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Moms Fulfilling Matrimony

Part One

Just in case you have any doubts, I'm a guy. In fact, a less than sane segment of society refers to me as a toxic male. That may cause you to wonder how I could possibly have any meaningful contribution to make about Catholic women fulfilling the mom aspect of matrimony. Well, apart from the fact that I'm fairly well versed in Catholicism, I understand Catholic women; I married a Catholic women, and she's a pretty nifty Catholic women. She's so sweet I just want to eat her up. (Admittedly, there are times when I wish I had!)

If we remove God from the discussion of matrimony for just a moment, focusing on marriage and family from a purely natural law perspective, we can draw one huge conclusion. Because we're creatures imbued with emotion to compliment and motivate our ability to reason, I think all of us married folks can agree that the thing which drove us to marry was the emotional aspect of love. But the giving of love is only one aspect of the two fold purpose of marriage. The other aspect is the giving of life. Since the perpetuation of our species is a purpose of marriage under natural law, to intentionally block the possibility of the generation of life is a perversion of nature... every bit as much of a perversion as homosexuality or pedophilia.

Don't worry. This isn't another piece about contraception. After all the pieces that I've written on the subject, if you're still using contraception you've clearly chosen condemnation to hell over eternal life in heaven—serving Satan rather than serving God. So this isn't about contraception, but rather has to do with the rearing of the children you've chosen to have... or thankfully accepted those who God chose to send you.

Have you noticed that voluntary moms aren't particularly revered in today's society? I've noticed (primarily through eavesdropping and the testimony of women) that when a woman is speaking to her friends and tells them she's pregnant, those "friends" are seldom enthused. The expectant mom frequently hears comments like "You poor thing" or "Again?!" or "Was it an accident?" or "How will you ever manage?" or "Well, at least your other child will have a playmate". They don't even pretend to assume you might actually want a baby. This sort of behavior and attitudes are caused by how we've all been infected to one degree or another by radical feminism.

Atheist author Simone de Beauvoir, who was a pioneer of the modern radical feminist movement with her book the *Second Sex*, taught that women needed to be liberated from the "slavery of marriage and motherhood". Of course, she was a long-time paramour of the infamous existentialist writer and anti-Christian Jean-Paul Sartre, so much else couldn't be expected of her. Anyway, it took her about 30 years to actually begin having an effect in Western thought.

Through her efforts she gave us such destructive luminaries as Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem, Angela Davis, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

This idea of being liberated from the slavery of marriage and motherhood has been one of the most contributory elements to the destruction of the family. It's what has caused many women to believe they have to have a career outside of the home, even if the family doesn't have a perceived need for a second income. This sort of thinking is disastrous to marriage, is diametrically opposed to biblical principles, and violates the constant 2000 year teaching of the Catholic Church.

The traditional teaching regarding the proper role of mommies isn't talked about too much anymore. In fact, many priests don't even realize what the Church's teaching is, and a little serious research on the topic will astound them. I'm not faulting priests for not knowing these things. After all, you can only teach what you've been taught. Although most seminaries are better now than in the last fifty years, most continue to fail to give a priest the theological education he deserves, and some are downright snake pits. You see, radical feminism effected them too, and very few of the poor priests realize how deeply they've been affected. We'll get back to that another time; I digress.

The official position of the Church on women being wives and mommies is that those ladies enjoy the highest possible lay vocation. My vocations (evangelist, catechist, and Catholic writer) can be lay or clerical. In my vocation, I've led hundreds of souls into the Church, and saved more than a few Catholics from themselves. You'd think that leading souls into the Church would be the highest vocation for a layman, right? Wrong! Being a wife and mother is!

We all know that the Blessed Virgin Mary is held in such high esteem because of her divine maternity, but she's also so loved and venerated because she fulfilled her lay vocation *perfectly* as a wife and mother.

The very first thing a working woman has to decide is what she loves most. If she loves her career most, there's no need to read further. But if she loves God first, her husband and children second, and everything else in her life third, it's time she made a decision.

A truly fulfilled woman who answers the vocational call to be a wife loves Mary and nurtures a tender devotion to her. A woman's vocation when she marries isn't to work outside the home. It's to love her husband, care for her home, and *nurture her children in the love of God*—all of them He chooses to send her. These things can't be done—at least, not competently or conscientiously—if she pursues a career outside the home. To do so is selfish and degrades her very nature.

Some women reading this might say, "Joe, we need the income." My reply to that is now and always has been that you're lying to yourself... and to God. I've dealt with the personal finances of many families—too many to count. I've never—not in thirty-plus years—found a single family who needed the second income. I've run across numerous families who live from paycheck to paycheck, but in every single case it's because they don't know how to manage their money based on Old Testament biblical principles, something Jesus alluded to many times. No, wives/mothers don't need to work outside the home. That's daddy's job. He's the provider. You ladies have the greatest vocation in the universe. You see, if you don't accept, respect, and live out your vocation, no other vocation among mankind and in the divine world can exist.