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The Traditional Catholic Family

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A Handbook For Matrimony

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Book Launch & Presentation on the Family



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I am really looking forward to getting out on the road in April to give talks and to launch my first book 'The Traditional Catholic Family'. It has been an exciting journey so far.

We live in a time of unprecedented attacks against the traditional Catholic family and these are set to increase. The Irish constitution, Bunreacht na hÉireann, contains the word woman and the word mother once each. These are in article 41.2 and there have been moves going back as far as 1993, and the 2nd Commission on the Status of Women, to either remove or amend this article. The online journal.ie, described it as the Constitution's

most contentious article. Brace yourselves as I now publish contentious Article 41.2 of the Constitution.

Article 41

41.2.1° in particular, the state recognises that by her life within the home, woman gives to the state a support without which the common good cannot be achieved.

41.2.2° the state shall, therefore, endeavour to ensure that mothers shall not be obliged by economic necessity to engage in labour to the neglect of their duties in the home.

The reason this article causes so much consternation is because some of those who object to this article have abandoned the traditional Catholic understanding of marriage, of family, and of human sexuality. They find the words 'woman' and 'mother' offensive. This was highlighted in the Oireachtais by 'The general scheme of a work life balance and miscellaneous provisions Bill 2022'. This scheme proposed a supposedly gender inclusive definition of an employee who is breastfeeding and has "informed his or her employer of his or her condition." The following explanatory note was given.

"The proposed amendment also intends to provide a transgender male who has in accordance with the Gender Recognition Act 2015, obtained a gender recognition certificate and subsequently gives birth, to fall within the scope of the definition of an employee who is breastfeeding."

Some of those who are drafting our legislation believe that males can give birth and that males can breastfeed, provided they have a gender recognition certificate issued under the Gender Recognition Act 2015. This certificate would declare a female to be male, contrary to the evidence she is female, having given birth and being able to breastfeed. They also proposed to remove another section of the Maternity Protection Act 1994 because the references were to female employees only. Only female employees can become mothers and take maternity leave!

The Bill was amended and the ridiculous assertion that males can breastfeed was removed. But the Bill is still going through the Oireachtais. There is a glossy

brochure on the Oireachtais website for this Bill which tells us that the Bill is designed to bring Ireland into conformity with EU Directive 2019/1158 of the European Parliament. We are further told that one of the aims of the Directive is to increase the participation of women in the labour force. Perhaps you are beginning to understand why Article 41.2 of the Irish Constitution needs to be amended. Article 41.2.2° defends those mothers in Ireland, all of them female by the way, who would rather stay at home to care for their children than work for a disinterested employer. They cannot be obliged to work outside of the home.

One of the male TDs who has been pushing for the revision of sex education in Irish schools recently became a father. His partner gave birth to a boy. This father publicly declared that he does not want to limit his baby by telling him he is a boy. The child's parents believe that their boy will decide whether or not he is a boy or a girl. This TD co-sponsored a private members Bill on Objective Sex Education in 2018, which stated that the Minister must ensure that "the curriculum is factual and objective, age appropriate, and not gender normative."



This is a picture of a Boy and a Girl
Regardless of what the Government tells you.

Apparently he cannot see the contradiction between what he says and objective reality. His child is a boy, and no amount of legislation or sex education is going to change that scientifically objective fact. These people have lost their grip on reality and they seek to impose their views on all children, regardless of what the parents believe or think. These people are dangerous and will cause grave harm to children and to society if their proposals are taught in schools. There are strong indications that our government will seek to force this issue into schools.

We are living in a time where a global and bloodless coup has taken place. Our democracies have been taken over by madmen, and these madmen now seek to control what is going to be taught to our children. They will insist, contrary to reality and using the force of law if necessary, that all must recognise gender as being fluid. They will try to force us to refer to certain males as female and certain females as male. Those who dare to put up a resistance, like Enoch Burke, will be jailed or bankrupted for their resistance to the madness. But resist we must. For the sake of our children, our grandchildren and all future generations of children.

We are witnessing what happens when the Catholic faith collapses in a society. Absolute truths are no longer recognised. The scientific method, whereby verifiable experiments are used to determine facts, is being discarded in favour of ideologies with no basis in reality. We are told that nothing is what it seems and that everything is what the government tells us it is. St Paul reminds us that in our fight to become holy, we are not up against just flesh and blood enemies but against powers and principalities. That is, demonic forces.

“For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood; but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places.” (Ephesians 6:12)

It is no coincidence that those who desire to celebrate aberrant sexual lifestyles in public, refer to their parades as ‘pride’ parades. St Gregory regarded Pride as the “queen and mother of all vices.”

“Pride is by no means content with the destruction of one virtue; it raises itself up against all the powers of the soul, and like an all-pervading and poisonous disease corrupts the whole body”. (St Gregory, Moral. xxxiv, 23)

St Thomas Aquinas tells us that pride is where man covets God’s likeness as regards the knowledge of good and evil “namely that by his own natural power he might decide what was good, and what was evil for him to do.” (Summa II-II Q.163 Art. 2)

In both St Matthew and St Luke’s Gospel, Christ is tempted by the devil after forty days of fasting. It is where the season of Lent comes from. At one point the devil shows Jesus all the kingdoms of the world telling Him that he has been given the power of these kingdoms and that he gives it to whom he wills. The condition for Christ to attain these powers is for Him to fall down and worship Satan. Christ rejects Satan’s deceitful offer and dismisses him.



Ary Scheffer (1795-1858)
Temptation of Christ

However, Satan’s offer still stands for those who desire worldly power. It will be given to them if they fall down and worship Satan. It would seem that growing numbers are worshipping Satan in order to avail of this deceptive power which will lead them to Hell for eternity. Perhaps many do not even realise the identity of the master they serve, but serve him they do.

Christ tells us that we cannot serve two masters. “No man can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one, and love the other: or he will sustain the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” (Matthew 6:24) Those who abandon the Catholic Church end up hating God and all He stands for. They use clever rhetoric to try to hide this fact and they pretend that they really seek the good of mankind apart from God. Their master is the same old devil who lied to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and brought calamity on the human race.

God established marriage as the bedrock of society and as the bedrock of His Catholic Church. God seeks to increase His Kingdom through children born of wedded parents. There will always be traitors and deceivers who seek to lead men astray for their own personal gain. Witness the German bishops who recently voted to bless homosexual relationships and who are seeking to bypass

Church teaching on the inadmissibility of women to the priesthood. All of these constitute attacks on the Catholic Church and on the family.

Contraception attacks the life giving nature of marriage. Divorce attacks the indissolubility of marriage. So called same-sex marriage attacks the fundamental nature of marriage as composed of one man and one woman. Abortion attacks the golden fruits of marriage through the murder of innocent human beings in utero. Laws have been passed to give legal standing to all of these attacks, resulting in a serious decline in marriages in most western societies.

The latest proposals to give explicit sex education to primary school children and to teach them that boys can become girls and girls can become boys, constitutes a grave attack on future marriages. The resultant confusion will damage the future relationships of the children who are subjected to this dangerous ideology. Many will not marry because they will not understand the importance of marriage or because they will be confused as to the nature and purpose of human sexuality.

Catholics are called to defend the traditional Catholic Family, and we must resist those who promote the false and dangerous ideologies. These are not our real enemies. They are our brothers and sisters who have been captured by diabolical enemy forces and are now working for the enemy of God and of mankind.

In the fourth apparition of Our Lady of Fatima on the 19th, August, 1917, she told the children to “Pray! Pray a great deal and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to Hell because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them.”

This puts a great onus on us. We can save souls from Hell through our prayers and our sacrifices for them. We should be familiar with the prayers of the Angel of Portugal given to the children at Fatima.

“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee. I ask pardon for all those who do not believe in Thee, do not adore Thee, do not hope in Thee, do not love Thee.”

“Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I adore Thee profoundly, and I offer Thee the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of thy Son Jesus Christ, present in all the Tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He Himself is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.”

St Paul tells us to overcome evil with good. “Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil by good.” (Romans 12:21) This is the purpose of my book on the Traditional Catholic Family and the timetable for the Book Launch in each county follows

Book Launch & Presentation on the Family Stage 1

**All presentations begin at 7.00pm sharp.
Please note that the presentation is not suitable for children.**

DATE	COUNTY	VENUE
Tuesday 11th April	Limerick	The South Court Hotel Raheen Roundabout, Limerick, V94 E77X
Wednesday 12th April	Kerry	The Rose Hotel Dan Spring Road, Tralee, V92 HKA4
Thursday 13th April	Cork	The Midleton Park Hotel Old Cork Road, Midleton, P25 AX67
Tuesday 18th April	Clare	Treacy's West County Hotel Limerick Road, Ennis V95 C9CT
Wednesday 19th April	Tipperary	Hayes Hotel Liberty Square, Thurles E41 C9C8
Thursday 20th April	Galway	The Maldron Hotel Carrowmoneash, Oranmore H91 K7FA
Tuesday 25th April	Donegal	The Station House Hotel Lower Main Street, Letterkenny F92 ERV1
Wednesday 26th April	Sligo	The Glass House Hotel Swan Point, Sligo F91 NCA4
Thursday 27th April	Leitrim	The Bush Hotel Main Street, Carrick-on-Shannon N41 H5P1
Tuesday 2nd May	Waterford	The Tower Hotel The Mall, Waterford X91 VXEO
Wednesday 3rd May	Mayo	The Knock House Hotel Knock, Co. Mayo, F12 R6Y5
Thursday 4th May	Roscommon	The Percy French Hotel Bridge Street, Strokestown F42 A996

Book Launch & Presentation on the Family Stage 2

**All presentations begin at 7.00pm sharp.
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DATE	COUNTY	VENUE
Wednesday 10th May	Tyrone	Kelly's Inn 232 Omagh Road, Garvaghy, BT70 2DX
Tuesday 16th May	Kilkenny	The Springhill Court Hotel Waterford Road, Kilkenny R95 NX32
Wednesday 17th May	Wexford	The Riverside Park Hotel The Promenade, Enniscorthy Y21 T2F4
Thursday 18th May	Carlow	The Seven Oaks Hotel Athy Road, Carlow R93 V4K5
Tuesday 23rd May	Laois	The Killeshin Hotel Dublin Road, Portlaoise R32 TYW7
Wednesday 24th May	Kildare	The Westgrove Hotel Abbeylands, Clane W91 YWE0
Thursday 25th May	Wicklow	The Arklow Bay Hotel Sea Rd, Arklow Y14 DX02
Tuesday 30th May	Dublin South	The Clayton Hotel Leopardstown D18 K2P1
Wednesday 31st May	Dublin North	The Grand Hotel Grove Road, Malahide K36 XT65
Thursday 1st June	Meath	The Castle Arch Hotel 1, Summerhill Road, Trim C15 WD92

Please Help to Promote the Book Launch & Presentation on the importance of the Catholic Family

We must defend traditional Catholic Church teaching on marriage and family life and we must promote those teachings so that the great truths concerning the dignity and purpose of chaste wedlock are known once again in our society.

My book launch, *The Traditional Catholic Family*, begins on Tuesday the 11th, April, in the South Court Hotel in Limerick. It is proposed to host a book launch and presentation in every county in Ireland. The venues and dates booked so far are on the previous two pages. I believe that there are faithful Catholics in every county in Ireland who need to hear the good news about the Traditional Catholic Family. The first 22 venues have been booked and the book is now printed. There are several ways that you can help.

Please pray for the success of this Book Launch in helping Catholics to understand the beautiful and rich traditional teachings of the Catholic Church on marriage and family life.

Please order more copies of this newsletter to share with others.

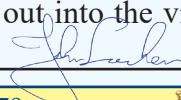
Please contact your friends to let them know about the event in their county.

Please download or order a promotional poster for your county from the Legio Sanctae Familiae website www.truedevoations.ie or from myself on 085-1208779

You are invited to attend the Book Launch and presentation on the Catholic Family in your county or anywhere else that suits. Please come and purchase a copy of the book for yourself and for your friends.

If you are in a position to financially support this work of Catholic action, then please return the enclosed Donation Form with whatever you can afford. The provisional costs for the book printing and for the first two stages of the book launch come to around €6,000. There will be travel and other costs as well. I trust in God's providence to support this work and I am grateful to all those who make this possible through their contributions.

We must not back down in the face of the grave evils that seek to destroy our families and our Catholic Church. Rather, we must go out into the vineyard to gather souls for Christ. May God bless you.



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