

Pastoral Council
Thoughts for Reflection
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Assault on the Family, Part II

Last week, we read some of Cardinal Sarah's remarks he made at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., on the assault on marriage, on the family, on children, on gender, on sexuality – on our ability to understand what we are. He continued:

This is why it is so important to fight to protect the family, the first cell of the life of the Church and every society. It is not about abstract ideas. It is not an ideological war between competing ideas. This is about defending our selves, our children, and future generations from a demonic ideology that says children do not need mothers and fathers. [The assault] denies human nature and wants to cut off entire generations from God.

All manner of immorality is not only accepted and tolerated today in advanced societies, but even promoted as a social good. The result is hostility to Christians, and, increasingly, religious persecution. Nowhere is [this] clearer than in the threat that societies are visiting on the family through a demonic “gender ideology,” a deadly impulse that is being experienced in a world increasingly cut off from God through ideological colonialism.

I encourage you to truly make use of the freedom willed by your founding fathers, lest you lose it.

Do we not see signs of this insidious war in this great nation of the United States? In the name of ‘tolerance,’ the Church's teachings on marriage, sexuality, and the human person are dismantled. The legalization of same-sex marriage, the obligation to accept contraception within healthcare programs, and even ‘bathroom bills’ that allow men to use the women's restroom and locker rooms. Should not a biological man use the men's restroom? How simpler can that concept be?

I am confident that your efforts will no doubt contribute to protecting human life, strengthening the family, and safeguarding religious freedom not only here in these United States, but everywhere in the world.

For in the end it is “God or nothing.”