

**Quotations from "Humanae Vitae"
(Pope Paul VI)**

1 "Husband and wife, through that mutual gift of themselves, which is specific and exclusive to them alone, seek to develop that kind of personal union in which they complement one another in order to cooperate with God in the generation and education of new lives." (8)

2 "Marriage and married love are by their character ordained to the procreation and bringing up of children. Children are the outstanding gift of marriage, and contribute in the highest degree to the parents' welfare." (Vatican Council, Gaudium et Spes, n. 50) (9)

3 "Responsible men can become more deeply convinced of the truth of the doctrine laid down by the Church on this issue if they reflect on the consequences of methods and plans for the artificial restriction of increases in the birth-rate. Let them first consider how easily this course of action can lead to the way being wide open to marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards." (17)

4 "The right and lawful ordering of the births of children presupposes in husband and wife first and foremost that they fully recognize and value the true blessings of family life, and secondly, that they acquire complete mastery over themselves and their emotions." (21)

5 "This self-discipline brings to family life abundant fruits of tranquillity and peace. It helps in solving difficulties of other kinds. It fosters in husband and wife thoughtfulness and loving consideration for one another." (21)

6. "While the Church does indeed hand on to her children the inviolable conditions laid down by God's law, she is also the herald of salvation and through the sacraments she flings wide open the channels of grace through which man is made a new creature responding in charity and true freedom to the design of his Creator and Saviour, experiencing too the sweetness of the yoke of Christ." (25)

7. "Man cannot attain that true happiness for which he yearns with all the strength of his spirit unless he keeps the laws which the Most High God has engraved in his very nature. These laws must be wisely and lovingly observed." (31)

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- 15 August Our Mission
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WORD OF THE PRIEST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Forty years ago, on 25 July 1968, Pope Paul VI published the Encyclical Letter "Humanae Vitae" on the regulation of births. I was 27 years old and still undecided whether I should marry or not; it was not until I was 39, that the Lord called me. With some friends of mine we had been discussing the issue - and could not agree.

I remember the general surprise when the Pope decided that "it is necessary that each and every marriage act remain ordered *per se* to the procreation of human life." This was not a new teaching. In fact it was a quotation from "Casti connubii" by Pope Pius XI in 1930. But it came as a shock for many people.

We had a discussion in our parish hall with a specialist on moral theology. There were so many new factors couples had to consider in our time: the rapid increase in world population, difficult working and housing conditions, a new understanding of the dignity of woman - and medical progress. During four years the Pope had examined all these questions, listened to experts - and prayed.

Finally he declared that "the doctrine of the Church ... is based on the inseparable connection, established by God, which man on his own initiative may not break, between the unitive and the procreative significance which are both inherent to the marriage act."

When instructing future spouses I sometimes apply to this doctrine the words of Christ "What God has joined together, no human being must separate" (Mt 19, 6). This doctrine is very demanding and there is still much opposition, even among Catholics. Paul VI foresaw this and placed his teaching in the context of a beautiful and comprehensive theology of Christian marriage.

Please consider the quotations on the next pages as an invitation to read "Humanae Vitae". Pope Benedict XVI recently fully confirmed it.

Liturgy July/August/September 2008

	<u>All Saints</u>	<u>St Bernhard</u>	<u>St Albert</u>
JULY			
6	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
13	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
20	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
27	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
AUGUST			
3	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
10	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ---	6:30 p.m.	---
17	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
24	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
31	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
SEPTEMBER			
7	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross 10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
21	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
28	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon

Information for the Mission in General

Our Mission offers pastoral care, religious education (children and adults: First Holy Communion, Confirmation). Baptisms, weddings, hospital and home visits can be arranged through the Priest.

The Priest is also available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass and by appointment. For weddings, please contact Father Gillessen 3 months in advance.

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