

In The Beginning GOD made mankind male and female.  
And the two, husband and wife in Holy Matrimony, become as one



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"Male and Female He Created Them" \*

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"Man is called to fatherhood by his very creation. He is prepared by GOD in body and soul to carry out his vocation. Yet, the fulfillment of his calling is essentially in the spiritual order. The life he is called to give is the life of the mind and will, the happiness he is called to communicate is human and Divine.

His natural endowments are to be raised and perfected by Grace to the supernatural order, to the order of Virtue. By the perfection of these Virtues does he exercise his spiritual fatherhood, sanctify himself and those Whom GOD has given to his care.

As man is called to spiritual fatherhood by GOD, so is woman to a spiritual motherhood. To fulfill her GOD-appointed destiny, woman has been endowed with natural capacities, peculiarly hers, in turn elevated and perfected by Grace in the supernatural order.

A woman as woman has the capacity to draw out the best in those over whom she has influence. Her motherhood is chiefly expressed in drawing out the perfection of The Image of GOD in those GOD gives her as spiritual children.

Thus does she feed with the bread of supernatural life, arouse and quench the thirst for the waters of Divine Wisdom. So does she make her children strong and herself become strong in the making.

So does she open the eyes and heart of the joy of loving and possessing GOD. So does she give her loved ones the everlasting name of Saint. And her children rise up and call her blessed.

A woman as woman has an ability to perceive evil as that evil threatens those she loves. By Grace does she know sin in its ugliness, in its blasphemy of GOD, in its destruction of the soul. A woman as woman bears with pain, with suffering, with sorrow over the days and hours of the years.

So is she patient and the source of patience; and no man is too strong or too old, but that in her he finds consolation. A woman as woman can love, pour out herself in love, give in the face of rejection, give totally and without reserve.

With GOD, her love is creative good, with CHRIST it is redemptive from evil, with The HOLY SPIRIT it makes holy and gives constant expression of the dependence of the human race upon GOD's Goodness.

A Love to which no creature can adequately respond, it provides the human race with a constant link to Heaven, reaching out to Divinity for satisfaction. A merciful Love, it ever tempers justice. A persevering Love, it mirrors The changeless Love of GOD for man. A joyous Love, it brings to earth a foretaste of the happiness of Heaven." \*

GENESIS 2:21-24

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2TLJINftW0&list=RDd\\_Ahm3jDvdQ&index=44](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2TLJINftW0&list=RDd_Ahm3jDvdQ&index=44)

21 And The LORD GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which The LORD GOD had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

MARK 10:2-9

2 And the Pharisees came to Him, and asked Him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting Him.

3 And He answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

5 And JESUS answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

6 But from the beginning of the creation GOD made them male and female.

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

9 What therefore GOD hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

\*["Male and Female He Created Them." Fr. Elwood Ferrer Smith, OP. The Magnificat, 10/03/2021. Meditation of the Day, p 65-66.]