

Priests – why don't you ever give homilies on sex?

By Clare Short

Dear Priests,

I love you. You know I love you dearly. I pray and fast for you every single day. But why don't you ever give homilies on sex?

It's a good question!

I am 34 years old and I have never, ever, not once, heard a priest talk about sex – either in or out of the pulpit. My mum is in her 70's and she cannot recall ever hearing sex mentioned in church AT ALL throughout her entire life.

I have been thinking about why this could be:

1. This is Britain, and we don't talk about that sort of thing.
2. Priests are celibate and don't feel confident talking about sex.
3. There could be children in the congregation.
4. It's embarrassing.
5. Telling people that artificial contraception is bad would be a very unpopular homily.

It's a shame because it is becoming more and more obvious that the Catholic teaching on sex is one of THE biggest tools of evangelization in the modern age. The Catholic teaching on chastity, sex and marriage is completely and utterly counter-cultural. It teaches life in our 'culture of death'. It is so radical that even you, the Priests don't want to talk about it. (BTW, please don't use ridiculous terms like 'nuptial union' and 'conjugal act'!!! Instead use terms such as 'make love' and 'have sex', or if there are lots of children present say 'be together' or 'be intimate'.)

From my own limited observations, I am confident to say that most people inside and outside of the church have absolutely no idea what the Catholic teaching on sex actually is. The vast majority have never read, or even heard of [Humanae Vitae](#) or [Theology of the Body](#). They don't know about [NFP](#), [Billings](#), [Creighton](#) or [Napro technology](#) which offers a [natural alternative to IVF](#). They have no clue as to the damage artificial contraception is having on their [bodies](#), their [relationships](#) or their souls. Because of this (and I use this word respectfully)... ignorance, they cannot understand why the church opposes gay marriage.

There is call now from liberal Catholics and dissident groups such as 'A Call To Action' to publish the results from the [recent Vatican survey](#). They are of course hoping to highlight the fact that most Catholics ignore the church teaching on artificial contraception – and then get the teaching on sex officially 'modernised'.

It is time for you, Priests, to start teaching your congregations what sex and marriage IS not just what it isn't. Because if you don't speak about it, who will? I'll tell you... the extremely vocal gay lobby. The sex saturated media. The secularist lefty politicians. The money-making contraception and abortion industry (yes, it is an industry, with sales targets and bonuses and advertising campaigns.)

Please, Priests, do us a favour... learn *Theology of the Body* and *Humanae Vitae* like your life depends on it. Give it to us, your congregations in bite sized chunks

each week. Trust me, the second you mention the word sex, you will have every eye and ear in the whole place focused on you. No one will be reading the newsletter or checking their Facebook status through that



homily!

Visit 1flesh.org and catholicmarriagecentre.org.uk and the [Couple to Couple League](#) for tons of info. Explain the awful truth about the history of artificial contraception and its links to eugenics from people like [Marie Stopes](#) and [Margaret Sanger](#). Find out who your local NFP teacher is and invite them to your parish. Start the conversation within your own parish *and keep it going*. Because if you don't preach the beauty of Gods design on sex and marriage, no one will. Please don't leave us to fight this battle on our own...

Humanae Vitae full version:http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/paul_vi/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_25071968_humanae-vitae_en.html

Theology of the Body full version -

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