

Roman Catholicism & Contraception

Society and religion do not see sex as sacred or to be affirmed and celebrated when neither does all that can be done to prevent and treat sexually transmitted diseases in order to help sexual freedom. In fact they do the opposite. The death toll from AIDS speaks of how evil Christian doctrine is.

The Church forbids contraception and legally campaigns to stop it.

In 2007 Pope Benedict XVI told pharmacists to simply not dispense emergency contraception on the grounds of conscientious objection. They were told to challenge patients who did not see any ethical problems with contraception. Benedict went on to say that the pharmaceutical profession must accept the right to conscientiously object. Thus this would "enable them not to collaborate directly or indirectly in supplying products that have clearly immoral purposes such as, for example, abortion or euthanasia." Muslim pharmacist Lutful Chowdhury backed the pope's stance. It is worrying that two religions that have functioned where possible as social prisons are supporting the pope's bigotry.

The Catholic faith says contraception is an intolerable grave sin. The Church is clear that it is not a mere opinion and its a sin to argue that it is.

Church interference with civil legislation has left people having unsafe sex and getting seriously ill and dying. When the Church does not campaign, it is because other principles have got in the way. It does not mean that in principle the Church will try to persuade the state to outlaw contraception.

Using pills and devices to prevent conception. The Roman Catholic cult regards it as sinful and has done its best to stop the use of condoms in Africa even though this has resulted millions dying of AIDS. It is clear that the Church has no right to be so dogmatic on such an issue for dogma can stifle the truth. The Church does not want to see if condoms will help which is clear from the fact that a man having once-off sex is expected to do it without a condom and put himself and his partner at risk. It does not care! Some Catholics teach their ban doesn't do any harm but still the fact remains that even if it does they still believe the ban should stay in place. They don't ban birth control just because the ban does no harm.

The Church says that sex must be open to life at all times and yet it allows you to marry somebody you know is barren. This hypocrisy is astounding.

The Church says you must let God plan your family. This makes sense if there is a God and a Catholic God at that! But the doctrine is dangerous if there isn't. If there is a God, you are not to blame if pregnancy results and great misery happens because of it for it was God's decision to send the baby. It stops you taking responsibility for the harm you have done.

If God plans your family, whether you use birth-control or not it makes no difference. He will be able to send a baby. If God wants to send a baby, contraception won't stop him. Contraception could be part of his plan. It is nonsense to imply that if you need to let God plan your family you must never use contraception.

Almost beyond belief, the Church permits natural birth control! This is confining sex to the period of the month in which the woman is most unlikely to conceive.

If family planning is up to God then it doesn't matter if you use the safe period in which conception is less likely or not. The Church says fertility is a blessing and a divine gift and is natural and not a disease so contraception is wrong. Then inconsistently it allows you to wear coloured contact lenses to change your eye colour. So is your natural eye colour not a gift and not a blessing? It even lets you have a nose job though there is nothing wrong with irregular features! It is possible to approach contraception as follows: "We will use these condoms for we feel using them is co-operating with God's plan. If he doesn't want us to have any more children, then they will work. No contraception method is 100% foolproof". To claim that using contraception necessarily implies that you don't appreciate the gift of fertility is slander and judgemental. The pope does not love people who use contraception when he invents sins and accusations for them. If you are not totally sure that what a person did is sinful and you say you hate the sin, be honest and admit that it is them you hate.

The ban on birth control supposedly has God's support in the Bible. Many claim that in the Book of Genesis, Onan was killed by God for not fathering babies for his brother who was dead. But Judah did the same thing and God did not even think of killing him. This leads people to think that Onan's sin was worse than his for he used coitus interruptus which was why he had to die. Onan died not just for refusing to father babies for his brother but for the way he did it - he used contraception. It is more likely though that as not fathering was punished by public humiliation not death according to the

Law of Moses that Onan died only for using contraception.

The popes use the story to ban contraception and to argue that it was always God's teaching and not a papal invention.

Pius XI made an infallible statement in part 54,56 condemning birth control in his encyclical Casti Connubi: "No reason, however grave, may be put forward by which anything intrinsically against nature may be conformable to nature and morally good. Since, therefore, the conjugal act is destined primarily by nature for the begetting of children, those who in exercising it deliberately frustrate its natural power and purpose sin against nature and commit a deed which is shameful and intrinsically vicious. Since, therefore, openly departing from the uninterrupted Christian tradition, some recently have judged it possible solemnly to declare another doctrine regarding this question, the Catholic Church, to whom God has entrusted the integrity and purity of morals, standing erect in the midst of the moral ruin which surrounds her, in order that she may preserve the chastity of the nuptial union from being defiled by this foul stain, raises her voice in token of her divine ambassadorship and through Our mouth proclaims anew, any use whatsoever of matrimony used in such a way that the act is deliberately frustrated in its natural power to generate life is an offence against the law of God and of nature, and those who indulge in such are branded with the guilt of grave sin".

Catholic teaching is that uninterrupted tradition is infallible and any change is heresy. The pope says that he is speaking with the Church and nobody can contradict him so he is speaking infallibly. He says God has guided him and the Church to this decision.

It is one of the heresies of the modern Church that natural family planning is fine for any reason but the actual teaching of the Church is that it is only allowed in grave and extreme cases! The permitting of the natural method of the Catholic Church was introduced by Pius XII. Tradition was wholly against him. This modification of the teaching was heresy too.

The natural method was only permitted because the encyclical of the previous pope, Pius XI, Casti Connubi was misunderstood. That pope permitted sex if the couple was sterile or too old to reproduce. This permission was misinterpreted without warrant to refer to the natural method in its Rhythm Method form or the use of the safe period. The pope is thought to have written the following about those married couples who had sex during the infertile time of the month. His encyclical says: "Nor are these considered as acting against nature who in the married state use their right in the proper manner, although on account of natural reasons either of time or certain defects, new life cannot be brought forth" Pope Pius XI. Time had to mean old age. Certain defects refers to sterility. It is stretching the meaning to think he meant the safe period with the intent to avoid children. It contradicts what he said that nothing whatsoever must be done to prevent conception. He did not mean the safe period because it is not fully safe. He speaks of a condition in which new life cannot be brought forth so he is not thinking of it at all.

He says nothing of having sex while knowing a baby cannot come. Back then there was no real way to be very sure. All he is saying is that if a couple have sex when it may be the infertile time, they do not sin. The reason they do not sin is because they don't know the chances of conception and don't intend to avoid conception. They are not sinning as long as they don't mean to prevent conception. The pope gave no impunity from sin to those who had sex while believing a baby couldn't result. If you have sex with your wife and don't know her chances of conceiving when it may be her infertile time there is no sin. That is all he is saying.

Pius XI had no problem with Catholics having sex during the safe period. He just had a problem with them using this period as a form of birth control. He never mentions in the encyclical that that is allowed. The natural method was well known in his day. For him, the birth control he meant included natural and artificial methods.

In 1951, Pope Pius XII, 29th October, said that natural family planning was allowed only when a doctor had decided the wife should have no more babies for it would destroy her health or when the family is afflicted by severe poverty. So the circumstances are very abnormal.

Natural family planning can lead to the same contraceptive mentality that the Church condemns contraception for: the feeling that a baby is a burden and not a gift from God and its conception is to be avoided. With the new Catholic doctrine, at least, you can hold that you really want a baby but can't have one perhaps because another pregnancy could kill the mother. You are to use the natural method with regret. You approach it as a necessary evil not as a good thing.

The Church's dangerous teaching is riddled with hypocrisy and therefore cruelty.