

**Have you ever read the papal encyclical on contraception**

***Humanae Vitae*?**

**Most of its critics haven't.**

The Church celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this encyclical on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, and our parish invites you to **take the *Humanae Vitae* challenge** and read its wisdom:

**Here are a few of the challenging and counter-cultural ideas that you will find in this encyclical:**

\*The Church has a vision of marital love that is sublime, biblical, inspirational, and complete (n. 8-9 of the encyclical);

\*The Church preaches generosity in childbearing but does not tell couples to have as many children as they can physically have; its vision of “responsible parenthood” surpasses all secular ideas of parental responsibility (n. 10);

\*The Church explains the difference between contraception and natural methods of birth regulation (n. 15-16);

\*The encyclical’s author, Pope Paul VI, predicted four drastic consequences of contraception being accepted in a society—and they are *all* happening now (n. 17).

**Experience the transcendent beauty of the Church’s vision of marriage, family and human life!**

To read the text of the encyclical, please see  
[http://www.hli.org/humanae\\_vitae.html](http://www.hli.org/humanae_vitae.html) or  
[www.humanaevitae Priests.org](http://www.humanaevitae Priests.org)

Or, for a copy of this or any other papal encyclical,  
Contact the Daughters of St. Paul, 1-800-876-4463, or  
Human Life International, 1-800-549-LIFE.