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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Entrance is located at SW corner of Rectory

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 12 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00a.m; 4:30 p.m. & Sp.6:30 p. m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call Annette (English) at: (707)542-3635 or Maria Vega (Spanish) at: (707)710-5094

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass. *During this time of Covid-19, Benediction is not being held.*

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary is Monday – Saturday at 7:25 a.m. in the Cathedral

Chaplet of Divine Mercy is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

CATHEDRAL SHOPS

Cathedral Thrift Shop Hours: Tues & Wed. 9:30 am–2:30 pm

Cathedral Books & Gifts Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30 am-4:30pm & Sun 8:30am-1:30pm, Closed Mon/Tues -
Phone: (707)542-0250

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 2, 2023

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY JULY 2

Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon,
1:30 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm
Coffee Social – PLC – 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

MONDAY JULY 3

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

TUESDAY JULY 4

Office Closed for Independence Day Holiday
Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Women of the Word – PLC – 9:00 am
Latin Mass – Cathedral – 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY JULY 5

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Outdoor Rosary – Fatima Grotto – 6:00 pm

THURSDAY JULY 6

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

FRIDAY JULY 7

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Rosary & Benediction – Cathedral – 6:30 pm

SATURDAY JULY 8

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
Confession – Cathedral 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Sunday Vigil Masses – Cathedral – 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm
(Spanish)
Singles Potluck – Parish Life Center – 5:30 pm

~PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION~

Register your child now for the Parish School of Religion (PSR) 2023-2024 school year! The Parish School of Religion partners with the Cathedral of St. Eugene families to bring the youth of the parish to Christ through authentic catechesis in the Beauty, Goodness, and Truth of the Catholic Faith. We offer: Ongoing Catholic formation for students 1st grade through high school; preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confession, 1st Communion & Confirmation; dedicated teaching by the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa & lay catechists. **Where:** St. Eugene's School **When:** Tuesdays from 3:45 - 5:00pm; September through May. Pick up registration forms in the vestibules, at the parish office, or register online at our parish website (www.steugenesch.org). ***Last day to register is Monday, July 31st.*** Contact Sr. Mary Emmanuel, MSSR with any questions at 707-326-3408 or smaryemmanuel2@gmail.com

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of: 6/18/23

Sunday Donations Received:	\$11,765.
Second Collection: <i>No Second Collection</i>	

~ CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS ~

Our annual store inventory takes place this July and we will be closed for business from Monday the 3rd through Friday the 14th, reopening for business on Saturday, July 15th at 8:30AM. Plan ahead to buy what you need, since we'll be closed for 2 weeks! July is the month of the Precious Blood, and our Special of the Month for July is the book, "The Precious Blood: The Price of Our Salvation" by Fr. Faber. During July only, it is 25% off. *Also, we are in need of volunteers to help out in our shop. If you can give at least 4 hours of week, we will gladly put you to work!* The shop hours are: Wed-Sat from 8:30 am-4:30 pm & Sun 8:30 am-1:30 pm. We are closed Mon./Tues. Call us at: 707-542-0250.

SECOND COLLECTION INFORMATION

~PETER'S PENCE~

This weekend, July 1 & 2 the Second Collection is for Peter's Pence. Next weekend, July 8 & 9, there will be no Second Collection. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SCHOOL NEWS

~VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL~

It is time to register for our Vacation Bible School! Kids, grades K-5, will meet M-F, from 9:00 AM -12:00 noon in the Becker Ctr. From July 17th to July 21st. Cost is \$20. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. The theme is: "Leading Out Loud -Leading others through Biblical examples." Contact Anna deLaney at (707) 539-5185. Sign your kids up now! Deadline to Register is July 10th.

~REGISTRATION HAS STARTED~

St. Eugene's Cathedral School has started its registration process for the 2023-24 school year. We are proud of our students and our school. We offer an excellent academic education with a challenging curriculum integrated with gospel values. We are accepting applications for all grades. Come by the school office to pick up an application or call 545-7252, and we'll send an application to you. You can also go to: www.steugenesch.org -"Admissions".

The bulletin submission deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	July 1
8:00 am	In honor of and in reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus and for the living and deceased members of the Russell and Rinaldi families
4:30 pm	Eduardo Montiel, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Maritza Reyes, living
Sunday	July 2
7:30 am	Andrew Robles, deceased
9:00 am	Alejandro Avedo, deceased
10:30 am	People of the Diocese
12:00 pm	People of St. Eugene's
1:30 pm (EF)	Favian Abarca, living
5:30 pm	Edwin Ruiz Reyes, deceased
6:00pm Newman Ctr.	Robert Parker, deceased
Monday	July 3
6:45 am	Andrew Robles, deceased
8:00 am	Fr. Thomas Stuart, living
Tuesday	July 4
6:45 am	Andrew Robles, deceased
8:00 am	Favian Abarca, living
5:30 pm (EF)	Dai Duong, living
Wednesday	July 5
6:45 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00 am	Robles Family, living
Thursday	July 6
6:45 am	Francisco Javier Acedes Orozco, deceased
8:00 am	Anne Reilly, deceased
Friday	July 7
6:45 am	John Flanagan, deceased
8:00 am	Roberto Artadi, deceased
12:00 pm (Hosp)	Lisa Tran, living
Saturday	July 8
8:00 am	Ann Byrne, deceased
4:30 pm	Thomas Patrick, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	For the Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

~REGISTRATION & INFO~

This weekend, July 1 & 2, tables will be outside after all Masses with registration forms available for our Vacation Bible School which will take place between July 17 and July 21 (see previous page for more info). We will also have tables set up for Natural Family Planning Week whereby you can take home information about Natural Family Planning.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~ROSARY & BENEDICTION~

Please join us on **Friday, July 7th, at 6:30 pm**, in the Cathedral, for the recitation of the Holy **Rosary & Benediction** led by Fr. Epperson. Light refreshments will be offered in the Parish Life Center afterward. For more details go to: www.soldiersofchrist.info and click the "Rosary and Benediction" link.

~DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY~

Join us for a new daytime Bible Study Class beginning on Friday, August 4th. We will meet in the Parish Life Center every Friday from 9:00 am until 12:00 Noon. Learn about Salvation History and so much more (more detailed information will be coming soon.) To sign-up or get more information, please call or text Andy Skrypka at 707-758-5882.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

~SINGLES POTLUCK~

We normally have our Singles Potluck on the first Saturday of each month. This month, however, it will take place Saturday, July 8th. We open the doors of the Parish Life Center at 5:30 pm and begin our Potluck with prayer at 6:00 pm. Please join us as we share good food, pray together and mingle! Call Deborah Jones to RSVP or to get more information at: 310-600-2359.

IN MEMORIAM

†JUANITA IBARRA†

Please remember Juanita Ibarra and her family and friends in your prayers. She passed away last month. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her." *May she rest in peace.*

†KEVIN DANIEL SCHWANN†

Please remember Kevin Daniel Schwann and his family and friends in your prayers. He passed away last month. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him." *May he rest in peace.*

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

~PLEASE PRAY FOR~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Leo Del Santo, Emeline Jane Smith, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, Eileen Carol, Nancy Amador, Patrick Welter, Cristeta Marentes, Jesus Navarro, Michael Boland, Stephen Warner, Aida Catapang, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Paulita Castro, Jean L. Alfano, Theresa Pham, Rainey Olson, Michele Otten, Pauline Goslovich, Mary Gonzales, Nick Sidjakov, Sandi Picconi, Joan Cosgrove, Denise Ealy, Becky Harber, Ernest Lanford, Daniel Bruce Moore, Megan Ingrassia and Art Haake.

*Happy Belated Father's Day to all of our Fathers
We honor these fathers, living & deceased.*

<i>Dandari Noah</i>	<i>Philip Coburn</i>	<i>John Scheibe</i>	<i>Rick Coburn</i>	<i>Papa Nen</i>
<i>Papa Estevan</i>	<i>My Grandfathers</i>	<i>Juan Papa</i>	<i>David De Martino</i>	<i>Donald Moore</i>
<i>Paul Myers</i>	<i>Bill Seamann</i>	<i>Joe Schummer</i>	<i>Joe Olfiser</i>	<i>Antonio Calzada</i>
<i>Hnos Calzada</i>	<i>Hnos Mata</i>	<i>Richard Murray</i>	<i>Bert Barron</i>	<i>Beto Barron</i>
<i>Bruce Alonzo</i>	<i>Bill Alonzo</i>	<i>Luis Barron</i>	<i>Leo Burke</i>	<i>William P. Lewellyn I</i>
<i>Albert E. Burke</i>	<i>William L. Lewelling</i>	<i>William J. Burke</i>	<i>William P. Lewellyn II</i>	<i>John L. Callero</i>
<i>Antone C. Callero</i>	<i>John P. Callero</i>	<i>Frank J. Callero</i>	<i>James Hamilton Burns</i>	

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

ON IVF & MARTYRDOM

~FROM THE PASTOR~

We see in our first reading that an influential woman always treated the prophet Elisha very kindly whenever he passed through her village, giving him food and a place to sleep. In seeking a way to repay her, he discovered that she and her husband did not have a son and the window of opportunity for this to happen was getting smaller and smaller for she was becoming advanced in years. Well, for God, nothing is impossible, and Elisha promised her that she would conceive and bear a son within a year. Imagine her surprise and joy at such a proclamation! Now, we don't know if this woman and her husband had other children (daughters) or if they had no children at all, but it does lead to me want to discuss the problem of infertility and the means that many couples use to seemingly solve this problem. We must remember that the end does not justify the means, so if in seeking to have a child a couple resorts to an immoral means, this is never the answer. One such method that is often resorted to is IVF treatments. We will read about this and why it cannot ever be resorted to. Another interesting topic in our reading comes from the Gospel reading in which our Lord says, " ...whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. " This brings us to the topic of martyrdom and what it is and what it isn't. I think that you will find both articles very interesting and informative!

INFERTILITY TREATMENTS

~IN VITRO FERTILIZATION~

"IVF, or *in-vitro fertilization*, was invented in the 1970s and is termed an "assisted reproductive technology." This procedure involves the acquisition of human male sperm and female eggs which are then artificially fused in a lab to create living human embryos. Typically, multiple of these embryonic humans are then implanted into a woman's womb (sometimes a surrogate mother), typically resulting

in a pregnancy of twins, triplets, or even quadruplets. This is done to maximize the chances that at least one of the children implants correctly and begins healthy growth in order to be carried to term. The rest of that child's siblings are then usually "selectively reduced" via abortion."

~CONTRARY TO THE UNITY OF MARRIAGE~

"The Catholic Church officially and explicitly condemns IVF as a practice that is inherently "contrary to the unity of marriage ... and to the child's right to be conceived and brought into the world in marriage and from marriage" (*Donum Vitae* 36), and is always morally impermissible. In other words, IVF takes the creation of children out of its correct place as an act of love and cooperation between a married couple and God, replacing the marital act and God's gift of life with an artificial, clinical procedure. Moreover, children have the right to be created through their own parents' act of love, grow in their mother's womb, and be raised by their biological parents. IVF subverts the natural course of procreation by which children are entitled to be brought into life. That brings us to several problematic "side-effects" of IVF. Firstly, the collection of sperm is usually done through the utilization of masturbation, which the Church states is a gravely immoral act, even in order to obtain a "good" thing, in this case the creation of a child (the ends do not justify the means). Secondly, as previously mentioned, the "leftover" human embryos that are not chosen for implantation in the womb are sentenced to being frozen indefinitely, donated for inhumane research and experimentation, or killed. Thirdly, the "extra" embryos that were implanted who aren't chosen to be "kept" and carried to term are aborted, which amounts to homicide and is grievously wrong (both from a secular and Catholic standpoint). In both the second and third

cases, there is also much room for unjust discrimination, such as choosing only the most genetically “fit” embryos to survive (a eugenics mindset) or deciding which siblings to abort based on arbitrary characteristics such as their health conditions, sex, and so on (promoting bias). Additionally, IVF violates the dignity of the human person by treating children as marketable objects to be produced, bought, sold, and even destroyed on demand. Going further, we must examine other potential ramifications of IVF in society. As technology advancement allows us to discern more and more information from genetic testing, the temptation will increasingly grow to pick between which artificially-created babies we prefer, or even “custom design” them, as if choosing which product we like most on the shelf. This is not only incredibly dehumanizing, but sets dangerous precedents for how we are allowed to treat human beings in the future.”

~A WORTHY & NATURAL DESIRE~

“This all being said, the Catholic Church understands the genuine struggle of couples who are infertile and deeply long to have children, which is a worthy and naturally good desire. We must be compassionate toward people who bear the great burden of infertility and walk with them through their pain and struggles. However, that does not mean that anyone is ever *owed* a child or that every type of attempt to have children is moral. For example, stealing someone else’s baby or tricking someone into being impregnated are not permissible means of achieving the desire and good end of having a child or being a parent. It may provide hope to explain that there *are* alternative methods of assisted procreation that are morally licit. For example, procedures that assist the marital act but don’t replace it (such as NaProTechnology) as well as strategies to enhance natural fertility or timing of conception (such as Natural Family Planning), are permissible. Likewise, just because our Catholic faith opposes the IVF method of conceiving does not mean it denounces those people who were conceived through that circumstance. Just as we can condemn rape and fornication and simultaneously love people who were created through those reprehensible acts, so too can we condemn IVF while still embracing as children of God every human being who was brought into this world by it. Key takeaway: We must entreat—nay, demand—that those at the helm of scientific investigation slow down in their ever-progressing pursuits to question whether just because we *can* do something, does that mean we *should*? In the case of IVF, our Church

declares a definitive NO.” By: Lianna Winans <https://bctorch.com/2022/09/29/explaining-church-teaching-on-ivf/>

WHAT IS MARTYRDOM?

~DEFINITION~

“The Church has a specific and constant teaching regarding martyrdom and what is required for it. It may be common to speak of anyone killed on account of the Faith as a martyr, but this is not the Church’s understanding. Even the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, during the historically unprecedented wave of canonizations that occurred in the pontificate of John Paul II, became a bit loose in applying the term *martyr*, and in 2006, Benedict XVI wrote an apostolic letter to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in which he reemphasized the Church’s traditional understanding of what has to happen for a person to be counted as a martyr. He wrote: *The martyrs of the past and those of our time gave and give life (effusio sanguinis [lit., “shedding of blood”]) freely and consciously in a supreme act of love, witnessing to their faithfulness to Christ, to the gospel and to the Church.* If the motive that impels them to martyrdom remains unchanged, since Christ is their source and their model, then what has changed are the cultural contexts of martyrdom and the strategies *ex parte persecutoris* [“on the part of the persecutor”] that more and more seldom explicitly show their aversion to the Christian faith or to a form of conduct connected with the Christian virtues, but simulate different reasons, for example, of a political or social nature. It is, of course, necessary to find irrefutable proof of readiness for martyrdom, such as the outpouring of blood and of its acceptance by the victim. It is likewise necessary, directly or indirectly but always in a morally certain way, to ascertain the *odium Fidei* [“hatred of the faith”] of the persecutor. If this element is lacking, there would be no true martyrdom according to the perennial theological and juridical doctrine of the Church. The concept of “martyrdom” as applied to the Saints and Blessed martyrs should be understood, in conformity with Benedict XIV’s teaching, as “... The voluntary enduring or tolerating of death on account of the Faith. This is the constant teaching of the Church.” For full article by Jimmy Akin, go to: www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/martyrdom-is-more-than-being-killed-for-your-faith



***SOBRE LA FECUNDACIÓN IN VITRO
Y EL MARTIRIO***

~DEL PASTOR~

Vemos en nuestra primera lectura que una mujer influyente siempre trataba muy amablemente al profeta Eliseo cuando pasaba por su aldea, dándole comida y un lugar donde dormir. Buscando la manera de retribuirle, descubrió que ella y su marido no tenían un hijo y que la oportunidad para que esto sucediera se estaba haciendo cada vez más pequeña, ya que ella estaba envejeciendo. Pues bien, para Dios nada es imposible, y Eliseo le prometió que concebiría y daría a luz un hijo en el plazo de un año. Imagínate su sorpresa y alegría ante tal anuncio. Ahora bien, no sabemos si esta mujer y su marido tuvieron otros hijos (hijas) o si no tuvieron ningún hijo, pero esto me lleva a querer hablar del problema de la infertilidad y de los medios que muchas parejas utilizan para resolver aparentemente este problema. Debemos recordar que el fin no justifica los medios, por lo que si en la búsqueda de tener un hijo una pareja recurre a un medio inmoral, esto nunca es la respuesta. Uno de esos métodos a los que se recurre a menudo son los tratamientos de FIV. Leeremos sobre este tema y por qué no se puede recurrir a él. Otro tema interesante de nuestra lectura proviene de la lectura del Evangelio en la que nuestro Señor dice: "...el que pierda su vida por mí, la encontrará". "Esto nos lleva al tema del martirio y lo que es y lo que no es. Creo que ambos artículos le resultarán muy interesantes e informativos.

TRATAMIENTOS DE INFERTILIDAD

~FECUNDACIÓN IN VITRO~

La FIV, o fecundación in vitro, se inventó en los años 70 y se denomina "tecnología de reproducción asistida". Este procedimiento consiste en la obtención de espermatozoides humanos masculinos y óvulos femeninos que se fusionan artificialmente en un laboratorio para crear embriones humanos vivos. A continuación se implantan varios de estos embriones humanos en el útero de una mujer (a veces una madre de alquiler), lo que suele dar lugar a un embarazo de gemelos, trillizos o incluso cuatrillizos. Esto se hace para maximizar las posibilidades de que al menos uno de los niños se implante correctamente y empiece a crecer sano para poder llegar a término. El resto de los hermanos de ese niño suelen ser "reducidos selectivamente" mediante el aborto.

~CONTRARIA A LA UNIDAD DEL MATRIMONIO~
La Iglesia Católica condena oficialmente y explícitamente la FIV como una práctica inherentemente "contraria a la unidad del matrimonio... y al derecho del niño a ser concebido y traído al mundo en el matrimonio y desde el matrimonio" (*Donum Vitae* 36), y es siempre moralmente inadmisibles. En otras palabras, la fecundación in vitro desplaza la creación de niños de su lugar correcto como acto de amor y cooperación entre una pareja casada y Dios, sustituyendo el acto conyugal y el don de la vida de Dios por un procedimiento artificial y clínico. Además, los niños tienen derecho a ser creados mediante el acto de amor de sus propios padres, a crecer en el vientre de su madre y a ser criados por sus padres biológicos. La FIV subvierte el curso natural de la procreación por el que los niños tienen derecho a ser traídos a la vida. Esto nos lleva a varios "efectos secundarios" problemáticos de la FIV. En primer lugar, la recogida de espermatozoides suele realizarse mediante la masturbación, que según la Iglesia es un acto gravemente inmoral, incluso para obtener algo "bueno", en este caso la creación de un hijo (el fin no justifica los medios). En segundo lugar, como ya se ha mencionado, los embriones humanos "sobrantes" que no son elegidos para su implantación en el útero son condenados a ser congelados indefinidamente, donados para la investigación y experimentación inhumanas, o asesinados. En tercer lugar, los embriones "sobrantes" implantados que no son elegidos para ser "conservados" y llevados a término son abortados, lo que equivale a un homicidio y es gravemente erróneo (tanto desde el punto de vista laico como católico). Tanto en el segundo como en el tercer caso, también hay mucho margen para la discriminación injusta, como elegir sólo los embriones genéticamente más "aptos" para sobrevivir (una mentalidad eugénica) o decidir qué hermanos abortar basándose en características arbitrarias como sus condiciones de salud, sexo, etc. (fomentando la parcialidad). Además, la FIV viola la dignidad de la persona humana al tratar a los niños como objetos comercializables que se producen, compran, venden e incluso destruyen a demanda. Yendo más allá, debemos examinar otras ramificaciones potenciales de la FIV en la sociedad. A medida que los avances tecnológicos nos permitan discernir más y más información de las pruebas genéticas, crecerá cada vez más la tentación de elegir entre los bebés creados artificialmente que prefiramos,

o incluso "diseñarlos a medida", como si eligiéramos el producto que más nos gusta de el aparador. Esto no sólo es increíblemente deshumanizador, sino que sienta peligrosos precedentes sobre cómo se nos permitirá tratar a los seres humanos en el futuro.

~UN DESEO DIGNO Y NATURAL~

"Dicho todo esto, la Iglesia católica comprende la lucha genuina de las parejas que son infértiles y anhelan profundamente tener hijos, lo cual es un deseo digno y naturalmente bueno. Debemos ser compasivos con las personas que soportan la gran carga de la infertilidad y caminar con ellos a través de su dolor y sus luchas. Sin embargo, eso no significa que a nadie se le deba un hijo o que todo intento de tener hijos sea moral. Por ejemplo, robar el bebé de otra persona o engañar a alguien para que se quede embarazada no son medios permisibles para alcanzar el deseo y el buen fin de tener un hijo o ser padre. Puede ser esperanzador explicar que existen métodos alternativos de procreación asistida que son moralmente lícitos. Por ejemplo, los procedimientos que ayudan al acto conyugal pero no lo sustituyen (como la tecnología NaPro), así como las estrategias para mejorar la fertilidad natural o el momento de la concepción (como la planificación familiar natural), son permisibles. Del mismo modo, que nuestra fe católica se oponga al método FIV para concebir no significa que denuncie a las personas que fueron concebidas mediante esa circunstancia. Del mismo modo que podemos condenar la violación y la fornicación y, al mismo tiempo, amar a las personas que han sido creadas mediante esos actos reprobables, también podemos condenar la FIV y, al mismo tiempo, abrazar como hijos de Dios a todos los seres humanos que han sido traídos a este mundo gracias a ella. Conclusión clave: Debemos suplicar -más aún, exigir- que quienes están al frente de la investigación científica frenen en su empeño siempre progresista de cuestionarse si el hecho de que podamos hacer algo significa que debemos hacerlo. En el caso de la FIV, nuestra Iglesia declara un NO definitivo".

¿QUÉ ES EL MARTIRIO?

~DEFINICIÓN~

"La Iglesia tiene una enseñanza específica y constante sobre el martirio y lo que se requiere para ello. Puede ser común hablar de cualquier persona asesinada en la Fe como un mártir, pero ésta no es la interpretación de la Iglesia. Incluso la Congregación para las Causas de los Santos, durante la ola de canonizaciones sin precedentes históricos que se produjo en el pontificado de Juan Pablo II, se relajó un poco en la aplicación del término mártir, y en 2006, Benedicto XVI escribió una carta apostólica a la Congregación para las Causas de los Santos en la que volvía a insistir en la comprensión tradicional de la Iglesia de lo que tiene que suceder para

que una persona sea contada como mártir. Escribía: Los mártires del pasado y los de nuestro tiempo dieron y dan la vida (effusio sanguinis [lit., "derramamiento de sangre"]) libre y conscientemente en un acto supremo de amor, dando testimonio de su fidelidad a Cristo, al Evangelio a la Iglesia. Si el motivo que les impulsa al martirio permanece inalterado, que Cristo es su modelo, que ha cambiado los contextos culturales del martirio ["por parte del perseguidor"] que cada vez más raramente muestran explícitamente su aversión a la fe cristiana o a una forma de conducta relacionada con las virtudes cristianas, sino que simulan motivos diferentes, por ejemplo, de carácter político o social. Por supuesto, es necesario encontrar pruebas irrefutables de la disposición al martirio, como el derramamiento de sangre y su aceptación por parte de la víctima. Es igualmente necesario, directa o indirectamente pero siempre de manera moralmente cierta, constatar el ["odio a la fe"] del perseguidor. Si falta este elemento, no habría verdadero martirio según la doctrina teológica y jurídica de la Iglesia. El concepto de "martirio" aplicado a los Santos y Beatos mártires debe entenderse, conforme a enseñanza de Benedicto XIV, como "... El soportar o tolerar voluntariamente la muerte por causa de Fe. Esta es enseñanza constante de la Iglesia".

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