



## We Must Vote No

As of writing this newsletter, the postal survey is currently been sent out to all Australian citizens eligible to vote. Many have returned their survey forms with their answers. To all those who have not yet received or replied here is why you must vote no.

The majority of our supporters are Christians while a good number of them are Catholic. Firstly to remain a Catholic in good standing one must vote no. No ifs or buts. It is a simple black and white issue. The Church holds that marriage is between a man and a woman, it is a part of it's explicit teaching. The Church recognises that marriage is a natural institution, meaning that all different cultures all throughout the ages have recognised the importance of marriage as an institution that upholds society at large. Christ raised up marriage to be a divinely instituted sacrament but it has always been a natural institution. Hence why when people argue that the Church should just stay of the out of the debate, as it does not affect the sacramental marriages, our reply is well yes it does.

One argument that has not really had much airtime amongst all the debate, is principled arguments about the definition of marriage. All the talk has been about the consequences which will follow. This is of course is extremely important as these will affect many freedoms that we currently enjoy. At the same time they show just how far marriage has been broken down. One cannot blame people for going down this line of thinking without addressing the real problem. This shows the lamentable weakness of society as a whole. Society at large has already abandoned the principles that we held so sacred and its definition of marriage has already changed.

Some point to no-fault divorce as the real agent of this change, but I have always thought that it is really contraception; with the acceptance of contraception, any argument against same-sex marriage from conjugality becomes tenuous. However, upon reading Pius XI's 1930 encyclical *Casti Connubii* I was recently struck by the realisation that there is a more fundamental reason than contraception as to why society's definition of marriage has already changed. In fact, the onset and acceptance of contraception was simply subservient to this reason.

Some time, about a hundred years ago, there began a steady push for genderlessness in marriage. I speak of the sham that men and women are the same - a sham that endures behind the veil of contraception. The "unnatural equality" between the spouses of which Pius XI spoke in *Casti Connubii*. This was to make marriage essentially not a union between man and woman, who are different at the level of being in their maleness and femaleness, but between two people who are the same. In order to serve this, the main, undeniable biological difference between men and women had to be overcome: from sexual union, women bear children. Contraception came about as the technological solution to this problem.

The agenda was to make marriage not a union between man and wife, as it always was, but effectively between two men - albeit effeminate men. Over the last century, this was achieved. 'Marriage' became a union of two equal people, having exactly the same societal role, engaging in mutual sexual gratification without the procreation of children. This may as well be a description of same-sex marriage.

Same-sex marriage is simply the logical end, the bitter fruit of this breakdown. But the contaminated soil was there long before the bitter fruit.

The primary arguments against SSM are 1. the essential complementary difference between man and woman, and 2. that it is a relationship for the bringing forth of children. Arguments from these principles simply cannot gain much traction in today’s society, as they have been systematically destroyed for over a century, beginning with the so-called emancipation of women.

Imagine if I were to question SSM in the following ways: “But who is the custodian of the home, and who is the breadwinner?”; “which party to the marriage is the head of the other?”; “which party is subject to obedience of the other?”. I would be howled down as some kind of Neanderthal.

Pope Leo XIII explains in Arcanum (1880) that the contract and sacrament of Christian marriage are inseparable:

“A distinction, or rather severance, of this kind cannot be approved; for certain it is that in Christian marriage the contract is inseparable from the sacrament, and that, for this reason, the contract cannot be true and legitimate without being a sacrament as well. For Christ our Lord added to marriage the dignity of a sacrament; but marriage is the contract itself,

whenever that contract is lawfully concluded.”

Finally for all those who still aren’t sure of the implications it will have on people’s eternal souls, Saint Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church, transmitted the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ about the sin of sodomy, which became prevalent amongst the clergy during her life (1347-1380).

Marriage is designed to enhance family life, families are God’s blueprints for mankind. Catholics view marriage as holy. Because God designed it this makes it holy as He is the Holy One. It is mentioned straight off the bat in the first book of the Bible where it illustrates that marriage and sexuality were created by God and given to us as a gift from God to benefit us as a society. Scripture records God’s statement that “it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him” (Gen. 2:18).

Fr Peter Murphy states “One cannot therefore easily doubt that there is a sinister presence of deceit behind the rhetoric of same-sex marriages. If one wanted to destroy the fabric of human society and the God who wills us into being, then one would focus their attack on marital love and life. So we must be convinced that the institution of marriage ought to be treated with reverence. It is God’s design and our heritage. Without it there is no future for us or our society.”

The issue of “same-sex marriage” is a grave one. Too many people do not realise the evil that is at play here. This is why we MUST VOTE NO!!

## Vigils

*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:

Tuesday 8:00am - 10:00am, Friday 8:00am - 10:00am, Saturday 8:00am - 10:00am.  
120 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills.

### Albury:

Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm.  
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