



KEY CONCEPTS

Adultery - voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not their spouse
 Divorce - to legally end a marriage
 Cohabitation - to live together in a sexual relationship, without being married, or in a civil partnership
 Commitment - a sense of dedication and obligation to someone or something
 Contraception - methods used to prevent a woman from becoming pregnant during or following sexual intercourse
 Gender equality - people of all genders enjoying the same rights and opportunities in all aspects of their lives
 Responsibilities - actions/duties you are expected to carry out
 Roles - position, status or function of a person in society, as well as the characteristics and social behaviour expected of them.

Marriage

⁶ “But at the beginning of creation, God ‘made them male and female.’ (Genesis 1:27) ⁷ ‘That’s why a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. ⁸ The two of them will become one.’ (Genesis 2:24) They are no longer two, but one. ⁹ So no one should separate what God has joined together.”

Families

Catechism Catholic view - "The family is the *original cell of social life*. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life."

Genesis 1:28 - ²⁸ God blessed them. He said to them, "Have children so that there will be many of you. Fill the earth and bring it under your control."

Role of men and women in the family

Ephesians 5:22-23 - ²² Wives, follow the lead of your own husbands as you follow the Lord. ²³ The husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church.

Galatians 3:28 - ²⁸ There is no Jew or Gentile. There is no slave or free person. There is no male or female. That’s because you are all one in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:12 - Woman is not independent of man. And man is not independent of woman. ¹² Woman came from man, and man is born from woman. But everything comes from God.

Titus - 2:3-5 "Older women... may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands"

Divorce

Matthew 19:8-9 - ⁸ Jesus replied, "Moses let you divorce your wives because you were stubborn. But it was not this way from the beginning. ⁹ Here is what I tell you. Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery. A man may divorce his wife only if she has not been faithful to him."

Mark 10:9 - ⁹ So no one should separate what God has joined together."

Cohabiting

Anglican view - The Church of England Synod had said that they are sympathetic towards cohabitating couples and think they should have laws to protect their rights.

The Roman Catholic Church is totally **against to people cohabiting**. It is a threat to marital happiness.

Annulment (Catholic)

The couple must prove one of the following; they did not understand, forced into marriage, marriage not consummated, one was not baptised, an annulment would require special permission

Remarriage

Goes against wedding vow:

"I, ____, take thee, ____, to be my wedded husband/wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward...till death do us part..."

Role of men and women in worship & authority

Allows male teachers in the Church:
Galatians 3:28 said we are all equal in Christ.

Does not allow male teachers in Church:
Corinthians 14:33-5 -Women should always be quiet, especially in Church.
Genesis 2 – Man was created before woman. Therefore implying man is more important.