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Moms Fulfilling Matrimony

Part Two

It's a lie. I doubt readers of this bulletin insert have fully bought into this lie, but all have bought into it to some extent. This lie has contributed greatly to the destruction of the family, the decline of marriage, the increase in prison populations, and entire generations of snowflakes with an unrealistic sense of entitlement. What is that lie? That feminism empowers women.

Feminism doesn't empower women. It enslaves them. When feminism began, it sought to make men and women equals. Take a look around you for a little reality check: There's nothing equal about men and women. Neither sex is superior to the other, but neither are they equal. To say men and women are equal is tantamount to saying a tomato and an apple are equal. Apples and tomatoes are both fruits (tomatoes are only considered veggies by a ruling of the US Supreme Court; go figure), but that's where the similarities end.

The so-called empowerment of women through feminism works how exactly? The freedom-giving empowerment of feminism turns women into automatons for companies and corporations, discourages them from fulfilling their biological function in nature, and serves to destroy marital relationships.

There's no empowerment in working outside the home, for example. Carly Fiorina, a 2016 Republican presidential candidate, is a classic example. She's a woman who millions of women in America look up to, because she ascended from the humble role of secretary to becoming the CEO of two corporations, and a personal worth of roughly \$60 million. From a professional perspective, she looks like "country done went to town"—she epitomizes the stated ends modern feminism. Her personal life looks much different. She's been married twice, only had two children, and her family has been plagued with heartache—drug addiction, alcoholism and crime have devastated the children. That's what happens when a career is chosen over the role of wife and mother that's engrained in women by nature and nature's Creator.

Being a full-time wife and mother is where the real empowerment for women is found. Among honey bees, males are the drones and females build the hive's future. The same is true among humans. Men are the hunters and gatherers—the providers. Women are the nurturers. Feminism has made the traditional, God-given role of women seem like oppressive enslavement, but that couldn't be farther from the truth.

A mother in her traditional role is the most powerful vocation known to man. First, you women perpetuate the human race, and without you our continued existence is impossible. After all, we men aren't capable of a bun in the oven. You know what else couldn't exist without you women?

The Catholic Church couldn't exist without you. The pope, bishops, priests and deacons can't be an ecclesiastical reality without you. The way Jesus set things up was for men to act on His behalf and with His authority to provide all the means of grace and salvation on earth. He could have just appeared on earth, but He chose to be born of a woman to emphasize the tremendously important role of women.

It are women who give us saints for every age by their nurturing of children. It are women who give us men like Washington, Jefferson, Chesterton, and von Hildebrand as great leaders and luminaries, because the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.

A wife and mother's very first priority are children, not working outside the home. The world may think otherwise, but you need not doubt that your children are your first priorities.

Being on the workforce can somehow feel hypocritical, and it should. When at the office, you're almost naturally reassuring your boss that your work is your top priority, for which you are willing to sacrifice anything. That's the implication. But in reality, you know that the needs of your family will always be more critical. A colleague can take over the responsibility over a file, but no other person can fully take over the responsibility over your children. This is an aspect of natural law.

You might start to think: if my children are indeed the most important thing in my life, then why do I spend ten hours a day doing other things? Switching the priorities list, from work-based to family-based, pursuing other ambitions (which can be equally noble) if and when time allows, can feel more natural and coherent. Children need the love and time of their mother. This is non-negotiable.

Chesterton compared the work of mothers to that of Aristotle, teaching morals, manners, theology and hygiene. He wrote: "How can it be a large career to tell other people's children about the Rule of Three, and a small career to tell one's own children about the universe? How can it be broad to be the same thing to everyone, and narrow to be everything to someone? No; a woman's function is laborious, but because it is gigantic, not because it is minute. I will pity Mrs. Jones for the hugeness of her task; I will never pity her for its smallness."

You don't need to work outside the home. You've only bought into the diabolical lie that makes you think you do. What you need is to have and nurture children, letting your husband provide the sustenance. What you need is to selflessly help to change the world and Church for the better by teaching and encouraging your children well, rather than selfishly forsake your role as wife and mother for some elusive and unattainable dream that can only have devastating consequences. What you need is to assume the responsibilities you signed up for: to be a mom.

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What do you men think? You're involved in this too, so let's talk about it.

Our Lady of Fatima said that the last great battle between heaven and hell would be for the family. Virtually *everything* in our modern culture and society contributes to the breakdown and destruction of the family. Let's work together to save our families... one soul at a time.