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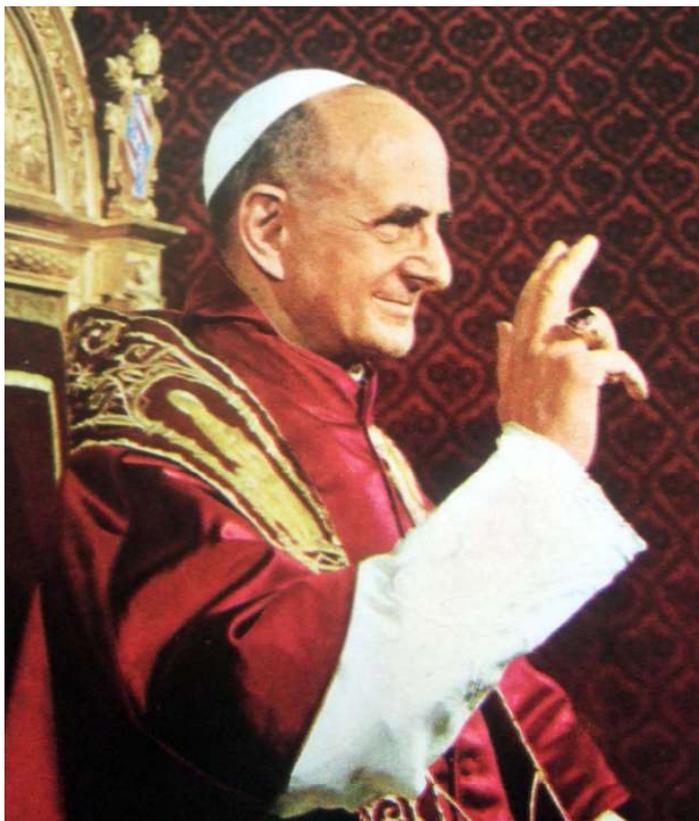
CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUMANAE VITAE

*A monthly Reflection*  
on the  
*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of*  
*Humanae Vitae*

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**TO THE CLERGY,  
TO THE FAITHFUL  
AND TO ALL MEN AND  
WOMEN OF GOOD WILL**

This is who **Blessed Pope Paul VI** addressed, when he issued his encyclical July 25, 1968 articulating the timeless teaching of the Catholic Church on the "regulation of birth". This **Faithful to God's Design** monthly news is an invitation to all of us--ALL MEN and WOMEN OF GOOD WILL---to reflect on these truths, during this anniversary year, 50 years later.



This first edition begins, appropriately, with a prayer.  
Composed by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**,  
Archdiocese of San Francisco,  
the prayer is available in both English and Spanish at  
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**HUMANAE VITAE  
ANNIVERSARY PRAYER**

Almighty and All-loving God,  
in the beginning  
You created them male and female  
as a sign of the Covenant with Your people,  
the Covenant which You would later seal  
with the Most Precious Blood of Your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank You for the sublime gift  
that is the life-giving one-flesh union  
of husband and wife,  
and we ask You for the grace  
always to cherish, revere and foster it  
as You intended:  
the foundational good of human society  
and the icon of the union  
between Christ and his Church.

As we celebrate these fifty years  
of the Encyclical *Humanae Vitae's*  
articulation of the Church's timeless teaching,  
help us to be wise, bold and  
charitable messengers of this good news,  
so that a culture of love, life and marriage  
may flourish in our land.

Open the minds and hearts  
of those far away from this truth,  
heal those harmed by its rejection,  
and strengthen those committed to living it out  
and inspiring others to do the same.

By means of this grace  
grant us peace with one another  
and happiness with You now in this life,  
and to know its perfect fulfillment forever  
in the life that is to come.

We ask this through our  
Lord Jesus Christ Your Son,  
Head and Bridegroom of the Church,  
who lives and reigns with You  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever. Amen.

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.*  
*St. John Paul II, pray for us.*  
*Blessed Paul VI, pray for us.*

# HV50 SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

## WHAT HUMANAE VITAE SAYS....

“We are deeply convinced that this is truly a great work, both for the world and for the Church, since Man cannot find true happiness, for which he yearns with his whole being, unless he respects the laws inscribed in his nature by God, laws which he ought to observe with understanding and love.” HV 31

**New website resource for 50th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*:  
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- HV50 **MY HV STORY** *View video testimonies: Share yours*
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- HV50 **HV Resources**
  - HV50 Blog
  - Faithful to God's Design *News*
  - Humanae Vitae* Q & A
  - HV50 Events
  - HV50 Prayer
- HV50 **HV50 Conference** *Registration opens in February*
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  - Exhibitors                      Speakers
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  - Pre-Conference Events

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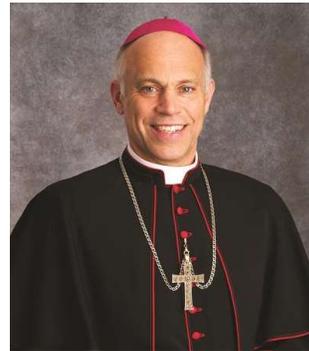
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**Archbishop  
Salvatore  
Cordileone**

**Archbishop of  
San Francisco**

**Opening Keynote  
Speaker**

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, who has served as Archbishop of San Francisco since 2012 and on the Executive Board of CANFP since 2009, has written and spoken extensively in defense of marriage, and the principles of *Humanae Vitae*, and was the Banquet Speaker at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Archbishop Cordileone has prepared a prayer, especially for use during this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, and will be offering the Opening Keynote at the National Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* at the Ontario Convention Center July 27<sup>th</sup>, and the day for Clergy preceding it on July 26<sup>th</sup>:

### **HUMANAE VITAE AT 50: A TRUTH EVER TIMELESS, EVER NEW**

We can see God's ingenious design for our happiness and flourishing in the very way He created us, even in the very design of our bodies. Trying to redesign it according to our own whims only brings woe – the Garden of Eden all over again. Acknowledging it, accepting it and living it faithfully leads us to the deep and lasting happiness that God wants for us: communion with each other, and with Him now and forever in the life of heaven.

### **GOD IS FULL OF SURPRISES: HUMANAE VITAE AS THE KEY TO THE NEW EVANGELIZATION**

The teaching of *Humanae Vitae* plunges us into the depths of who we are as human persons created in the image and likeness of God. Recognizing this truth and living it out leads to the fulfillment of our human vocation: happiness with God now and forever in heaven. Now is the time to unleash the power of this teaching for the healing of our society and the renewal of the Church.

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