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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.

HUMANAE VITAE SAYS....

For the natural law, too, is an expression of the will of God, and it likewise must be observed faithfully to obtain salvation. HV4



FEATURING PATRICK COFFIN

Excerpted from
**WHY HUMANAE VITAE WILL
ALWAYS MATTER**

which can be found in its entirety on the HV50 Blog at www.CelebrateHV50.com

Patrick Coffin, national speaker and Catholic apologist, will be a Keynote presenter at the July 2018 **Faithful To God's Design** Celebration of the 50th

Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*. Author of *Sex Au Naturel* and three other books, Patrick's writing has appeared in the National Review Online, the National Catholic Register, and the Toronto Star. Former host of *Catholic Answers Live*, he is current host of the *Patrick Coffin Show*, at www.patrickcoffin.media, and he has also appeared on the Fox Channel, Comedy Central, One America, and is a frequent guest on EWTN. A native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Patrick resides in Southern California, with his wife and children.

WHY HUMANAE VITAE WILL ALWAYS MATTER BY PATRICK COFFIN

Humanly speaking, Pope Paul VI could not have known when he was writing the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* that the predictions he made would come to pass as they have.

In no. 17, the now-Blessed Pope warned that infidelity would rise, moral standards would fall, respect for women would wane, and government intrusion into peoples' sexual and familial lives would wax. How he has been vindicated as prophetic. In fact, the teachings of that encyclical are today in the cross hairs of the culture of death. The world simply cannot abide the insistence that sex and babies have an inherent, organic connection and that we sever this at our peril.

The word culture itself comes from the Latin cultus, meaning to till or cultivate, but also to worship. Culture is the ethos of "us." And what does our current culture worship? Start the list with money, sex, and power. And what does the Church offer? She offers the antidote in the form of the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience – each of which providentially corrects the excesses of the false gods of the culture of death.

Look what has happened since *Humanae Vitae* was widely rejected:

- Pornography became mainstream entertainment, as the late Hugh Hefner and Larry Flynt became First Amendment heroes.
- The divorce rate skyrocketed thanks to the perception that adultery is immune from consequences (no-fault divorce laws helped the process).
- Homosexuality became widely seen as no different than left-handedness, with some in the Church even suggesting that homosexuals bring some kind of special gifts.
- Gender dysphoria and the obsession with the biological impossibility of "changing one's gender."
- The 2015 Obergefel v Hodges decision redefining marriage for the first time in US history in all 50 states is the terminus, the end game, of the mentality fostered by contraception. The logic of *Humanae Vitae* is inexorable, as are the consequences of kicking it to the curb.

HV50 My HV HERO

Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke
nominated by Alice Heinzen



Cardinal Burke was raised in the rural farmlands of the Diocese of LaCrosse, WI. In 1994, he was named the 9th bishop for the diocese. Shortly after his installation, Bishop Burke named my husband and I as the NFP coordinators for the diocese; a bold move in a time when many dioceses were dismantling their marriage and family life offices. He demonstrated his unwavering commitment to *Humanae Vitae* with continued spiritual and financial support that allowed the diocese to develop and maintain lively and strong NFP resources and education. Our diocese can thank the Cardinal for establishing our diocesan NFP program and numerous ministries that focus on the beauty and goodness of chastity.

My HV STORY by Gary Schuberg



We thank God for the Church's teaching.
We thank God for *Humanae Vitae*.
And Thank You Lord for these beautiful kids, who wouldn't be here but for your Church and its beautiful teachings.

Celebrate Life!

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HV50 SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

Professor
Christopher Kaczor, PhD

Dr. Kaczor,

Professor of Philosophy at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, has authored 11 books, including *The Seven Big Myths about Marriage* and *Life Issues-Medical Choices*. A graduate of the Honors Program at Boston College, he earned a Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame, and did post-doctoral work in Germany at the University of Cologne as a Federal Chancellor Fellow and returned as a Fulbright Scholar. Dr. Kaczor's research on issues of ethics, philosophy, and religion has been in the New York and LA Times, Wall Street Journal, Huffington Post, National Review, NPR, BBC, EWTN, ABC, NBC, FOX, CBS, MSNBC, TEDx, and The Today Show.



Dr. Kaczor will speak on:

The Good of Procreation

While it may seem obvious, couples and society actually often operate from a very different premise, and this presentation will talk about why procreation is a good thing for parents.

THINK ABOUT IT....
A CHILD NEED NOT
BE PLANNED,
NOR EVEN WANTED.
BUT THEY ALL
MUST BE WELCOMED
WITH OPEN HEARTS
AS GIFTS FROM GOD.

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