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## WE ARE PART OF A MUCH BIGGER BATTLE:

The struggle against abortion is part of a **larger** battle against basic attitudes opposed to the “culture of life” willed by God. A much more common – though less discussed - attack on the family is **contraception**. The selfishness which is at the root of abortion is just as present in efforts to divorce the marital act from its proper end of procreation.

**If we reject abortion** as the ultimate expression of the selfishness inherent in our modern culture’s attack on the family, we must ultimately understand what is purpose of the marriage act as we have received it from the hands of God. The Church has constantly taught marriage and its consummation are directed to the generation of new life. Thus, the union of man and wife must always be open to new life, such that to deliberately exclude that possibility by positive means is a sin against God, as we saw with contraception.

Pope Pius XI wrote in the encyclical *Cas-ti Connubii*: “any use whatsoever of matrimony exercised in such a way that the act is deliberately frustrated in its natural power to generate life is an

offense against the law of God and of nature, and those who indulge in such are branded with the guilt of a grave sin.”

The Church has taught that only under *exceptional* circumstances – and with proportionate reasons – may a husband and wife regularly make use of their rights – in a practice sometimes called “Natural Family Planning” but more accurately known as “periodic continence” – at such a time as to render a new pregnancy unlikely. Pope Pius XII most famously discussed the principle of “periodic continence” and the various reasons which could justify it.

**We are all fighting for the  
sanctity of Life.**

***But who will join us in the  
even bigger fight for Truth?***

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# What is the SSPX?

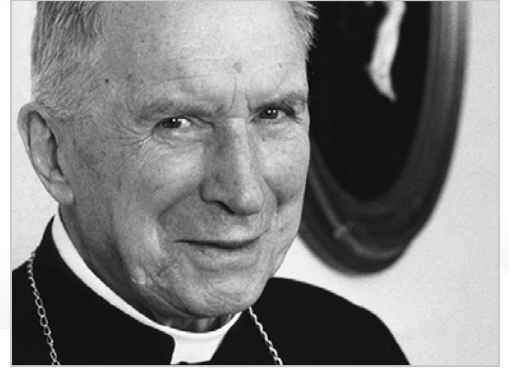
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## A Society of Priests Whose Mission is to Preserve Tradition

The SSPX was founded in 1970 by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre in the diocese of Fribourg, Switzerland, adhering to all canonical norms, receiving the blessing and encouragement of the local bishop. The spirit of the SSPX is essentially apostolic; it was designed by its founder to operate much like a missionary order, spreading the faith far and wide. This apostolate is today especially necessary considering the spread of atheism, agnosticism, and religious indifference.

The SSPX, to this end, seeks to draw souls closer to Christ primarily through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, as well as through its preaching, its schools, its seminaries, and its other houses of religious formation.

**All this can be summed up in our founder's motto: "We have believed in charity," that is, in the love of Christ.**



### Dating, Marriage and Family Life:

The grave evil of abortion is part of a larger rejection of God's law regarding the family, replacing the principal duty to bring forth and educate a new generation with selfish and personal fulfillment of each party. Love of spouses has been given such emphasis as effectively to eclipse the primary purpose of marriage. This, in turn, has gravely harmed the relations of men and women preparing for marriage. Robbed of the understanding that they are preparing to form a home for a new generation and that they have no right to share in those acts which cause new life prior to exchanging the sacred vows of matrimony, they begin dating before they are financially or emotionally ready to start a new family and allow themselves a level of physical intimacy which is proper only husband and wife. Such behavior hinders the development of the proper maturity and spirit of self-sacrifice in both men and women to become good husbands and wives, fathers and mothers.



### What We Do For You:

The primary goal of the SSPX is the preservation of the priesthood and priestly life. The end result of this goal is the spread of the Catholic Faith in its unchanging, eternal truths throughout the world. With Mass centers and sacraments offered throughout the United States and the world, Seminaries, schools, and retreat centers, the SSPX is a beacon of unchanging light in Christendom.

### Find Out More:

Odds are, there's a Mass Center, retreat house or school near you, no matter where you live in the United States. You're welcome to come find out more about the traditional Latin Mass and discover the unchanging beauty of the Sacraments!

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