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**Faithful** *to*  
**GOD'S DESIGN**  
CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUMANAE VITAE

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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.

**WHAT DID THOSE  
WHO CAME TO LEARN  
ABOUT HUMANAE  
VITAE DURING THIS  
50TH ANNIVERSARY  
YEAR SAY ABOUT THE  
EXPERIENCE?**

"It was a revival!"

"It was a tremendous  
blessing."

"Everything was  
**AMAZING**, I loved it all!"

"Phenomenal and very  
encouraging."

"Everything was  
wonderfully uplifting"

"I have experienced a  
new sense of hope for our  
church and culture."

**A true celebration of HV50!**

"It was amazing to see  
four different models of  
NFP on stage together  
encouraging each other.  
We're finally all on the  
same team!!!"

"Thanks to all who attended  
and the mutual motivation  
provided, especially by those  
heroes dedicated to teaching  
NFP. Thanks be to God."

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was recorded, and can be  
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## **HUMANAE VITAE SAYS....**

**But the Church, calling men and women back to the observance of norms of the natural law, interpreted by her constant teaching, teaches that each and every marriage act must remain open to the transmission of life. HVVI**

## **HUMANAE VITAE**

**1968---A letter penned by a Pope  
Written with love to give the world hope  
Poorly received by a world in despair---  
Most folks thought the Church just didn't care.**

**Here we are now fifty years later  
With all our contraception is the world any better?  
Or has our poverty of spirit only become worse?  
Poor in love, we live under a curse.**

**Millions of tiny babies have died;  
Millions of grieving mothers have cried.  
All the Pope's prophecies have come about:  
Of this there can no longer be any doubt.**

**The beauty of sex sacred to husband wife  
Blesses their love if they are open to life**

by Joan Noyes 2018

# HV50 My HV HERO

**Howard Herning, MD**  
*nominated by Sheila St. John*



**Dr. Howard Herning** was a pioneer in Natural Family Family Planning in California. An OB/GYN in San Francisco, he sought out the latest information to offer his patients, travelling to learn from the Billings of their work, and Dr. Thomas Hilgers, when he began his research and NFP system development. He worked with other pioneers in the Bay Area, bringing this information to many, and spreading availability of modern NFP where it never before had been offered. He was a mentor to many in the NFP community in California, and was honored for his contributions and leadership with the very first Calegari Award, to honor those who have contributed in a significant way to the development of NFP in California. He was a great medical resource to his patients, and generous with his time and compassion to those who reached out to him because they lacked such expert women's care in their own communities. He was a beloved friend and colleague, and an example for many, of the faithful response of a physician to the call in *Humane Vitae* to medical professionals. He served on the Advisory Board of the California Association of Natural Family Planning from the beginning, until his death in 2016, and is remembered fondly by the many families he impacted through his medical practice, and honorable and faithful personal and professional life.

# HV50 FEATURED HV50 VIDEO / AUDIO

**EFFECTIVE DIOCESAN NFP MINISTRY THROUGH SHARING God's Vision of Married Love**

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This panel presentation explores the central elements of effective diocesan NFP ministry, with an emphasis on God's vision for married love, and NFP as the "skill set" to support God's plan for marriage and the family.

**Theresa Notare, PhD**, is the Assistant Director of the NFP Program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in Washington DC. Dr. Notare assists the US bishops in developing/strengthening their NFP ministry, and provides consultation services to diocesan NFP coordinators.

**Alice Heinzen**, the Family Life Director for the Diocese of LaCrosse, WI, is a member of the US bishops' NFP National Advisory Board, and has extensive experience providing education in Church teaching and NFP.

**Cindy Leonard**, also a member of the US bishops' NFP National Advisory Board, is the NFP Coordinator for the Diocese of Phoenix. She has taught NFP for over 35 years, and co-

developed and coordinates the diocesan teen leadership program for remote marriage preparation.



**THINK ABOUT IT....**  
**WE SHOULD LOVE PEOPLE AND USE THINGS,**  
**NOT USE PEOPLE AND LOVE THINGS**  
**BISHOP FULTON SHEEN**

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