



## Same-Sex “Marriage”

*What’s wrong with it?*

In Australia over the last few years the debate about same-sex marriage has been raging. Marriage is an institute that has been put in place by God to uphold the family and general society. As Cardinal Raymond Burke puts it, *“There is no greater force against evil in the world than the love of a man and a woman in marriage”*. As his Eminence stated, the world needs marriage to combat the evils of this world that is filled with corruption.

What is the primary purpose of marriage?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church answers this question, *“The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptised persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament.”* (1601). Note the reference to the “procreation and education of offspring”. This purpose of marriage is vital within the context of society and the betterment of the world. Without good Catholic young adults coming through good Catholic families, society will collapse and the Church will be seen as having a diminished role within society. The Church calls on married couples to raise and educate Catholic children so that one day these same children will become good and faithful soldiers of the Church and in turn raise good Catholic children.

Marriage is a sacred institution, one that is able to be actively participated in by man. Pope Pius XI in his encyclical *Casti Connubi* written in 1930 stated *“By matrimony, therefore, the souls of the contracting parties are joined and knit together more directly and more intimately than are their bodies, and that not by any passing affection of sense of spirit, but by a deliberate and firm act of the will; and from this union of souls by God’s decree, a sacred and inviolable bond arises.”* When two people will to love each other in the complete sense of the word, then, as Pope Pius XI says *“a sacred and inviolable bond arises”*. Marriage is not just about

the initial attraction one feels towards someone, marriage is about sacrifice and willing the best for your spouse, which is the eternal salvation of their souls in heaven.

Why then, after going through all these things, are we saying same-sex “marriage” is detrimental? Firstly, because it defeats the primary purpose of marriage. The promoters of same-sex “marriage” propose something entirely different. They propose the union between two men or two women. This denies the self-evident biological, physiological, and psychological differences between men and women which find their complementarity in marriage. It also denies the specific primary purpose of marriage: the perpetuation of the human race and the raising of children. Marriage is not just any relationship between human beings. It is a relationship rooted in human nature and thus governed by natural law. Any situation which institutionalises the circumvention of the purpose of the sexual act violates natural law and the objective norm of morality.

Another reason why it is detrimental, is because it denies the child the right to a father and a mother. This rule is confirmed by the evident difficulties faced by the many children who are orphans or are raised by a single parent, a relative, or a foster parent. Same-sex “marriage” ignores a child’s best interests. It also validates the homosexual lifestyle which is contrary to God’s natural laws, which are in place so that we are better able, as a human race, to get to heaven. God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for exactly this sinful lifestyle, which was rampant in that place at that time. If same-sex “marriage” became “legal” then all we would be doing is bringing God’s own justice down upon us all. We are called to make a stand against the onslaught of secularism and all its attacks. There is no greater time then now to be a faithful witness to marriage and our Faith. Marriage is under attack, let us defend God’s law. Be a Voice!



## Tales from the Street

Over the past month and a half we have been going and praying outside the abortion clinic on Devonshire St, Surry Hills. After the closure of Preterm on Randle St, we have moved to the Private Clinic which is literally just up the road. One thing I have noticed while praying outside this clinic is the heated hostility towards us being there. We have been getting abuse and people sneering at us, but this is always the case when we first start at a new abortion mill.

While this is happening God is working His way into the souls of many of the mothers or fathers heading into the clinic to have an abortion.



One day while praying there on a Saturday a young lady was walking up the road with her mother. They looked like they were heading into the abortion clinic. Paul Hanrahan noticed them and introduced himself. She began by saying “You probably hate me.” Paul replied, “Why would we hate you?” She answered, “Because I’m gonna have an abortion”, and he replied “I don’t hate you.” After hearing this reply she started talking to Paul, who went through all her options and how abortion wasn’t an option at all. By half way through the conversation, tears had welled up in her eyes and she knew that it was wrong. But she felt she had no other choice. We don’t know if she had the abortion that day but we do know we were there for her. Never Fear!

## Pro Life Apologetics

### “Don’t like abortion? Don’t have one!”

When pro-lifers claim that elective abortion unjustly takes the life of a defenceless human being, they are not saying they dislike abortion. They are saying it’s objectively wrong, regardless of how one feels about it. Consider the popular bumper sticker: “Don’t like abortion? Don’t have one!” Notice what’s going on here. We make a moral claim that we know is objectively true—namely, that elective abortion unjustly takes the life of a defenceless human being. The abortion “choice” advocate responds by changing that objective truth claim into one about likes and dislikes, as if the pro-lifer were talking about a mere preference. But this misses the point entirely. Pro-life advocates don’t oppose abortion because they find it distasteful; they oppose it because it violates rational moral principles. Imagine saying “don’t like slavery, then don’t own one” people would straight away realise that you do not grasp why people believe slavery is wrong. It is not just wrong because someone doesn’t like it, it is wrong because it goes against the moral law.

This is not a debate between those who are pro-choice and those who are anti-choice. Every pro-lifer is vigorously “pro-choice” when it comes to women choosing a number of moral goods. But some choices are *wrong*, like killing innocent human beings simply because they are in the way and cannot defend themselves. We shouldn’t be pro-choice about that.

### Vigils

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*Join us in person, or by prayer as the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants step up to the front lines in the battle for Life.*

**Sydney:**  
 Thursday 8:00am - 10:30am, Friday 8:00am - 10:30am, Saturday 8:00am - 10:00am.  
 120 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills.

**Albury:**  
 Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm.  
 586 Englehardt St, Albury.  
 More at Melbourne, Townsville, Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane. Full details are at [fli.org.au](http://fli.org.au).

### Events

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*Pro Family and Pro Life related events in the coming months:*

Pro Life, Pro Family Conference to be held down at the Lake Hume Resort, Albury. It will run for 3 days from the 21st-24th January. For anyone wishing to learn more about how our Faith and fighting for life and family go hand in hand, then this event is not to be missed.

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