

Select Bibliography on Woman and Man

compiled by Germaine Fry Murray

The works listed below contain valuable psychological, anthropological, theological, and philosophical insight into the nature, ethos and vocation of woman and man. Each work contradicts feminist tenets; instead each contributes an authentic articulation of the role of woman in modern society and in the Church.

The list is hardly comprehensive, but suggests important works which should have been consulted by the pastoral committee. Only one of these works, *Women in the Priesthood?* by Fr. Manfred Hauke, was among the bibliographical references in the text of the draft.

Only eight of the pastoral's sixty-four citations (excluding papal documents) supported Church teachings. [See appendix II.] Of these eight, only four were references to works of Catholic authors. One Orthodox and three Protestant authors were referenced in support of Catholic teaching (three on ordination to the priesthood, one on "inclusive" language). There is no indication that the pastoral committee utilized the work of important orthodox Catholic theologians such as Dr. Joyce Little of the University of St. Thomas in Houston or Donald Keefe, SJ of Marquette University.

Of the remaining fifty-six works, twenty were from secular sources (including feminist works and neutral statistical reports), and at least twenty-four were from authors known to be Catholic feminists and/or dissenters.

Notable omissions from the following list are Pope John Paul II's recent Apostolic letters, his trilogy developing the "theology of the body," several important classic writings on theology and spirituality by or about women, and secular and non-Catholic works of anthropology, psychology and theology relevant to the draft pastoral.

Encyclicals and Papal writings

Leo XIII. *Aracatum: On Christian Marriage*, in *The Papal Encyclicals*, ed. Claudia Carlen, 5 vols., McGrath Publishing Co., 1981, 2, pp. 29-40.

Pius X. *Ad Diem illum Laetissimum: On the Immaculate Conception*, in *The Papal Encyclicals*, ed. Claudia Carlen, 5 vols, McGrath Publishing Co., 1981, 3, pp. 11-18.

Pius XI. *Casti Connubi: On Christian Marriage*, 3, pp. 391-414.

Pius XII. *Sacra Virginitas: On Sacred Virginity*, 4, pp. 237-248. *Ad Caeli Regenam: Proclaiming the Queenship of Mary*, 4, pp. 223-236.

John Paul II. **Original Unity of Man and Woman**, Daughters of St. Paul, Boston, 1986.

John Paul II. **Love and Responsibility**, tr. H.T. Willets, 1981.

A compendium of his work on the phenomenology of the sexual urge and conjugal love. This work is primary because of its profound discussion concerning the insidious nature of artificial birth control and the resulting reification of the female in relationships where artificial contraception is practised.

Books

Arnold, Francis Xavier. **Man and Woman: Their Nature and Mission**. New York, 1963.

A seminal work on Christian anthropology and phenomenology. Father Arnold takes for his foundation Pius XI's encyclical, Casti Connubi, which emphasizes that both the laywoman and the layman are fully included in the universal priesthood of the New Covenant.

Bouyer, Louis. **Woman in the Church.** tr. Marilyn Teichert, San Francisco, 1979.

Father Bouyer celebrates the respective ethos of both the male and the female with regard to their respective missions and ministries. He concretely describes the characteristics of the male mission as compared to the female mission in the economy of salvation.

The Church and Women: A Compendium. ed.

Helmut Moll. Ignatius, San Francisco, 1988
A collection of scholarly articles on feminism by European theologians, including Cardinals Joseph Ratzinger and Hans Urs von Balthasar, Barbara Albrecht, Jutta Burggraf and Fr. Manfred Hauke.

Danielou, Jean. **The Ministry of Women in the Early Church.** London, 1961.

Feuillet, Andre. **Jesus and His Mother: The Role of the Virgin Mary in Salvation History and the Place of Woman in the Church.** tr. Leonard Maluf, St. River, Mass: St. Bede's Publications, 1984.

The book's third section refutes the egalitarian argument for a female priesthood and diaconate. According to Feuillet "what we are dealing with is rather symbolism tied in with the history of salvation." This symbolism is "...rooted in what man and woman are in themselves by the very intention of the Creator. Women who reproach the Church with barring them access to the priesthood might just as legitimately reproach the Creator for having made them women." (217).

Guitton, Jean. **Feminine Fulfillment.** Chicago: Franciscan Herald Press, 1965.

Short essays on the spiritual natures and gifts of women and men. Especially incisive are Guitton's remarks about the modern woman and her special mission.

Guitton, Jean. **Human Love.** Chicago: Franciscan Herald Press, 1966.

Guitton's discussion of how women are at the very center of Christ's revolutionizing of the "languages of love."

Hauke, Manfred. **Women in the Priesthood?** San Francisco: Ignatius, 1989

A comprehensive theological analysis of ordination which takes into account feminist arguments and emphasizes the biblical foundations of Catholic teaching.

Jeanniere, Abel. **The Anthropology of Sex.** New York, 1967.

An anthropological study of sexuality which indicts the Marxist objectification of sexual differentiation. Jeanniere believes spiritual freedom and creativity are "numbed and mutilated" in the Marxist (and De Beauvoirian, hence feminist) perspective because it denies that "To be fully oneself is to know that one is for the other."

Le Fort, Gertrude von. **The Eternal Woman: The Woman in Time: Timeless Woman,** tr. Placid Jordan, Milwaukee, 1968.

First published in 1934, this book continues to be a classic discussion of the significance of woman "under her symbolic aspect." LeFort believes that woman has a special affiliation with the religious sphere.

de Lubac, S.J., Henri. **The Motherhood of the Church.** San Francisco, 1982.

Martimort, Aimé George. **Deaconesses.** San Francisco: Ignatius, 1986.

The definitive historical study of the subject. The French theologian's exhaustive research reveals the ambiguity with which the ancient institution of deaconesses was encumbered, and suggests that if the "archeological" restoration of the institution were attempted today it could "obscure the fact that the call to serve the Church is urgently addressed today to all women, especially in the area of the transmission of Faith and works of charity."

Mosshamer, Ottilie. **The Priest and Womanhood.** tr. Robert J. Voigt, 1964.

Originally published in Germany in 1959, Mosshamer's primary concern is the necessary role of the priest in the formation of the Catholic woman and how modern secularist influences accentuate the necessity for this formation.

Natural Family Planning: Nature's Way, God's Way. Forward by Terence Cardinal Cook, Milwaukee, 1980.

An excellent international collection of articles on the Church's teaching concerning artificial birth control and Natural Family Planning. The second section of the book is devoted to scientific research on the physiology of reproduction and NFP; the last part traces the Church's Magisterial teaching on natural birth regulation. The

appendix contains Ecclesiastical documents which discuss the Magisterium's teaching on human sexuality.

Ong S.J., Walter. **Fighting for Life: Context, Sexuality, and Consciousness**, 1981.

A scholarly and yet contemplative discussion of human sexuality in all its spiritual and psychological implications. Its uniqueness lies in its description and explanation of male anthropology. Father Ong draws extensively from the work of sociobiologists to emphasize the continuum between the biological and the spiritual.

Quay, S.J., Paul. **Human Sexuality**, San Francisco, 1988.

A concise and readable work on the Church's moral teachings on the nature and meaning of human sexuality. Father Quay's book would be valuable in developing educational programs for youth.

Ratzinger, Joseph, Cardinal. **The Ratzinger Report**. San Francisco: Ignatius. 1986

A candid and enlightening discussion of contemporary problems in the Church, including "liberation theology," the role of women in the Church, and other topics of current concern by the head of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Speyr, Adrienne von. **Handmaid of the Lord**, San Francisco, 1984.

Speyr, Adrienne von. **Three Women and the Lord**, tr. Graham Gregory, Ignatius Press, 1986.

Two spiritual works concerning women by a well-known twentieth-century mystic.

Stein, Edith. **Essays on Woman**. Washington D.C., 1987.

Stein's work on the proper formation of woman serves as a complement to John Paul II's Apostolic Letter, Mulieris Dignitatem. Both works proceed from the same philosophical tradition and both use a similar phenomenological approach.

Von Hildebrand, Dietrich. **Man and Woman**. Chicago, 1966.

The late German theologian approaches sex and the sexes personalistically and phenomenologically, maintaining that our sexuality goes to the very depth of our bodily existence. He observes that the trivialization of sex in our time threatens the dignity of women. Von Hildebrand's discussion of what is now called 'complementarity' is especially insightful.

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