

"Contraception: Why Not?" by Janet E. Smith

STUDY GUIDE

I. HISTORICAL CONTEXT

1. *List reasons from the video why contraception was not frequently practiced prior to the 1960s.*
2. *How was the issue of contraception viewed by Christian Churches prior to the 1960s? By the Roman Catholic Church?*
3. *What event revolutionized contraception in the early 1960's?*
4. *Why did society predict that the use of contraception would be beneficial?*

II. THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE

1. *What document issued by the Roman Catholic hierarchy has established our position on contraception after Vatican II? Name the author of the document and the year it was written.*
2. *Did the content of this document represent new thinking on the part of the Roman Catholic Church in relation to the use of contraception?*
3. *What did the author of this document predict would be the effects of the widespread use of contraception?*

III. SOCIETAL IMPACT

1. *What effects has the widespread use of contraception had on society?*
2. *According to Dr. Smith, specifically how has this impacted marriage?*
3. *As presented by Dr. Smith, how did Pope Paul VI arrive at his predictions regarding widespread contraception?*

IV. THE CHURCH'S POSITION

1. *Upon what principle does the Roman Catholic Church base its teaching on human sexuality?*
2. *According to Dr. Smith, what is the nature and meaning of sexual intercourse?*
3. *What are the three main objections the Roman Catholic Church makes against the use of contraceptives?*
4. *What does Dr. Smith state as the main differences between Natural Family Planning and contraception?*

V. "FORMULA FOR SUCCESS"

1. *State the components of Dr. Smith's "Formula For Success in Marriage."*