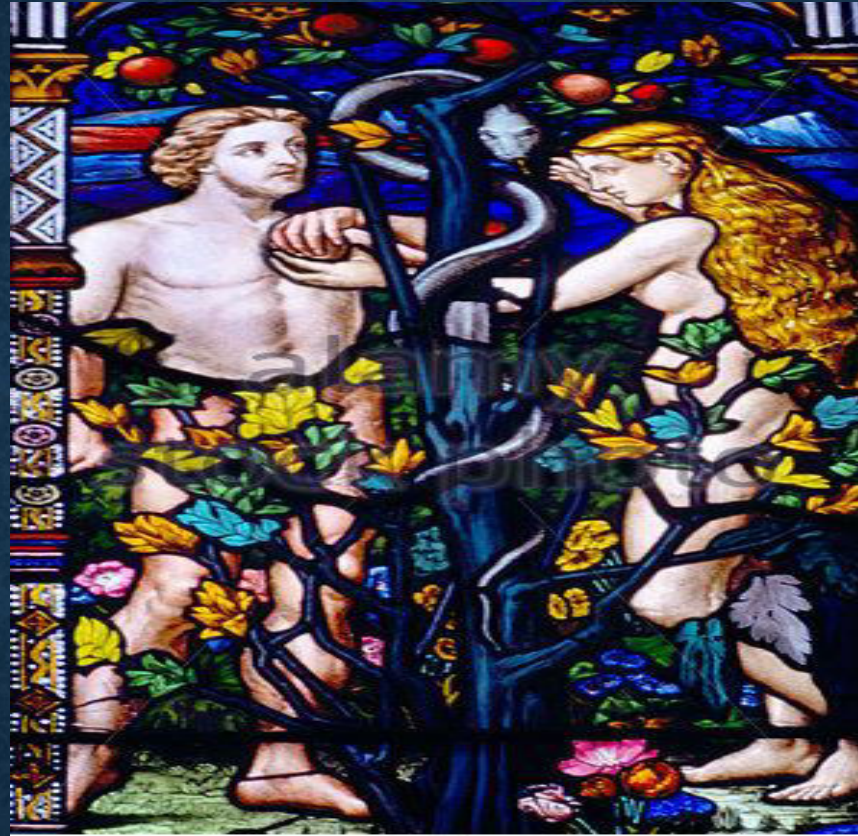


GENDER AND PHILOSOPHY



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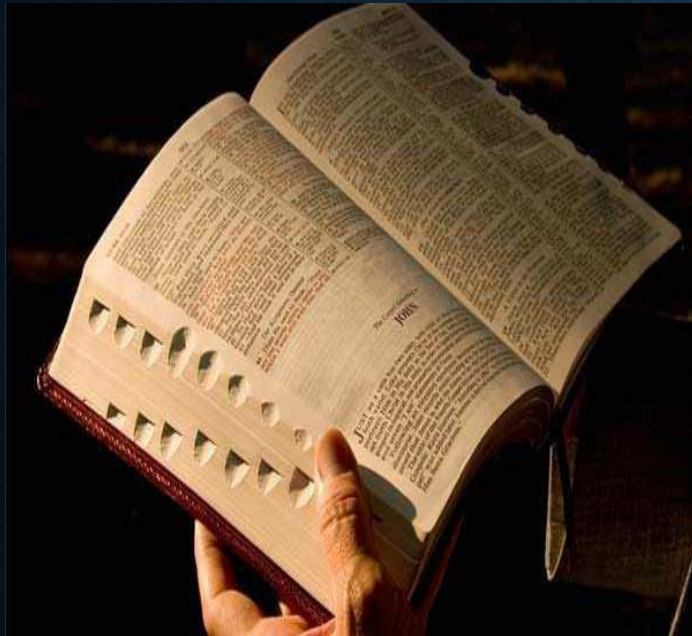
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- It is fitting that we **UNDERSTAND** and **BELIEVE** what the Church is teaching us.
- The Church's teaching on gender is primarily a **gift** to us and a **responsibility** by virtue of our baptism.

- While other acts of philosophizing concern solely to reason, Christian Philosophy subscribes to **FAITH AND REASON.**

**FAITH AND REASON MUST GO HAND IN
HAND IN PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY.**

CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY CAN BE SEEN IN THE DEPOSITS OF FAITH



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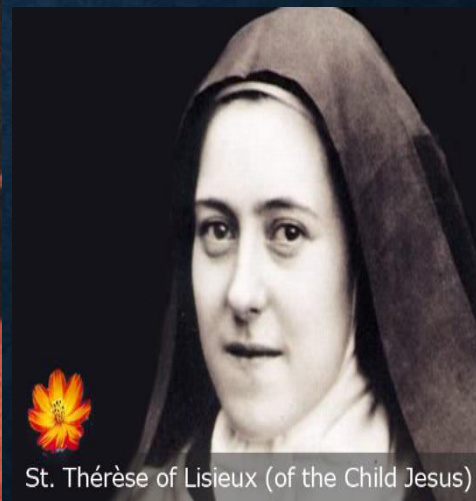


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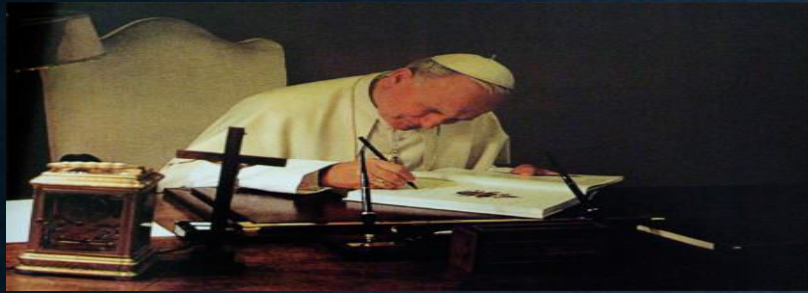
**MAGISTERIUM OF THE
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THE TEACHINGS OF THE POPE AND THE DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

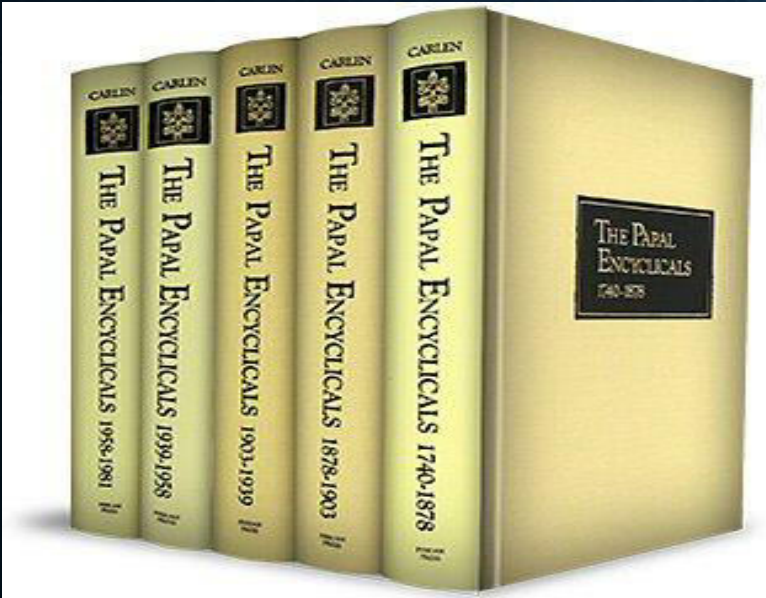


St. Thérèse of Lisieux (of the Child Jesus)





- Catholic Social Teaching is the tradition of **PAPAL REFLECTION** about how we live this vocation for the common good in our world.



Catholic Social Teaching

ISSUES

PRINCIPLES

CHURCH DOCUMENTS

ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE

Capital, Punishment, Health Care, Immigration, Political Responsibility, Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers, Just Wages, Racism, War, Cloning, Abortion, Option for the Poor, Aging Issues, Euthanasia, Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Care of God's Creation, Rural Life, Violence, Solidarity, Global Warming, Call to Family, Community & Participation, Education, ... more!

Economic Justice for All, Pacem et Terris, Mater et Magistra, Laborem Exercens, Rerum Novarum, Evangelicum Vitae, Political Responsibility, The Challenge of Peace, Centesimus Annus, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Genesis, Deuteronomy, Sirach, Leviticus, Matthew, Paul, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Mark, Psalms, Luke, John

CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY: GENDER EQUALITY IN THE CHURCH

APOSTOLIC LETTER
MULIERIS DIGNITATEM
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JOHN PAUL II
ON THE
DIGNITY AND VOCATION
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John Paul II



Mulieris
Dignitatem

ON THE DIGNITY AND VOCATION OF WOMEN

MULIERIS DIGNITATEM: ON THE DIGNITY AND VOCATION OF WOMEN

- Pope John Paul II begins with a reflection on the Annunciation: a woman was asked to be the means through which God would send His Son to redeem the world – but not just a means, but as a mother (THEOTOKOS)
- Mary represented humanity and served as a model because of her “Yes” to God.

MULIERIS DIGNITATEM: ON THE DIGNITY AND VOCATION OF WOMEN

- It is said that woman is made for man but Pope John Paul II asserted that man is also made for woman.
- Woman is called to be the companion of man and man is also called to be the companion of woman.
- Masculinity is no more important than femininity.

MULIERIS DIGNITATEM: ON THE DIGNITY AND VOCATION OF WOMEN

- Again and again Pope John Paul II repeats that men and women are equal in dignity.
- Both are made in the IMAGE and LIKENESS of God.

MULIERIS DIGNITATEM: ON THE DIGNITY AND VOCATION OF WOMEN

- Pope John Paul II offers our Lord Jesus Christ as a model for how men should treat women.
- The Gospels are full of stories of women, all of whom Christ treated with kindness and respect.

ARE MEN AND WOMEN EQUAL?

YES

**POPE JOHN PAUL II GAVE A DISTINCTION
BETWEEN EQUALITY AND SAMENESS**

ARE MEN AND WOMEN EQUAL?

YES

ARE MEN AND WOMEN THE SAME?

NO

**MEN AND WOMEN ARE EQUAL BUT NOT
THE SAME.**

***“IT IS A QUESTION OF UNDERSTANDING
THE REASON FOR AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF
THE CREATOR'S DECISION
THAT THE HUMAN BEING SHOULD ALWAYS AND
ONLY EXIST
AS A WOMAN OR A MAN.”***

**-MULIERIS DIGNITATEM
POPE JOHN PAUL II**