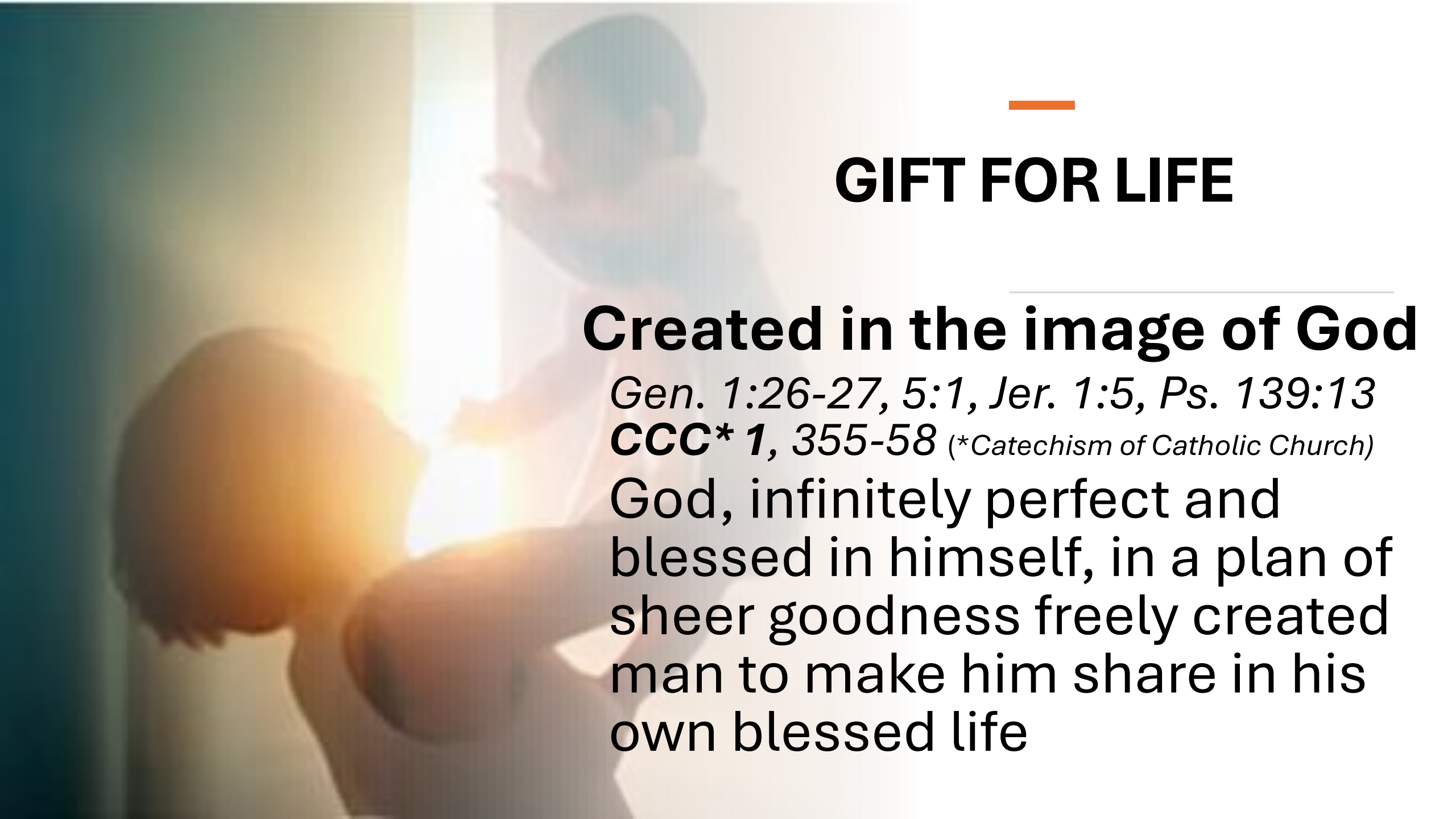




# Hope for Life

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# GIFT FOR LIFE

## Created in the image of God

*Gen. 1:26-27, 5:1, Jer. 1:5, Ps. 139:13*

**CCC\* 1, 355-58** (\**Catechism of Catholic Church*)

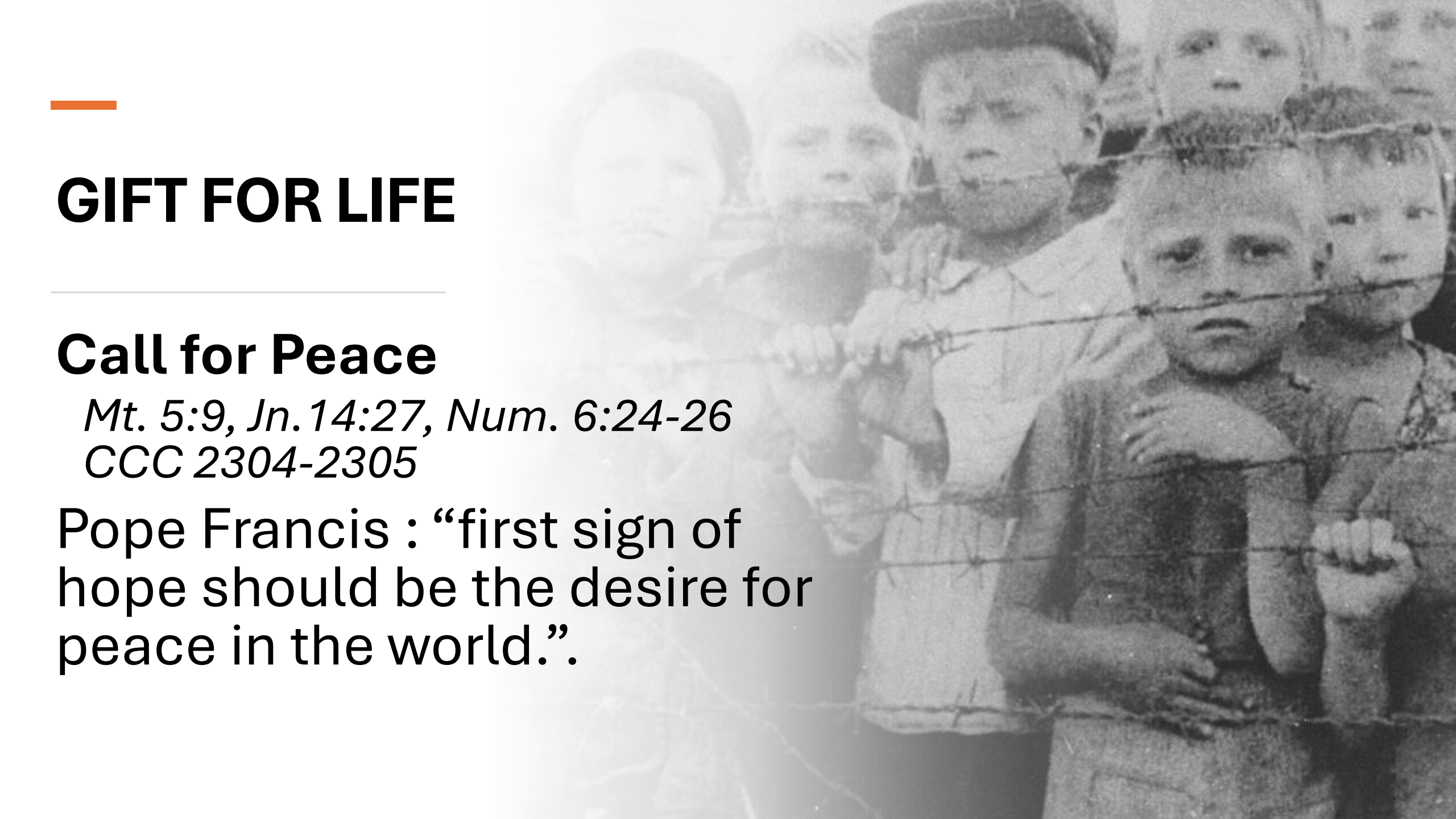
God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life

# GIFT FOR LIFE —

## Be fruitful and Multiply

*Gen. 1:28, 4:1-16, 9:1, 35:11, Lev. 26:9*  
CCC 2331

... “fill the earth and subdue it.  
Have dominion over the fish of  
the sea, the birds of the air and  
all the living things that crawl on  
the earth.”

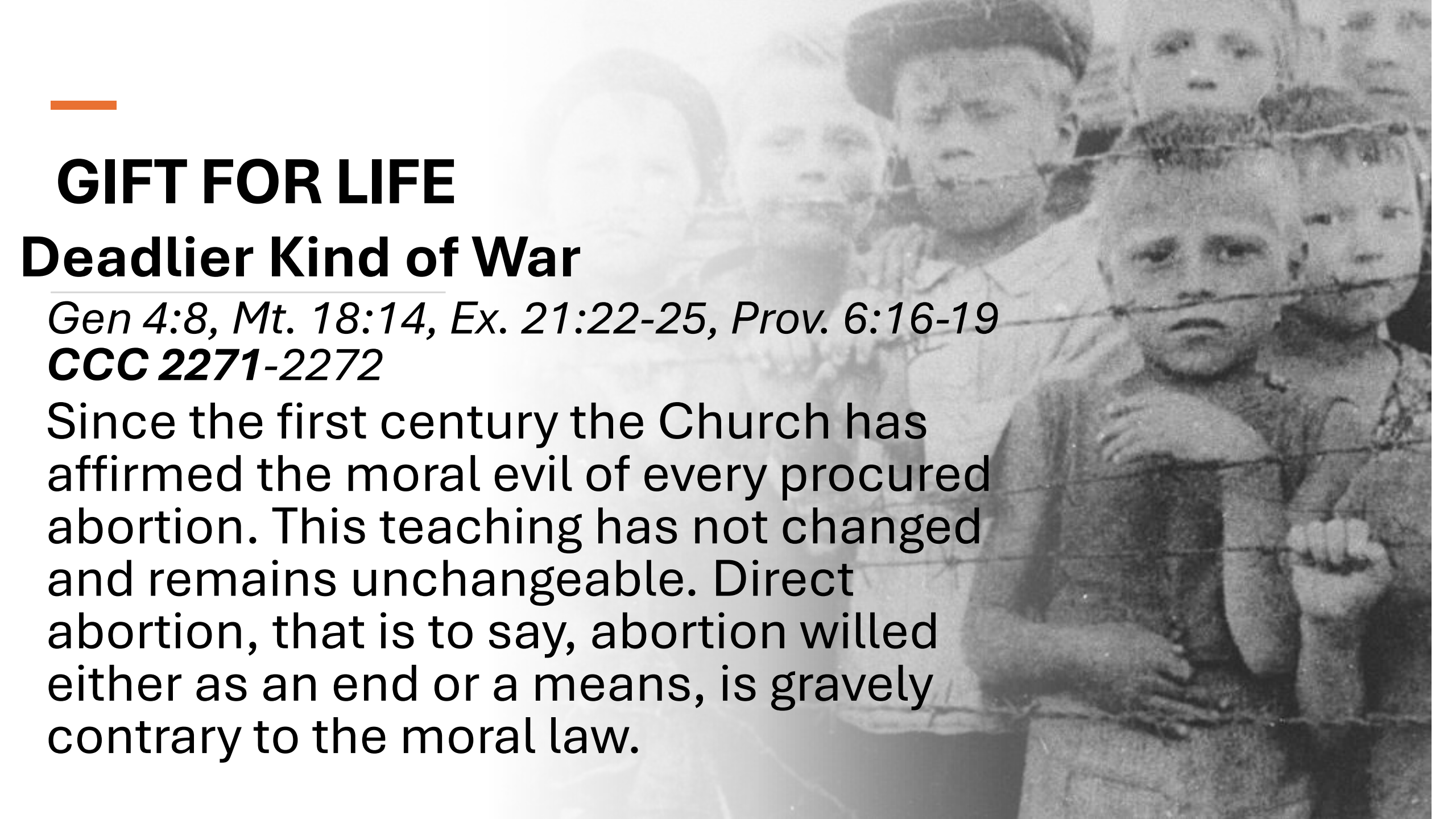


# GIFT FOR LIFE

## Call for Peace

*Mt. 5:9, Jn. 14:27, Num. 6:24-26*  
*CCC 2304-2305*

Pope Francis : “first sign of hope should be the desire for peace in the world.”.



# GIFT FOR LIFE

## Deadlier Kind of War

*Gen 4:8, Mt. 18:14, Ex. 21:22-25, Prov. 6:16-19*

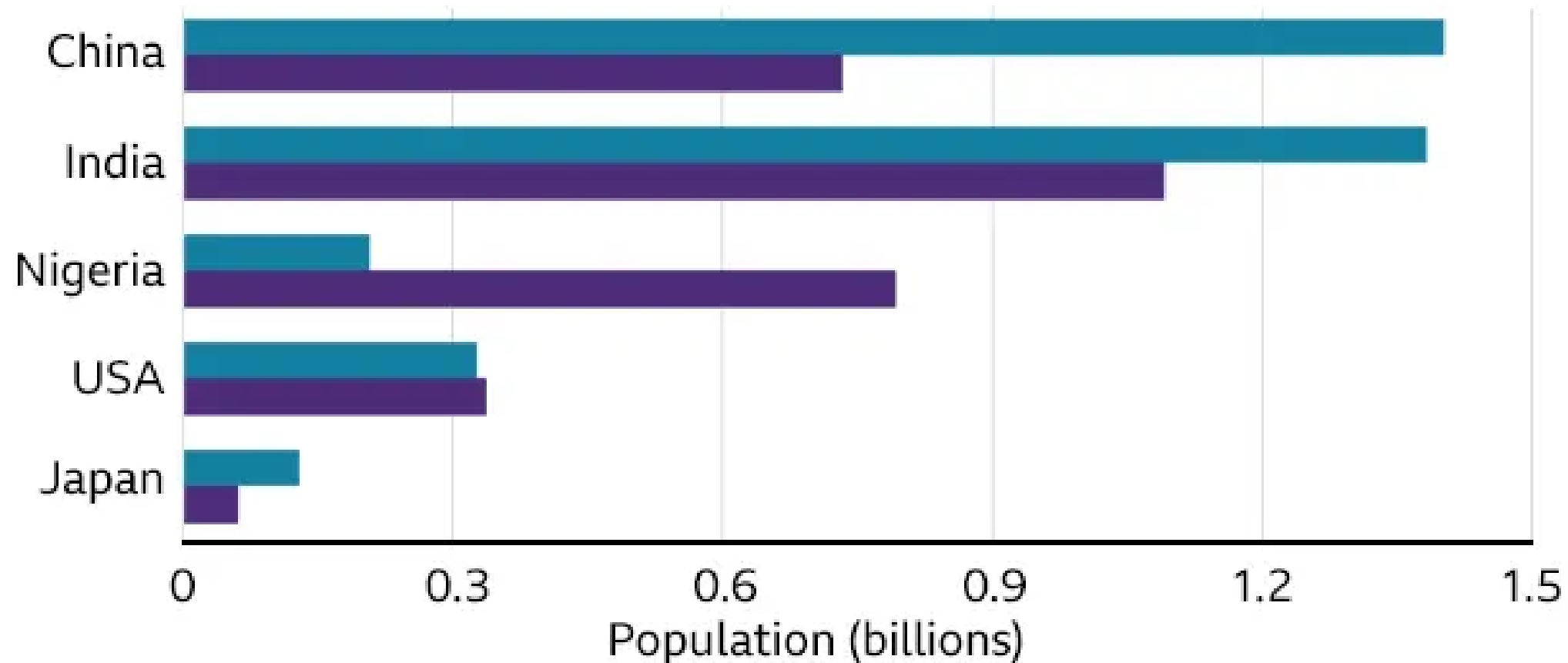
**CCC 2271-2272**

Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law.

# How populations of selected countries might change, 2017-2100

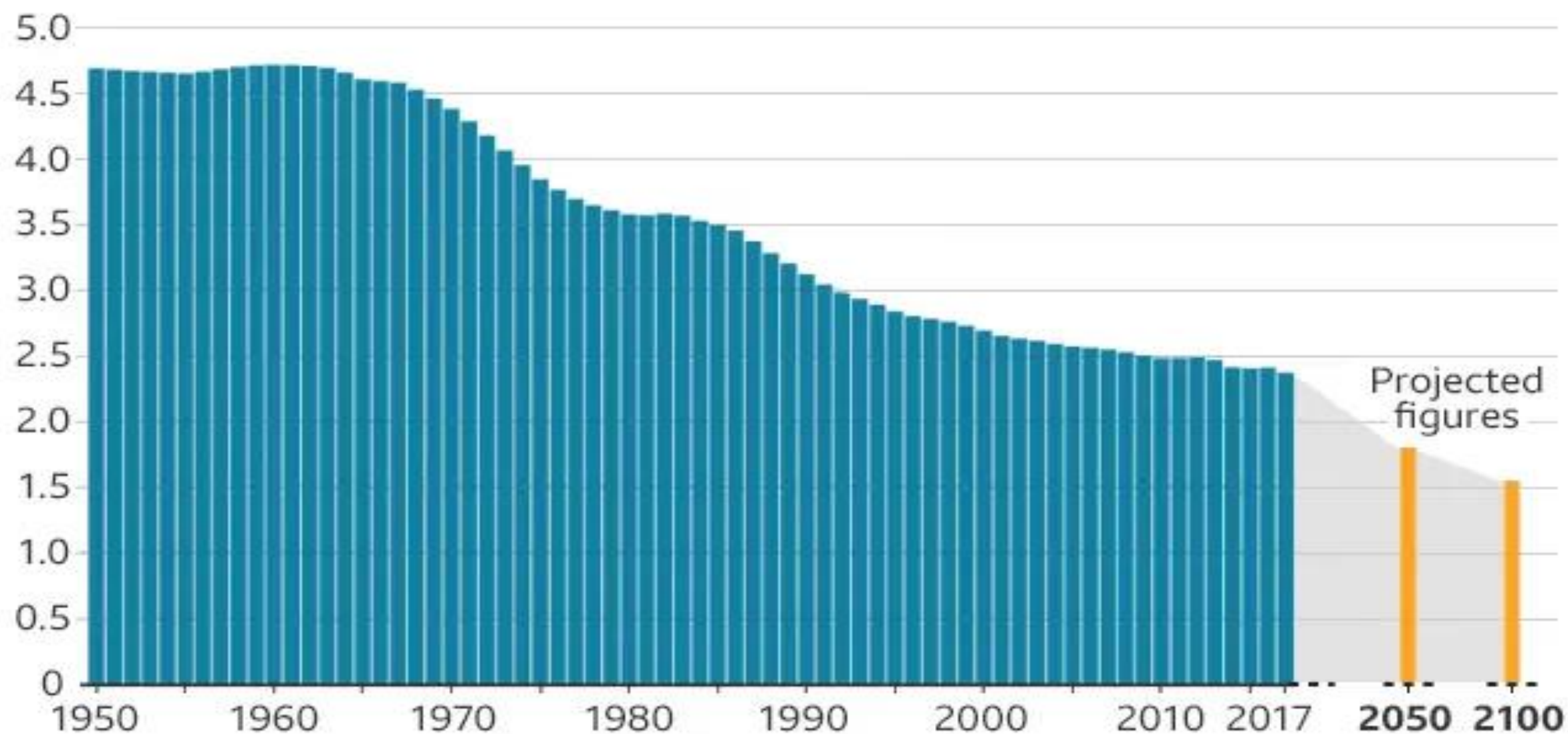
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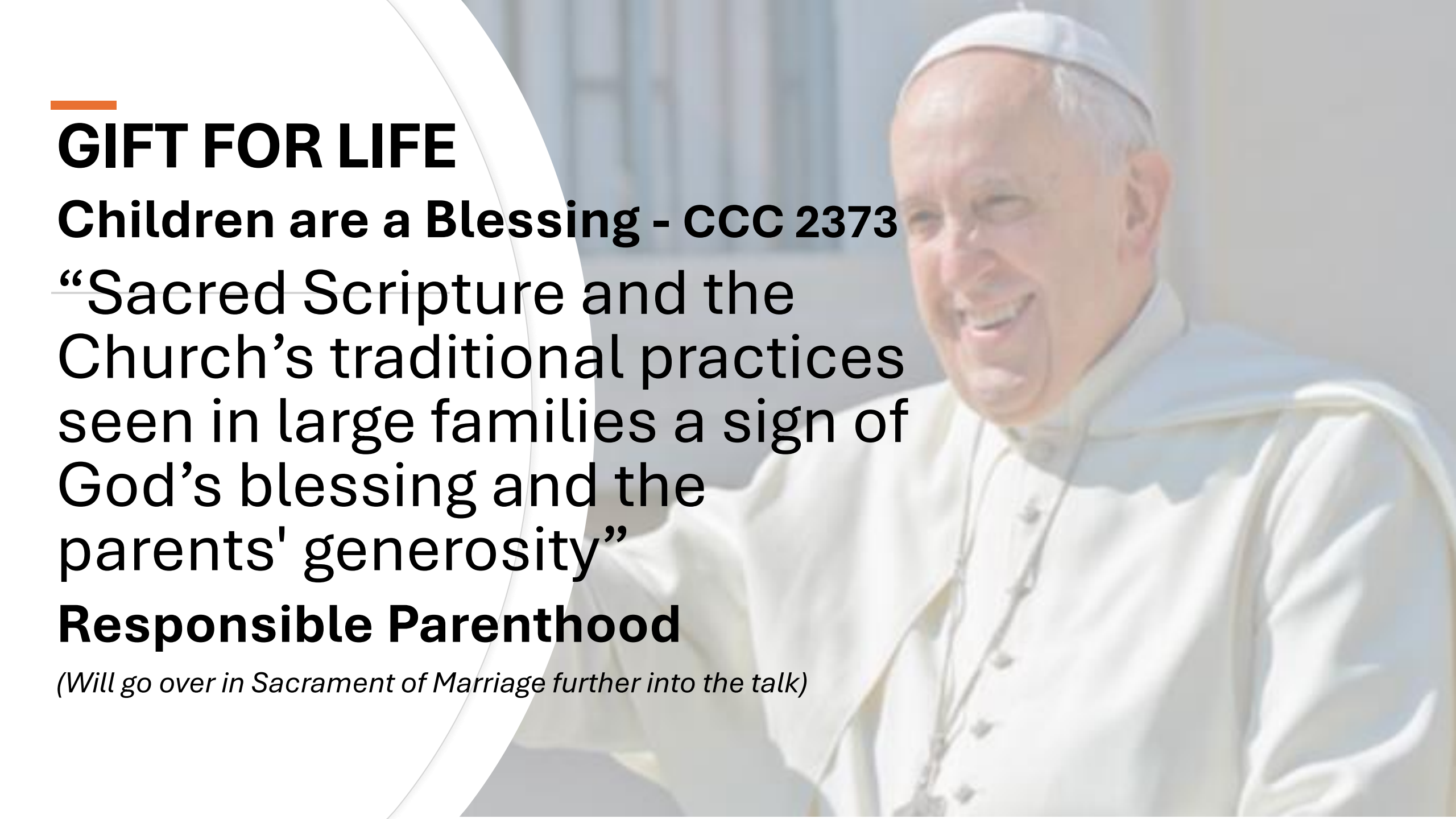
■ Projected 2100 population



# Women are having fewer children

Global fertility rate (livebirths per woman)





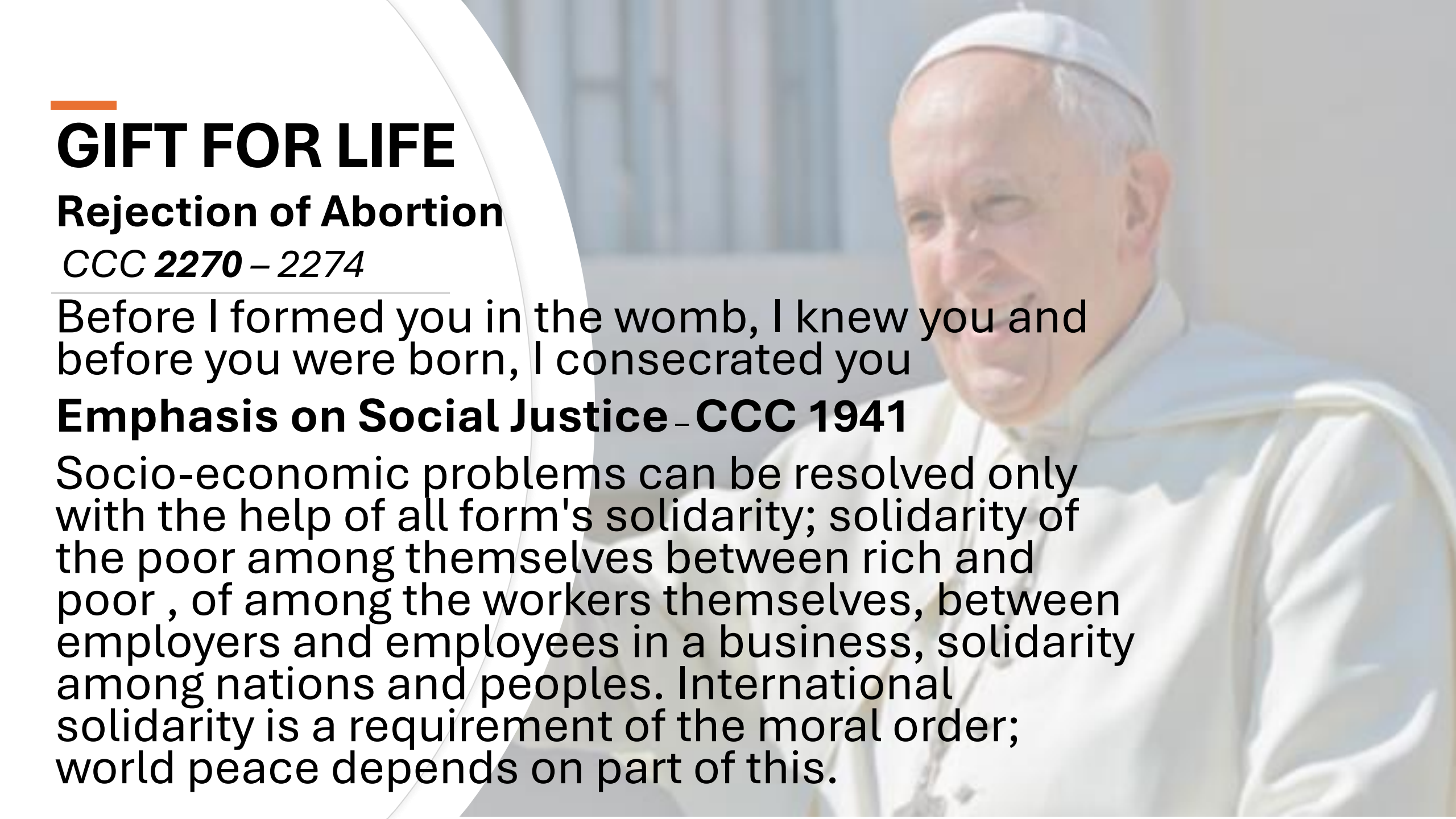
# **GIFT FOR LIFE**

**Children are a Blessing - CCC 2373**

“Sacred Scripture and the Church’s traditional practices seen in large families a sign of God’s blessing and the parents' generosity”

**Responsible Parenthood**

*(Will go over in Sacrament of Marriage further into the talk)*

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# **GIFT FOR LIFE**

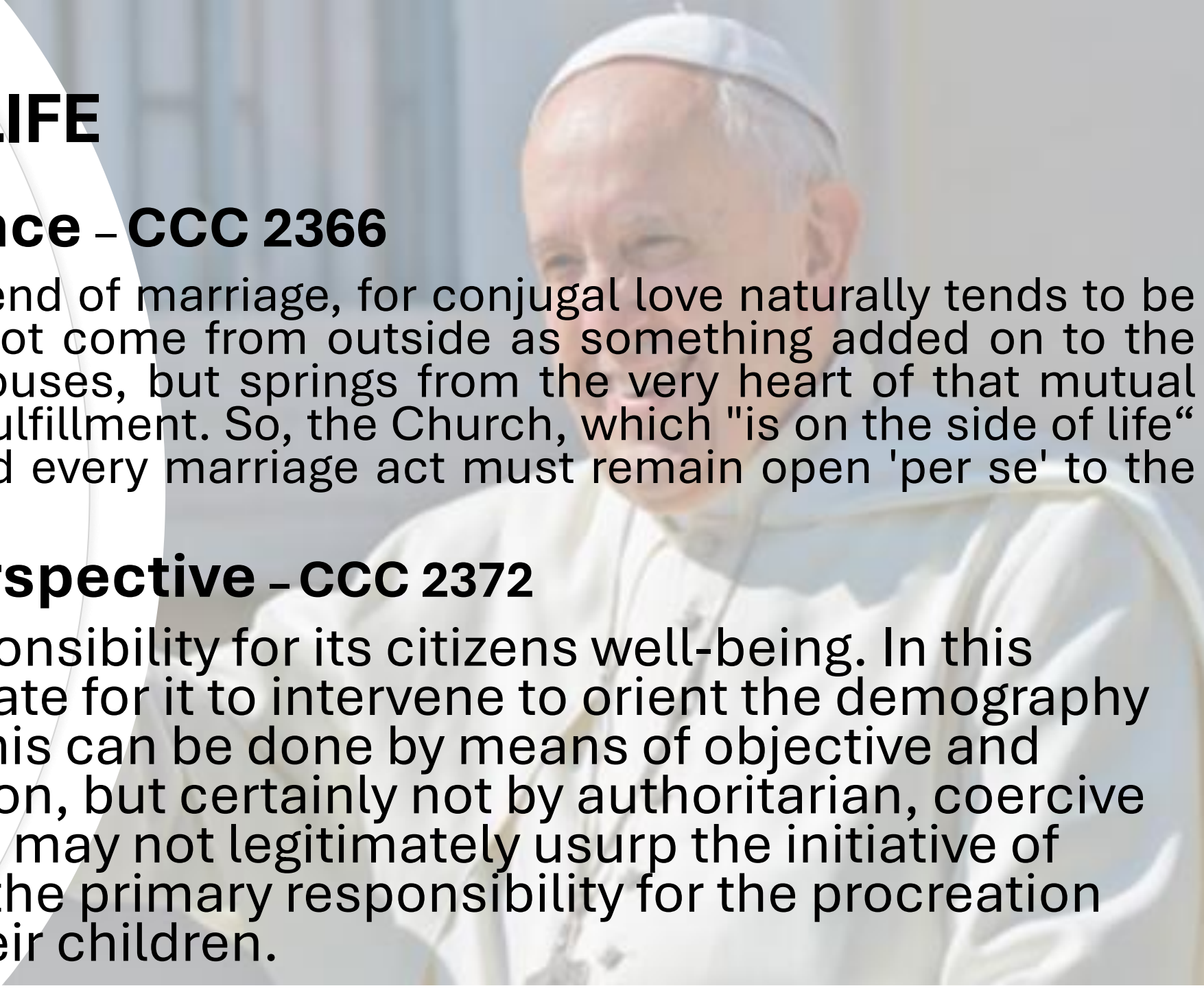
## **Rejection of Abortion**

*CCC 2270 – 2274*

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you and before you were born, I consecrated you

## **Emphasis on Social Justice - CCC 1941**

Socio-economic problems can be resolved only with the help of all form's solidarity; solidarity of the poor among themselves between rich and poor , of among the workers themselves, between employers and employees in a business, solidarity among nations and peoples. International solidarity is a requirement of the moral order; world peace depends on part of this.

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## GIFT FOR LIFE

### **Debate and Nuance – CCC 2366**

Fecundity is a gift, an end of marriage, for conjugal love naturally tends to be fruitful. A child does not come from outside as something added on to the mutual love of the spouses, but springs from the very heart of that mutual giving, as its fruit and fulfillment. So, the Church, which "is on the side of life" teaches that "each and every marriage act must remain open 'per se' to the transmission of life.

### **Pope Francis' Perspective – CCC 2372**

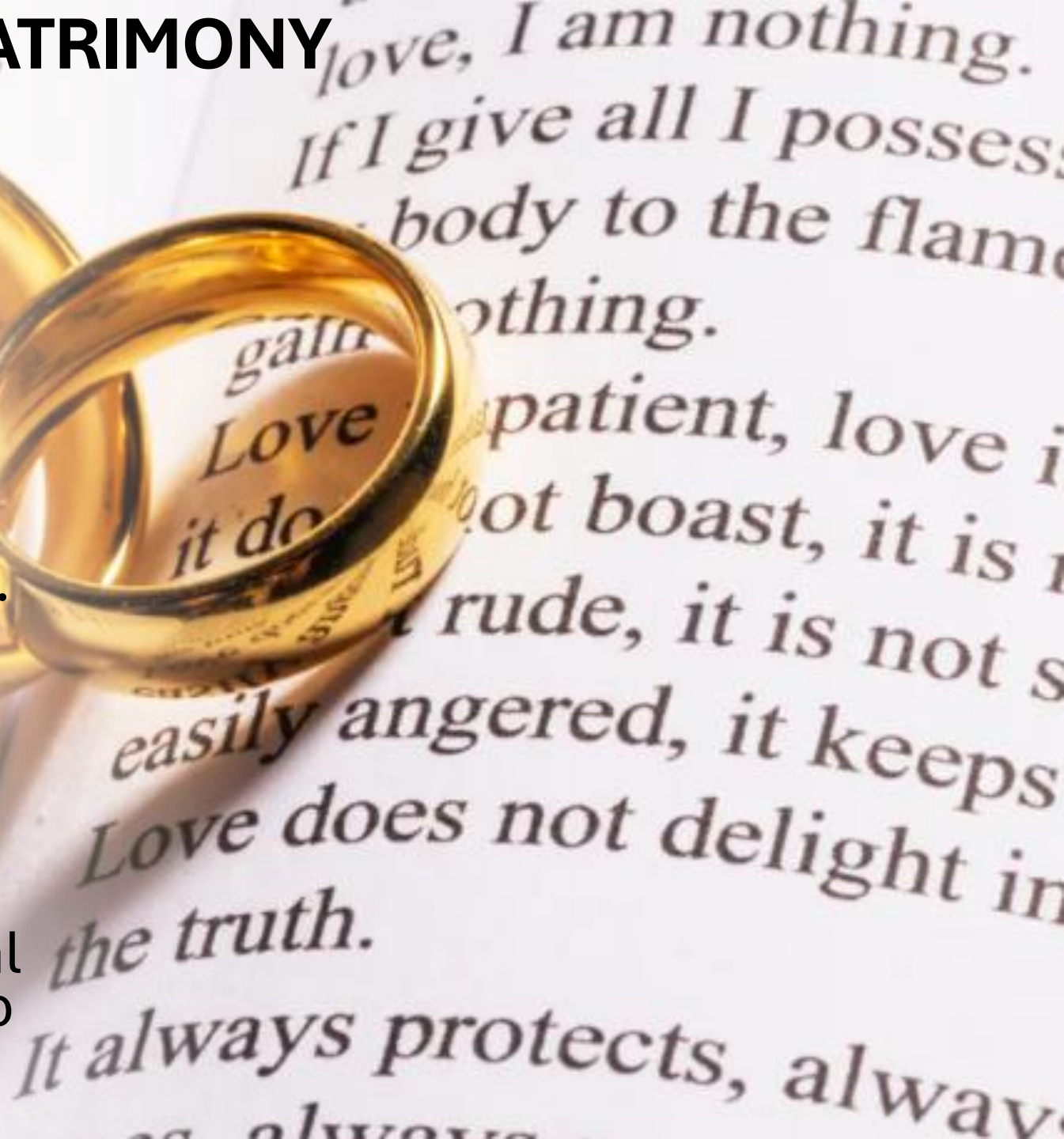
The state has a responsibility for its citizens well-being. In this capacity it is legitimate for it to intervene to orient the demography of the population. This can be done by means of objective and respectful information, but certainly not by authoritarian, coercive measures. The state may not legitimately usurp the initiative of spouses, who have the primary responsibility for the procreation and education of their children.

# SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

**Marriage be one man and one woman with Jesus**

*Gen. 2:18-25, Mt. 19:4-6 Jn. 2:1-11 CCC  
1605, 1613, **1621**-1623, 2360-2361, 2364*

..marriage between two Catholics faithful normally take place during Holy Mass, because of the connection of all the sacraments with the Paschal mystery of Christ. In the Eucharist the memorial of the New Covenant is realized, the New Covenant is which Christ has united himself for ever to the church, his beloved bride for who he gave himself up. It is therefore fitting that the spouses should seal their consent to give themselves to each other through the offering of their own lives being united.



# **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

## **God's plan**

*Gen. 1:27-28, Ps. 127:3 CCC 1602-1604*

Certainly, sons are a gift from the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb, a reward

## **God uses all married couples in different ways**

*Gen. 15:2-3, Judg. 13, 1 Sam. 1:1-28, Lk. 1:5-25,  
**CCC 2374, 2379***

*Couples who discover that they are sterile  
suffer greatly.” What will you give me “ asks  
Abraham of God “for I continue childless”*

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

# Joseph's role to God's plan and Adoption

*Mt 1:19-25, **Lk 1:27**, Jn 6:42, James 1:27,  
Ps. 82:3 Ex. 2:10, Esther 2:7 CCC 437, 497,  
2379*

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.



# **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

**Openness to life and avoid following secular or worldly views**

*Mk 8:36, Lk 9:25, Jn 7:7, 8:31-32, CCC 1652, 1656*

In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith.

**Trusting Gods plan of family size**

*Mt. 6:24-34 CCC 2205, 2373*

Sacred Scripture and the Church's traditional practice see in large families a sign of God's blessing and the parents' generosity.



# SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

**Science divides trust in God's will of being fruitful and following his plan for you**

*1 Cor. 6:19-20, Prov. 3:5-6* **CCC 159, 2376-2377**

Faith and Science “Though faith is above reason, there can never be any real discrepancy between faith and reason. Since the same God who reveals mysteries and infuses faith has bestowed the light of reason on the human mind. God cannot deny himself; can truth contradict.

Consequently, methodical research in all branches of knowledge, provided it is carried out in a truly scientific manner and does not override moral laws, can never conflict with the faith..”



# THE FOUNDATION OF HUMAN SOCIETY

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**Contraception is not part of God's plan**

**CCC 2370, 2399**

...every action which whether in anticipation of the conjugal act, or in accomplishment or in the development of its natural consequences, proposes, whether as an end or as a means to render procreation impossible is intrinsically evil...



# THE FOUNDATION OF HUMAN SOCIETY

- **Sin of Onan, root of contraceptive and offense to God**

***Gen. 38:9-10***

Onan, however, knew that the offspring would not be his; so whenever he had intercourse with his brother's wife, he wasted his seed on the ground, to avoid giving offspring to his brother.

What he did greatly offended the LORD, and the LORD took his life too.





# THE FOUNDATION OF HUMAN SOCIETY

## Natural Family Planning

**CCC 2368-2369**

A particular aspect of this responsibility concerns the regulation of procreation. For just reasons spouses may wish to space out births of their children. It is their duty to make certain that their desire is not motivated by selfishness but is in conformity with generosity appropriate to responsible parenthood...



# THE FOUNDATION OF HUMAN SOCIETY

## Mortal Sin or Venial Sin

**1 Jn. 5:16-17**, *Jas. 2:10-1, Mt 5:27-30, Gal. 5:17-21 CCC 1033, 1035, 1855-1859, 1861-1863*

If anyone sees his brother sinning, if the sin is not deadly, he should pray to God, and he will give him life. This is only for those whose sin is not deadly. There is such a thing as deadly sin, about which I do not say that you should pray.

All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not deadly.



# THE FOUNDATION OF HUMAN SOCIETY

## Domestic Church and Educating faith to children

*Lk. 2:39-52, Mt. 19:13-14, Is. 54:13 CCC 1655-1658, **2204-2207***

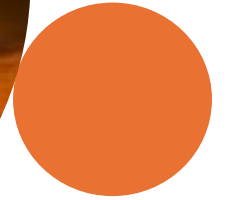
The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion and for this reason it can and should be call the “domestic church”...

# VIRTUE OF CHASTITY & LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

## Homosexuality (Gay, Lesbian, etc.) and Transgenderism

*Gen. 1:27, Deut. 22:5, Lev. 18:22,*  
*Rom. 1:26-28* **CCC 2333, 2357**

Everyone, man and woman should acknowledge and accept his sexual identity. Physical, moral and spiritual difference and complementary are oriented toward the goods of marriage and the flourishing of family life

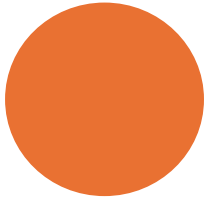


# VIRTUE OF CHASTITY & LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

**How do we support those who identify their sexuality differently**

*Mt. 9:36, 14:14, 18:27, Mk. 1:40, Lk. 15:11-32, Ex. 3:7, Ps. 86:15* **CCC 2358**

The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided.

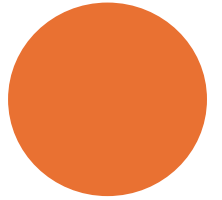


# VIRTUE OF CHASTITY & LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

## How to love fully in our sexuality

*Mt. 5:27-28, 1 Thess. 4:3-5, 1 Cor. 6:18 CCC  
2337-2341, 2394*

Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body.\*



# VIRTUE OF CHASTITY & LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

**Chastity sanctifies all relationship**

*Mt. 5:8, Tim. 2:22, Rom. 13:14*

**CCC 2347, 2351, 2359**

“put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh”

The virtue of chastity blossoms in friendship. It shows the disciple how to follow and imitate him who has chosen us as his friends, who has given himself totally to us and allows us to participate in his divine estate. Chastity is a promise of immortality.



# CONCLUSION

## True Happiness and Our identity

*Mt. 5:1-48, 16:24-25, Lk. 11:28, Jn. 16:22 Ps. 1:1-6, 37:3-4, 146:5 CCC 1, 160, 358, 430, 1723, 2548*

God created everything for man,  
but man in turn was created to  
serve and love God and offer all  
creation back to him....



# CONCLUSION

## Holy Family and Hope for Life

*Rom. 15:13, Jer. 29:11, CCC 1655*

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—oracle of the LORD—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.

Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary. The Church.

