July 25, 2018 will mark the 50th anniversary of the papal encyclical, *Humanae vitae*. I am writing to provide you with information about an historic academic symposium that will explore the theology and implications of the Church’s teaching articulated in *Humanae vitae*.

The symposium will take place on **April 4-6, 2018**, at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. The co-sponsors of this historic event are:

- The Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- The School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America
- The Pontifical Institute of John Paul II for Studies on Marriage and The Family, at The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
- The Pontifical Faculty of The Immaculate Conception at The Dominican House of Studies (Washington, DC)
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The purpose of the symposium is to explore Catholic teaching on human sexuality, marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood as articulated in *Humanae vitae*. The symposium is anchored in the view that, in and through Christ’s work of redemption, God’s original vision of the person, human sexuality, and marriage grounds human relationships, offering light and healing in Christ. Symposium papers will seek to elucidate the anthropological, philosophical, and theological underpinnings of the encyclical’s reaffirmation of the divine plan as expressed in Catholic teaching and advanced by Saint John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis.

To view the agenda, please see the addendum that follows this letter or visit the CUA website at [http://cuatoday.com/hv2018](http://cuatoday.com/hv2018). It is anticipated that the sessions will be livestreamed and that the symposium papers will be published. We are, however, hoping that you and/or your colleagues will be able to attend. Please do share this information with your colleagues and others who may be interested.
Registration will open on **September 5, 2017**, via the CUA website (as listed above).

If you have any questions about the symposium, please contact Theresa Notare, PhD, Assistant Director, Natural Family Planning Program, USCCB (tnotare@usccb.org; 202-541-3240) or write nfp@usccb.org.

On behalf of the co-sponsors, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia
Chairman, Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Embracing God’s Vision for Marriage, Love, and Life  
*Humanae vitae (1968-2018)*  
*A Fiftieth Year Anniversary Symposium*

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**Agenda**

*NB: Session titles may be adjusted but not substantively changed.*

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**April 4, 2018 - Wednesday**

5:00PM-9:00PM  Registration (*Pryzbyla Center, Atrium in front of Great Room A*)

**Opening Events**
*(All sessions and meals will be in the Pryzbyla Center, Great Rooms A, B, and C)*

7:00PM  **Opening Prayer**

**Welcome:** John Garvey, JD, President, The Catholic University of America

*Healing the Wounds in Human Sexuality and Marriage by Embracing God’s Vision for Love and Marriage: Humanae vitae Fifty Years Later*  
Most Rev. Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia, Chairman, Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

9:00PM  Reception
April 5, 2018 - Thursday

8:30AM  **Morning Prayer**

9:00AM  **I. “A World Afflicted”—The Historical Context**
*A panel reflecting upon: The historical context before 1968; the cultural climate and events during which Humanae vitae was promulgated; and the results of wide-spread rejection of Catholic teaching in Humanae vitae.*

Moderator: John Grabowski, PhD, Catholic University

9:00AM  *One Hundred Years of Changing Cultural Perspectives*
Glenn Olsen, PhD, University of Utah

9:45AM  *The Legacy of Dissent from Humanae vitae*
Donald Critchlow, PhD, Arizona State University

10:15AM  **BREAK**

10:30AM  **Post Humanae vitae—A World Changes**
*Cultural Changes and Personal Choices*
Mary Eberstadt

11:00AM  Humanae vitae *and the Technological Conquest of the Human Person*
Michael Hanby, PhD, The Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, at The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

11:30AM  Discussion

12:00PM  **Lunch**

1:30PM  **Afternoon Sessions**

**II. A Deeper Understanding of the Doctrinal Principles in Humanae vitae**
*A panel that explores the teachings expressed in Humanae vitae through the lens of Thomism, the personalism of John Paul II, the perspective of Dietrich von Hildebrand, and the New Natural Law.*

Moderator: Rev. Thomas Petri, OP, The Pontifical Faculty of The Immaculate Conception at The Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC

1:30PM  *A Thomist View on Marriage, Fruitfulness, and the Teaching of Humanae vitae*
J. Budziszewski, PhD, University of Texas, Austin
2:00PM *The Legacy of John Paul II, Theology of the Body, and the Teaching of Humanae vitae*  
Janet Smith, PhD, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Archdiocese of Detroit

2:30PM *Von Hildebrand, Love and Contraception*  
Maria Fedoryka, PhD, Ave Maria University

3:00PM BREAK

3:15PM *The New Natural Law Theory, Basic Goods, and Contraception*  
Patrick Lee, PhD, Franciscan University

3:45PM Discussion

4:30PM END

5:00PM **Mass**  
Main Celebrant: Most Rev. Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia, Chairman, Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
*(Shrine of the Immaculate Conception)*

6:30PM Dinner

7:30PM **III. Pastoral Directives**

**Public Authorities**


*Against Ideological Colonization: The Teaching of Humanae vitae and a Humanely Adequate Global Ethic*  
Teresa S. Collett, JD, The University of St. Thomas, School of Law

9:00PM End

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**April 6, 2018 - Friday**

8:30AM **Morning Prayer**

9:00AM **III. Pastoral Directives (cont.)**

**Ethical Science and Healthcare**  
Moderator: Theresa Notare, PhD, NFP Program, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
A Historical Review of the Catholic Scientists Who Answered the Call of Humanae vitae
Richard Fehring, PhD, RN, Institute for Natural Family Planning, Marquette University, College of Nursing

9:30AM The Current State of NFP Science
Joseph Stanford, MD, University of Utah

10:00AM NFP and Ethical Women’s Healthcare
Kathleen Raviele, MD, Medical Consultant, NFP Institute, Marquette University, School of Nursing

10:30AM Break

10:45AM Medical Schools and NFP Education
Marguerite Duane, MD, Georgetown University School of Medicine; Executive Director, Fertility Appreciation Collaborative to Teach the Science (FACTS)

11:05AM The Prophecies of Humanae vitae—A Panel
Health and Love: The Distortions Introduced into Healthcare, the Marital Relationship, and Law by the Contraceptive Mentality

1. A medical perspective: Deacon William V. Williams, MD, Catholic Medical Association, Editor, The Linacre Quarterly

11:25AM 2. A psychological perspective: Suzanne N. Hollman, PsyD, MSc, Associate Professor and Co-Director, IPS Training Clinic, the Institute for the Psychological Sciences

11:45AM 3. A legal perspective: Helen Alvare, JD, MA, George Mason School of Law

12:05PM Lunch

Afternoon sessions

1:30PM IV. Humanae Vitae—Contemporary Challenges

Moderator: Rev. Antonio Lopez, FSCB, PhD, Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family

Does Humanae Vitae Provide a Remedy to Gender Ideology?
Margaret McCarthy, STD, Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family

2:00PM Married Love, God’s Plan, and the Lived Reality
Christopher Kaczor, PhD, Loyola Marymount University
2:30PM Humanae vitae and the Cross of Infertility
Elizabeth Kirk, JD

3:00PM BREAK

3:15PM Discussion

3:30PM V. Signs of Growth and Healing
Theology: John Grabowski, PhD, The Catholic University of America
Healthcare and Science: Richard Fehring, PhD, RN, The Institute for Natural Family Planning, Marquette University College of Nursing
Pastoral Programming: Theresa Notare, PhD, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

4:00PM Discussion

4:15PM Concluding Remarks

4:30PM END

5:00PM Closing Mass
Main Celebrant, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington (Shrine of the Immaculate Conception)