Dear Padre,

God gave humanity the skills for a child to be born to those suffering from infertility. So why does the Church oppose in vitro fertilization (IVF) after a couple has exhausted other options to conceive?

While the Church views having, raising, and educating children as a primary purpose of marriage, it also teaches that the means to achieve that goal must be morally appropriate. The Church considers in vitro fertilization (Latin for fertilization "in glass" or a laboratory) to be a morally inappropriate means for attainting that goal for two main reasons: First, in practice, the IVF process almost always results in the destruction



of living human embryos that do not get implanted in the woman, which the Church considers morally equivalent to abortion. Second, just as the Church teaches contraception is wrong because it entails the willful separation of the natural ends of the marital act, it also teaches that IVF is wrong because it replaces the dignity of the marital act with a technical procedure. In other words, IVF supersedes the act God willed to be the genesis of new life. In addition, IVF demeans the dignity of the

spouses and their parental role (and the dignity of a third-party sperm or egg donor, if one is involved). All of this deprives the resulting child of a true filial

relationship with his or her parents, turning the child into a technological commodity rather than a gift from God.

Couples must be careful not to become so obsessed with pregnancy that they lose perspective and fail to see other expressions of marital generativity, such as adoption, that expand marriage and provide a home to children who wouldn't otherwise have one.

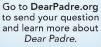
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis



We are living in a time of experimentation with life. But it is harmful experimentation. Making children, rather than accepting them as a gift, as I said. Playing with life. Be careful, because this is a sin against the Creator: against God the Creator, who created things this way. ADDRESS TO ITALIAN CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS, NOVEMBER 15, 2014

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A Redemptorist Ministry

Calendar

Monday **MAY 23** Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15

Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

MAY 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1

Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 18:1-8

Jn 16:16-20

Friday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9-18

Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28

> Sunday **MAY 29**

The Ascension

of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 or

Heb 9:24-28;

10:19-23

Lk 24:46-53

Do you have

a question for

the Padre?

Sixth Sunday **Of Easter**

May 22, 2022

Holy Spirit Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Mission Reverend Peter Kmiecik. Pastor Deacon John E. Jenníngs † Deacon Norbert Lloyd, Jr. Parish Office 283-5252 - Fr. Peter's Office 233-0947 - Fax 283-5255

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whom the Father will send in my name,

Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of May 21 – May 27 Sat 6:00 pm †Steven Slaby Sun 11:00 am †Len Sumter Sun 6:00 pm Graduating Students & their parents Mon 8:00 am No Mass Tue 8:00 am Belle Brown (Birthday) Wed 8:00 am Rushing Family (Healing)

- Thr 8:00 am †Sarah Lechner
- Fri 8:00 am †Mark Jones

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of May 21 – May 27

- Sat 4:00 pm †Ann Newman
- Sun 9:15 am Parishioners Living & Deceased
- Tue 6:00 pm †Marion Kline

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment 1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm