Making the case for traditional Catholic Sexual Morality

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Outline

2. Understanding the Sexual Revolution and how has it affected children.
3. The Guilty Conscience Problem
4. What will our legacy be?
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What is owed to the child? More than mere survival?
What is owed to the child?

- **Identity:**
  - “Every person has the right to know his or her cultural heritage and genetic identity.”

- **Relationship:**
  - “Every child has a right to a relationship with their natural mother and father except for an unavoidable tragedy.”
How can we secure these rights to the child?

- Make a plan for parents to cooperate with each other for a lifetime.
- best chance for kids to be in relationship with both parents.
To put it in negative terms:

- No sex before or outside of marriage.
- No divorce without cause.
- No petty criticism of your spouse.
- No Third-Party Reproduction.

Or to put it in positive terms:
Lifelong cooperation plan

- Get married before having sex.
- Only have sex with your spouse.
- Stay married unless someone does something really awful.
- Be nice to your spouse.
- In other words ➔
Traditional Christian Sexual Morality!
Children’s Rights ➔

Start from the child’s perspective

+ Logical Reasoning

= Traditional Christian sexual ethics.

In other words, The Church has been right all along!
Some may balk over contraception.

Contraceptive Failure Options:

- Get married and raise the child together. (“shotgun wedding.”)
- Both parents relinquish parental rights and place the child for adoption.
- One parent raises the child alone, with limited and uncertain contact with the other parent.
- Abort the child.
- Justice for the child?
### Contraceptive Failure Rates in the United States

#### Table 1. Percentage of U.S. women experiencing contraceptive failure, by duration of use and method, according to correction for abortion underreporting, 1995 National Survey of Family Growth

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Individual 45 minute talks on these 3 topics.

Ruth Institute podcasts: on “The Sexual State”

➢ Culture of Death:
  http://www.ruthinstitute.org/podcasts/culture-of-death-the-sexual-state

➢ Divorce Ideology:
  http://www.ruthinstitute.org/podcasts/divorce-ideology-the-sexual-state

➢ Gender Ideology:
  http://www.ruthinstitute.org/podcasts/gender-ideology-the-sexual-state
Contraceptive Ideology:
Sex is sterile, and an entitlement.

Harvey Weinstein  Theodore McCarrick
Prophetic Voice of Pope St. Paul VI

- **Humanae Vitae # 17**

1. Increase marital infidelity.
2. Lower moral standards
3. Lower incentives to avoid temptation.
4. Less respect for women.
5. Government imposition.
Pope St. Paul VI: Prophet

HUMANAЕ VITÆ

I TOLD YOU SO.
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“Alternative Family Forms,”
from the child’s perspective.

HER SCARS ARE ON THE INSIDE...
## Risks for children of divorce:

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“Effects of Divorce on Children”
Dr. Pat Fagan

WHAT
DIVORCE
HAS DONE
TO AMERICA
The Price We Pay for Family Breakdown

40 closely typed pages.
333 footnotes.
Concerns of Donor Conceved Persons

- Confusion about identity
- Anger about secrecy
- Shame at being partially purchased
- Concern about encountering half-siblings
- Longing for the missing parent
Larger Ethical Concerns About Third Party Reproduction

➢ Buying and selling of sperm, eggs, surrogacy services, and ultimately, the babies themselves

➢ Exploitation of the young, weak and poor by the old, strong and rich.

➢ The child is either a problem to dispose of if you don’t want one, or an object to purchase, if you do want one.
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The gender ideology morphs from:

**Banned:** Father-Daughter Dances  
**Required:** Gender Neutral bathrooms
Gender Ideology:
It didn’t just sneak up on us.

➢ De-gendering going on for a long time.

- Postpone childbearing
- Apologize for motherhood
- Men expected to be assistant moms, rather than dads.
- Masculinity considered “toxic.”
- Boys expected to sit still in school.
Bruce Jenner: “Call me Caitlyn.”
Just one problem with
The Sexual Revolution:

1. Separate sex from babies.
   - Sex does make babies!

2. Separate both sex and babies from marriage.
   - Kids do need their parents!

3. Wipe out all differences between men and women, (except those explicitly chosen by individuals.)
   - The body actually is significant!
The Sexual Revolution:

Is irrational and impossible.

It cannot stand on its own. It requires:
- force
- propaganda

A totalitarian ideology that no Christian should have anything to do with.
The Sexual Revolution: A Fantasy Ideology

Beyond Left and Right, similar in these ways:

• Grants ever-increasing power to a subset of people.
• Impervious to evidence that conflicts with the fantasy.
• Intolerant of dissent.
The Sexual Revolution: Resentment of the Facts

The Contraceptive Ideology: resents the fact that sex makes babies.

Divorce Ideology: resents the fact that children need their own biological parents, not just a pair of hands.

Gender Ideology: resents the fact that men and women are different.

In open conflict with human embodiment: in other words…. 
A Modern Form of Gnosticism:

Resenting the limitations of the human body
Secret knowledge, available only to the Initiated Elites.
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Question:

Why are so many people unable to receive the testimony we give?

Answer:

A Guilty Conscience

Note: This is a theological answer!
Question: How do I know about the guilty conscience?

Answer: I did many of these things.

I know from experience:
- the pain
- the confusion
- that healing is possible.
We’ve got a problem.

Social Structural problems, from bad public policies.

Personal problems: every family in America has been harmed by the Sexual Revolution.

Most people are both victims and perpetrators.
Do you know any Victims or Survivors of the Sexual Revolution?

- Post-abortive women (#8)
- Health problems (#12)
- Children of divorce, or of unmarried parents. (#1 & 2)
- The Reluctantly Divorced, the Reluctantly Single Parent. (#3 & 4)
- The Heartbroken Career Woman (#5)
- Refugees from the Hook-up culture. (#10)
A theological problem requires a theological solution.

- We do not have the authority to forgive ourselves.
- We must make amends to those we have harmed.
- “Victimless crimes” a distortion of a correct principle.
- Catholicism has something unique to offer!
Our Billboards:

Sin makes you stupid.

Go to Confession.

ruthinstitute.org
Our Billboards:

You won’t really shock him.

Go to Confession. ruthinstitute.org
How Many Victims? (as of 2017)

- **Children of Divorce:** About 1 million children per year, every year since 1972.

- **Children of Unmarried Parents:** Over a million children per year, every year since 1988.
Tule Fog
Crash on CA 99 in 2001.
Healing Friendship: in addition to knowing and defending the faith.
Things to say to a victim or survivor of the Sexual Revolution:

1. “I’m sorry this happened to you.” (compassion)
2. “You are not alone.” (solidarity)
3. “It was not all your fault.” (Forgiveness)
4. Ultimate goal: Confession and complete reconciliation.
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Competing Worldviews:

➢ Every child (and hence every adult) has identity rights and relational rights with respect to their parents, and adults have obligations to provide these things to children.

➢ Every adult has a right to the sexual activity they want, with a minimum of inconvenience, and children have to accept whatever the adults choose to give them.
The Human Person is Meant for Love

- “Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own.” ---Pope John Paul II
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- God creates every person, as an act of love.
- God wants human participation in creation.
- God wants every person to come into existence as the result of an act of love between their mother and father.
- I am not ashamed to say: This is what I believe.