

## On Sexuality and Celibacy:

### The Sacred You

We often hear that much of the disrespect for human life is rooted in birth control and abortion. Conversely, we are told that it is necessary to supply condoms around the world if we are to be up-to-date with modern thinking. Parents upholding traditional values are told to give up and shut up because they are not being realistic. Public elementary schools instruct children about the reproductive system void of any divine context. Public high schools teach students the various sexually transmitted diseases and ways to outsmart them. Many colleges freely provide condoms at the front desk of every dormitory fanning the flames that sexual relations are no more than a form of entertainment. Many are completely uneducated with no understanding of the treasure housed within celibacy. We are told that everyone is doing “it” and that we need to adjust our values to current progressive thought. The doctors tell us our twelve-year-old daughters and sons need HPV vaccines to prepare them for their sexual partners. But one day the disheartening confusion will end if we continue to teach, preach, pray (and nag if necessary) about the sacred nature of the power to create life and the reverence our “consecrated fertility” deserves. (Yes, we need to be aware that everyone’s fertility was always meant to be “consecrated” because it is holy and blessed created either for holy matrimony or committed lifelong celibacy.)

The degradation of our reproductive gifts (to the point of worthlessness) is at the root of all sex trafficking, prostitution, pornography, and all illicit sexual relations. Until we understand the sacred nature of our capacity to create life we will continue to usher in death to ourselves and others spiritually, emotionally, physically, morally and legally.

The word seminary comes from the word “semen”. The seminary is the “breeding ground” for holiness whose purpose is embedding the dynamics of eternal life within the priests who in turn sow these seeds to “living forever” into the souls of their many “spiritual” children. Jesus promises that if we give up spouse and children for His sake we will receive “hundreds” (Matthew 19:29).

\*seminary (n.)

mid-15c., "breeding ground," from *seminarius* "of seed," from *semen* (genitive *seminis*) "seed" (from PIE root **\*sē-** "to sow").

In scripture we read of the deadly consequences of circumventing the sacred nature of our reproductive grace through a type of birth control mentioned in Genesis 38:9-10. “Onan kept from providing offspring . . . What he did was wicked in the LORD's sight; so the LORD put him to death . . .” I mention this curious scripture in the hopes that it will jar us to think more deeply, be more conscious, of the awesome gift housed within us, how we choose to use it, and whether or not our decisions revere it.

It is in honoring with holy reverence the gift of fertility dwelling within the human body that men and women guard the eternal hope of mankind, the hope that life is good and should go on. With total devotion they sustain this hope in welcoming and parenting children in the ways of perfect love therefore fulfilling God's instruction to "be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 1:28). And for those who are celibate (and yes celibacy is mentioned explicitly in the Bible exalting Mother Mary, as "a fountain sealed" Songs of Solomon 4:12) celibate persons are also a "fountain of fertility that is sacredly sealed". Like the Blessed Mother celibate persons are a bodily "arc of the covenant" housing within themselves with total devotion the grace to ignite and nurture eternal life, perfect love, in the souls of their many "spiritual" children (Matthew 19:29).

\*<https://www.etymonline.com/word/seminary>