cecelia Hollern	Mr Tim O'Connor	M/M Thomas A Smith
M/M Vincent Burr	M/M James Hosgood	Ms Catharine Mincin	M/M Bryan Starr
M/M Thomas Byrne	Ms Erma Iannaello	Ms Genevieve Musto	Mr Herbert E Summers
M/M Greg Brannan	M/M Joseph Ianniello	M/M John Noonan	Ms Jeanne C Summers
Mr Anthony Bruno	Mr John G Kasun, Sr	M/M Joseph Pufka	M/M Michael Wall
M/M Wilson Carper	M/M Stephen Kasun	Mr Jared F Pufka	Mrs Helen Watters
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M/M John Douglass	M/M Michael Long	Ms Lorraine Shuma	
Ms Eileen Edwards	M/M Michael Malligan	M/M Alfred J Sisto	

It probably won't affect the decision to leave us open or close us down if we don't make our goal for the first time in the eight years I've been pastor of OLF, but why should we give our enemies potentially live ammunition? Fellow procrastinators, it's crunch time! Father Z

Help the pastor celebrate his 69th birthday on

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

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