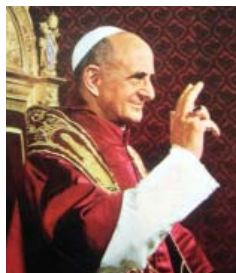


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**TO THE CLERGY, TO THE  
FAITHFUL AND TO ALL  
MEN AND WOMEN OF GOOD WILL**



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....**

***In considering the problem of birth regulation, as is the case for every other problem regarding human life, one must look beyond partial perspectives---whether biological or psychological, demographic, or sociological---and make one's consideration in the light of an integral vision of Man and of his vocation, but also of his supernatural and eternal one. HV7***

Fr. Ed Horning is a priest for the Diocese of San Diego, Pastor of the Catholic parishes in Brawley and Westmoreland and host of *Buenos Dias en el Camino* on ESNE Radio (El Sembrador),

Fr. Horning will be speaking at the HV50 Conference on the topic:

**"50 años de Humanae Vitae: Viendo el mundo con los lentes de Humanae Vitae y la Teología del Cuerpo"**

Es hora de obtener nuestra visión espiritual correcta. Póngase los lentes de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia vista a través de la enseñanza eterna de la Iglesia.

**FEATURING FR. ED HORNING**

Excerpted from  
**GIVING THANKS TO GOD FOR THE  
MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR A PASTOR  
TO PRACTICE SELF-GIVING LOVE**

The love of God is eternal, free, total, faithful, fruitful, sacrificial (in Christ), unconditional, fiery, and fresh. Married conjugal love should be a participation in that love, and we are accustomed to the use of such adjectives to describe married love, or in discussions of Theology of the Body. Such adjectives, however, also describe love as experienced by a single person, priest, or religious, since it is the way God loves us and the way in which we are all called to love God and each other.



While we do not always see the fruits of our labor and love, I hope all---priests, deacons, single and married persons---experience how precious their self-giving and self-sacrificing love is to the Church, and the world. God never promised that we would see the fruits of our love in this life. Certainly, if God desires (and I believe He does) He will show us how our life in Christ brought about (or did not bring about) the Kingdom on the last day.

Each person is unique, unrepeatable, irreplaceable, precious, and loved infinitely by God. *"Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."* Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, inauguration homily April 24, 2005 *"No greater love is there than to lay down one's life for one's friends."* John 15:13 It is the great paradox---living self-giving and self-sacrificing love.

Let us all, especially us priests, encourage each other in living out our vocation in a self-giving and self-sacrificing way, in the manner of Christ the Good Shepherd

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HV50 Blog at [www.CelebrateHV50.com](http://www.CelebrateHV50.com).**

# HV 50 My HV HERO

## Susan and Thomas Hilgers, MD

*nominated by Barbara Rose*

Dr. Hilgers is a medical visionary who is the founder and director of the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction in Omaha, Nebraska. As a medical student in 1968, he read the landmark encyclical and shared how it truly resonated with him. It was this man of science and of faith who heard the Holy Father's call, particularly this paragraph:

"We wish now to express our encouragement to men of science, who can considerably advance the welfare of marriage and the family, along with peace of conscience, if by pooling their efforts they labor to explain more thoroughly the various conditions favoring a proper regulation of births. It is particularly desirable that, according to the wish already expressed by Pope Pius XII, medical science succeed in providing a sufficiently secure basis for a regulation of birth, founded on the observance of natural rhythms. In this way, scientists and especially Catholic scientists will

contribute to demonstrate in actual fact that, as the Church teaches, "a true contradiction cannot exist between the divine laws pertaining to the transmission of life and those pertaining to the fostering of authentic conjugal love." (HV 24)



These words compelled Dr. Hilgers to conduct research on reproductive health care solutions, which led to the development of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System (CrMS) and NaProTechnology and later led to the establishment of the Pope Paul VI Institute. His wife Susan Hilgers was quoted as saying "Suffering is part of saying 'yes' to the Lord... we were ignored and ostracized by our community, other doctors and even priests. But our work has been as much of a gift to us as we have hoped it would be to others." I personally was a recipient of this gift, having attended an off-campus training program for FertilityCare Practitioners 15 years ago, I am now part of team that is creating a center where women and couples can receive authentic pro-life health care. Dr. Hilgers research has made it possible for me to work in the area of women's health without compromising my ethics. I recently became a nurse practitioner and attended the Pope Paul VI Institute medical consultant course in Omaha. I love teaching women the CrMS and walking couples through their journey of infertility. Thomas and Susan have truly made it possible for us to maintain a culture of life in women's health and for that I will be forever grateful.

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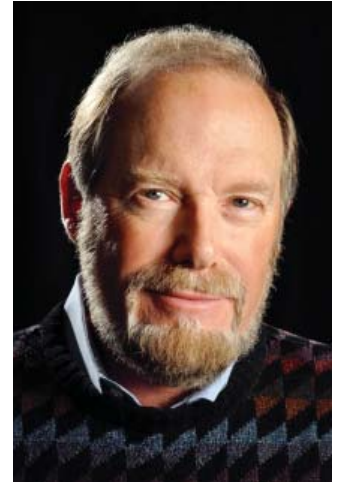
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# HV 50 SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

## Steven W. Mosher

Steven Mosher was the first American scholar allowed to do research in China in 1979-80. He found himself in the middle of the most horrific population control program the world has ever seen. In the years since, he has written or edited a dozen books on China, including his latest, *Bully of Asia: Why China's Dream is the New Threat to World Order*.



*Steven Mosher will speak on:*

### **Humanae Vitae was right: Governments are Using Contraception (and Sterilization and Abortion) to Control Their Population**

Pope Paul VI warned in *Humanae Vitae* that governments would misuse artificial contraception for purposes of population control. This prophesy has come true with a vengeance not just in China, but in dozens of countries around the world. Mosher will detail the war on people that new and deadly techniques of contraception and sterilization have enabled.

**THINK ABOUT IT....  
IN VITRO FERTILIZATION  
REDUCES A HUMAN  
PERSON TO A  
COMMODITY THAT CAN  
BE BOUGHT AND SOLD**

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