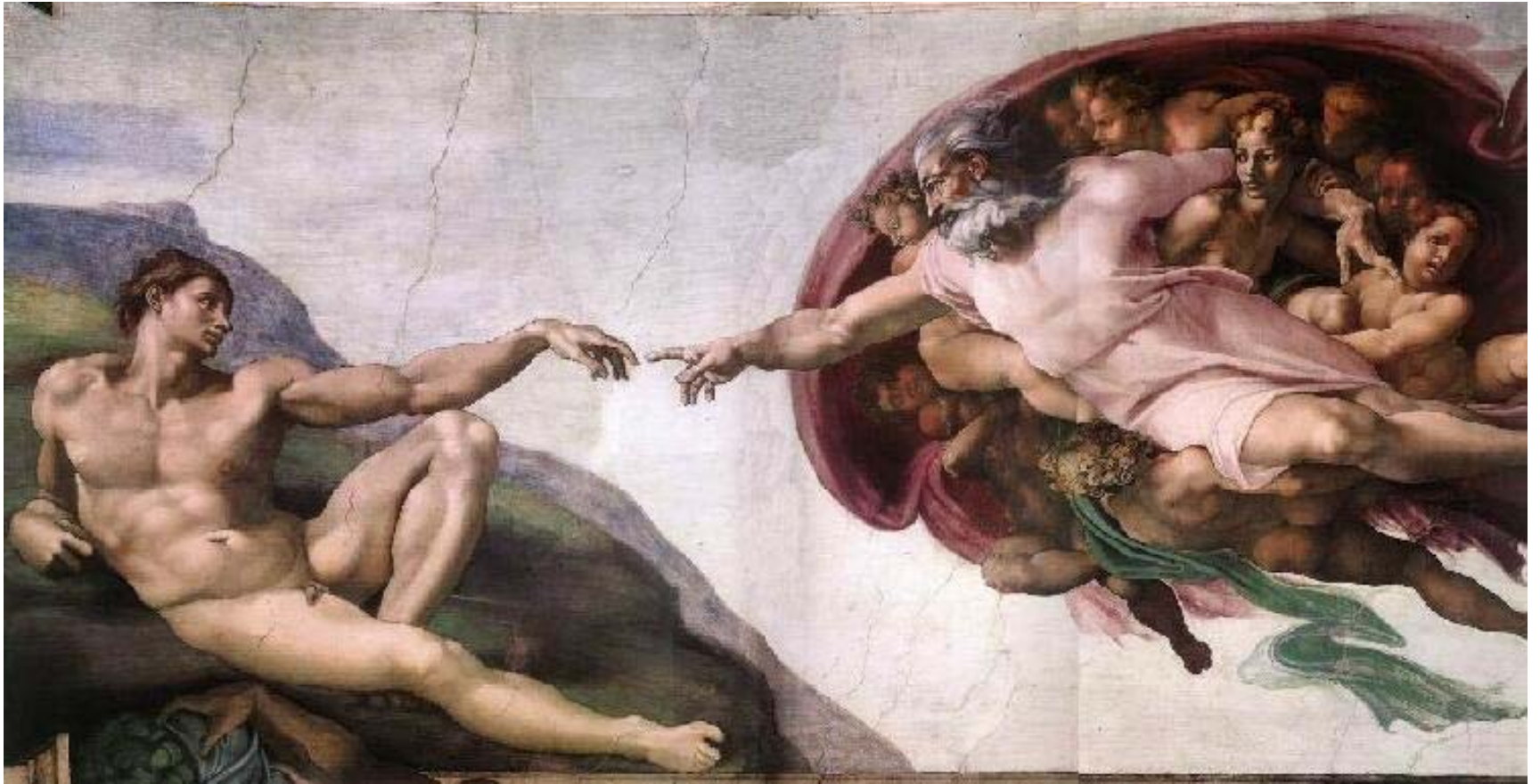
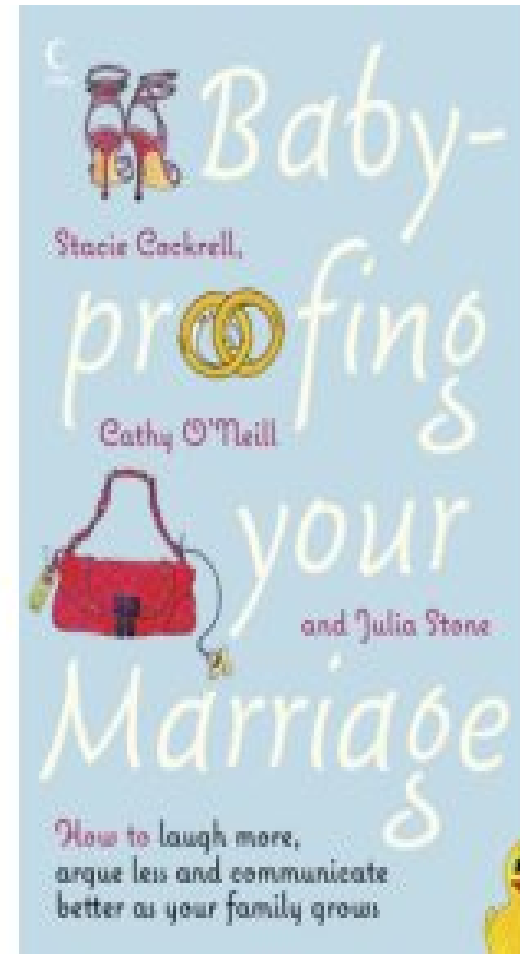
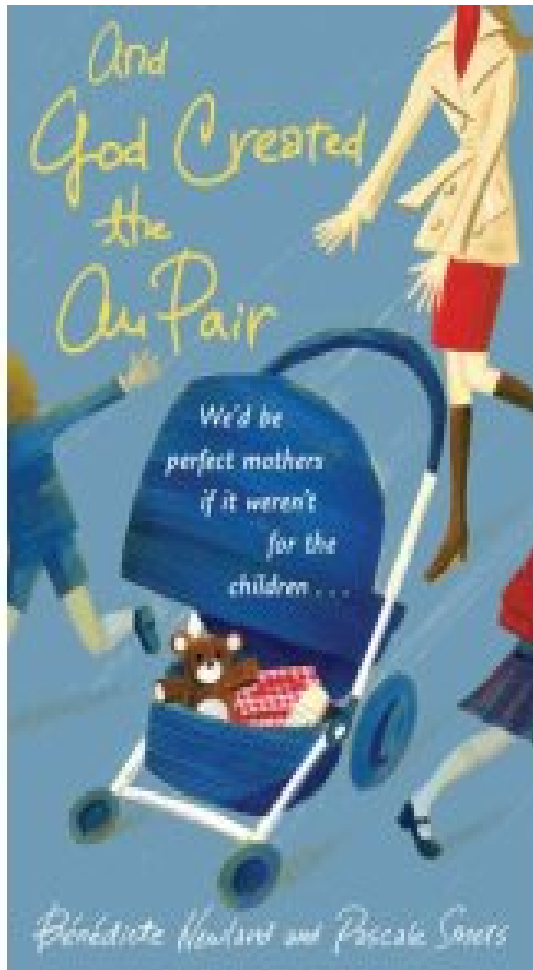


*“MEMORY AND IDENTITY”*



# Contraceptive mentality = 'fear'

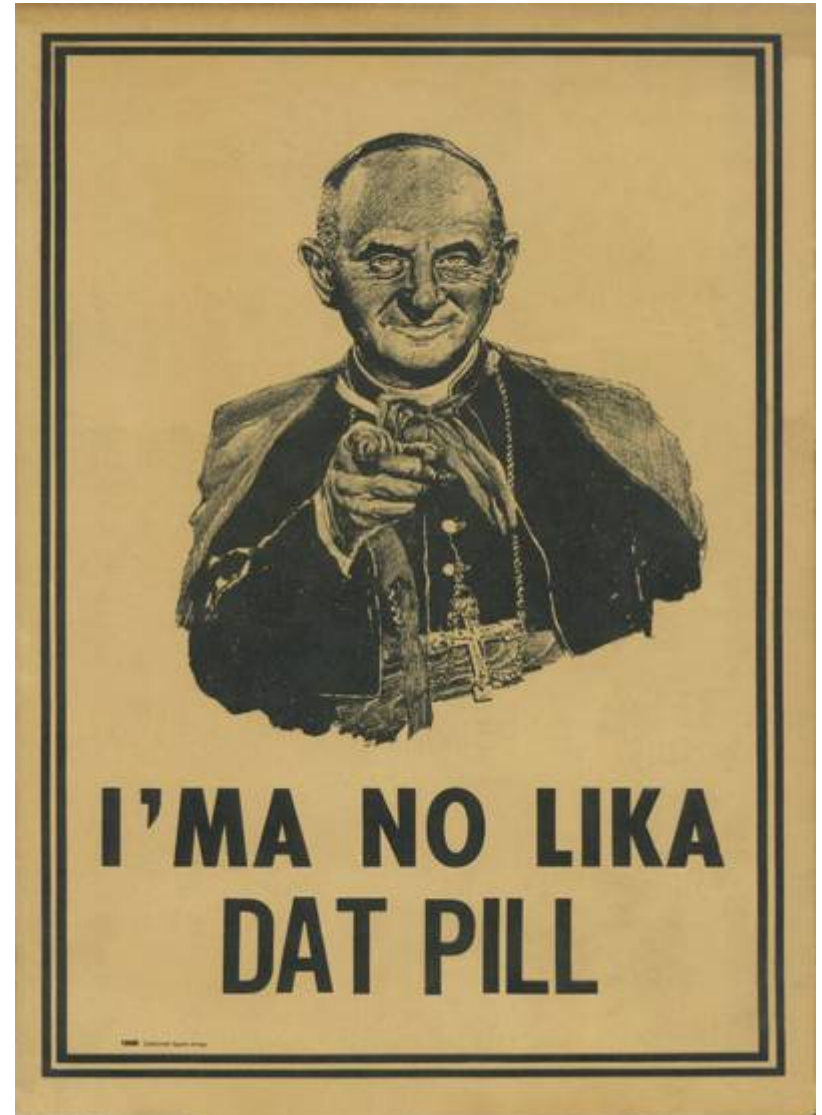


## Humanae Vitae- 1968 - 2008

“The Church is the first to praise and commend the application of human intelligence to an activity in which a rational creature such as man is so closely associated with his Creator.” HV 16



“*Humanae Vitae* is not reduced simply to the biological dimension of human fertility ..*but goes back to the very subjectivity of man, to that personal "I" through which the person is man or woman.*” JP II Oct 1984



## *Philippine Bishops Apologize*

It is said that when seeking ways of regulating births, only 5% of you consult God. In the face of this unfortunate fact, we your pastors have been remiss: how few are there among you whom we have reached. There have been some couples eager to share their expertise and values on birth regulation with others. They did not receive adequate support from their priests. We did not give them due attention, believing then this ministry consisted merely of imparting a technique best left to married couples.

## *Philippine Bishops Apologize*

Only recently have we discovered how deep your yearning is for God to be present in your married lives. But we did not know then how to help you discover God's presence and activity in your mission of Christian parenting. Afflicted with doubts about alternatives to contraceptive technology, we abandoned you to your confused and lonely consciences with a lame excuse: "follow what your conscience tells you." How little we realized that it was our consciences that needed to be formed first. A greater concern would have led us to discover that religious hunger in you.



- ‘healing of memories’ –JP II
  - Celebrate Love-
  - “All in the Family” & “Name it and Tame it!”
  - “Forgive me” better than “I’m sorry!”
  - We serve the One who says: “Do this in memory of me”
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# 1968-2008! *Humanae Vitae* 40 years on and the right to be *fully* informed.



*"..various groups dedicated to this noble work [must] appreciate their respective work and mutually exchange experience and results, firmly avoiding tensions and disagreements, which could **threaten this important and difficult work**"*

1982 JP II

***".. more precise knowledge of the female cycle and...more serene utilization of natural methods of regulating births, deserve to be better known, encouraged and effectively proposed."***

(JP II to NFP Specialists)



# Eucharistic love for the body.

- *“The Eucharist as the Body of Jesus points to our body as holy and Eucharistic, not a burden and stumbling block for our spirit. There is communion of the body and the spirit, not dichotomy. We need to take **spiritual** care of our bodies.”* Bishop Gomes. Bangladesh
- Synod on the Eucharist 2005
- Holy Spirit and one flesh union
- “With my body I thee worship”







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## Spiritual Heritage

the 'genius of woman' –Mulieris Dignitatem -20 yrs

Christifideles Laici – vocation of lay faithful – 20 yrs

**"With my body I thee worship"**

Sarum Rite of Marriage -England

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