



OREMUS COMMUNICATIONS JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone. We thought we would devote the majority of the July OC newsletter to Pope Paul VI's Encyclical *Humanae vitae*. July 25 marks the 50th anniversary of this famous church document wherein the Catholic position on such issues as artificial contraception, abortion, and others was reiterated and defined once again. Below represents Oremus Communications position on the papal encyclical *Humanae vitae* at the **MANUP PHILLY Symposium** at Neuman University in Delaware County, PA on Saturday, March 3, 2018. As you can see, we too, support *Humanae vitae* along with other great church people such as **St. Padre Pio** whose letter can be read on EWTN Global Catholic Network: <https://www.ewtn.com/library/MARY/PIOPOPE.HTM>

July 25, 2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of Pope Paul VI's Encyclical *Humanae vitae*. To Pope Paul VI, as with all of his predecessors, marital relations are much more than a union of two people. They constitute a union of the loving couple with a loving God, in which the two persons create a new person materially, while God completes the creation by adding the soul. For this reason, Paul VI teaches in the first sentence of *Humanae vitae*, that the transmission of human life is a most serious role in which married people collaborate freely and responsibly with God the Creator. This is divine partnership, so Paul VI does not allow for arbitrary human decisions, which may limit divine providence.

Thus, every action specifically intended to prevent procreation, except in medically necessary circumstances, is morally prohibitive. Therapeutic means necessary to cure diseases are exempted. Artificial means of birth control are held to directly contradict the moral order which was established by God. Abortion, even for therapeutic reasons, is absolutely forbidden, as is sterilization, even if temporary. If there are well grounded reasons (arising from the physical or psychological condition of husband or wife, or from external circumstances), *Natural Family Planning* methods are allowed since they take advantage of a faculty provided by nature.

What is *Natural Family Planning*? *Natural Family Planning* is a general term for a variety of methods that a couple can learn to understand a woman's monthly cycle. Through the use of this method, a couple can gain the fertility awareness that they need to either achieve or avoid pregnancy. Through the day-to-day recording of different observable signs, a couple can recognize the fertile and infertile times during a woman's menstrual cycle.

Artificial means of birth control violate not only **God's law** but also the **Natural law** because it prevents the marital embrace from retaining its intrinsic relationship to the procreation of the human life.

Furthermore, the Encyclical states that it is the duty of Bishops, Priests and lay people to proclaim the entire moral law "both natural and evangelical" to everyone including public authorities.

For more information where classes are held, what materials are available and so forth regarding *Humanae vitae* and *Natural Family Planning* go to the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (U.S.C.C.B.) www.usccb.org.

Finally, please mark on your calendar, Thursday, July 19 when we will have Mr. Carl Malburg, Guardian of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima who will be calling in to the Oremus Communications Family Rosary Program (OCFRP) to discuss *Humanae vitae*. And later on Friday, July 27, our good friend, Charlie DeFeo, renowned author and member of the Lay Dominicans will be our guest and talk about *Humanae Vitae*.

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