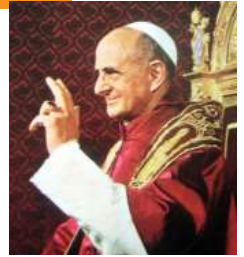


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TO THE CLERGY, TO THE FAITHFUL AND TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN OF GOOD WILL
This is who Blessed Pope Paul VI addressed, when he issued his encyclical July 25, 1968 articulating the timeless teaching of the Catholic Church on the "regulation of birth". This *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.

**USING AMORIS LAETITIA IN DEFENSE
OF NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING
BY FR. LUKE DYSINGER, OSB, MD**

Many supporters of Natural Family Planning are not enthusiastic about *Amoris Laetitia*. They wonder whether it accurately represents traditional Catholic teaching concerning human sexuality, and they are concerned (rightly, as it turns out) that some theologians, priests and bishops may invoke it in defense of a permissive and duplicitous approach to moral questions concerning sexuality and fertility. But the misuse of *Amoris Laetitia* does not alter the fact that it is an officially-promulgated document of the Catholic teaching magisterium. It is a magisterial text that is here to stay; and instead of engaging in acrimonious debate, a more productive approach would be to learn how to constructively use *Amoris Laetitia* in defense of natural family planning.

- 1. POSITIVE REFERENCES IN AMORIS LAETITIA TO NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**
- 2. THE IMPORTANCE OF FORMAL INSTRUCTION (A TEACHER AND CLASSES) IN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**
- 3. THE PRINCIPLE OF GRADUALNESS**

The average Catholic couple seeking information on Natural Family Planning will probably not be overly concerned with Catholic "culture wars" or the controversy surrounding *Amoris Laetitia*. Instead what they will certainly need are reassurance that what they are undertaking has the complete support and encouragement of the Church, as well as competent instruction and compassionate, patient accompaniment by their teachers and pastors. For those who care to look for them, encouragement in all these matters may be found in the pages of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*.

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HUMANAE VITAE SAYS....
**Marriage, therefore, is not the effect
of chance or the product of the
evolution of blind natural forces, it is
a wise institution of the Creator for
realizing in mankind His
design of love. HV 8**

*Presentations by Fr. Luke Dysinger available for viewing
at www.CelebrateHV50.com on the following topics:*

USING AMORIS LAETITIA IN DEFENSE OF LIFE AND NFP
Discussion of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* has become increasingly heated in a Catholic culture that can only be described as polarized. In fact, the Exhortation contains sections that are very favorable to NFP and traditional Catholic sexual ethics: awareness of this may help promote a more positive and broad acceptance of Natural Family Planning by those who favor the use of *Amoris Laetitia* in evangelization and catechesis.

**THE ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE CLERGY IN A
NEW ERA OF NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

The majority of priests today are uncomfortable discussing NFP either with couples or fellow-clergy, or in their preaching/catechesis. In this presentation we will review some of the reasons why this so and suggest ways in which dialogue with laity and health-care professionals can be renewed and enlivened

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GOD GIVES US A
CHOICE BETWEEN
LIFE GIVING LOVE,
AND STERILE SEX.
CHOOSE WISELY.
CHOOSE LIFE.

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Finding Victory in a Pornified Culture
David Calavitta

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It's no secret that society is being shaped more and more by the invasive presence of pornography. Not only is pornography now more readily available than ever, it's terminology, philosophy, and lifestyle are flooding vast areas of culture like tidal waves. As Catholics, – as human beings – we can't ignore that the water is rising. We must have the courage to recognize that we live in an increasingly pornified world and that it's affects are far more devastating and socially-prevalent than an individual's struggle with pornography. Though seemingly overwhelming, the good news reminds us that Jesus has conquered sin, giving us strength and strategies to find victory amidst the pandemic that is this pornified society. This talk will reveal the dark reality of our pornified culture while shining the light and hope of the Gospel into the hearts of us who are called to live in it.

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