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YEAR 9 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RELATIONSHIPS

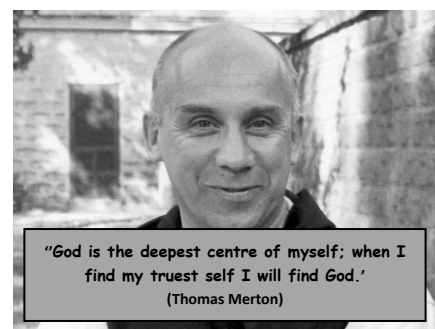
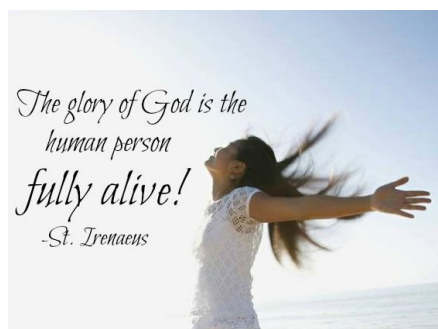


HUMAN NATURE

1. The Catholic Church teaches that all people are made in the **'image and likeness of God'** (Imago Dei)
2. St John taught that **'God is love'** so human beings are made out of love to be loved and to love.
3. God does not make mistakes... Every person has a purpose as a totally unique expression of His love
4. Falling in love is a natural process... It is when you put another person totally before yourself
5. In Greek tradition there are four types of love; **philia, storge, eros and agape.**
6. The ultimate form of love is **self-sacrifice**... 'Greater love has no man than this, to lay down one's life for a friend'

KATA HOLOS

7. The word Catholic is derived from the Greek words **'kata holos'** literally meaning 'according to the whole'
8. Being Catholic in the true sense of the word is being true to one's self in order to give praise to God
9. Jesus said **'I have come that you might have life and have it to the full'** (John 10: 10)



IDENTITY

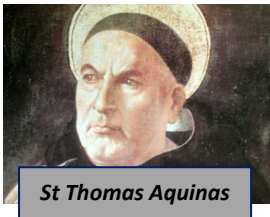
10. Many people struggle to find their true selves and as such struggle to find happiness and fulfilment
11. Some people feel they will never be truly accepted for who they are, others spend a life time in denial
12. Being honest with ourselves and learning to accept who we are is our first step to finding God
13. There are currently **71 gender identification** terms in modern society
14. People who identify under one of these terms are said to be members of the **LGBTQ+** community
15. The Catholic Church stands for **justice and peace** and does not tolerate any form of discrimination
16. Catholics believe they encounter the person of Jesus Christ in EVERY person without exception



17. It could be argued that in western society today the **LGBTQ+** community are becoming more widely accepted
18. Organisations such as **Stonewall** work to raise awareness and to **promote tolerance and justice** within society
19. Many believe gender identification to be a confusing subject and do not know where they stand on these issues
20. Others in society believe that any changing of identity is unnatural and that this goes against God's plan for us.

THE NATURAL LAW

21. Catholics believe that God created the world and everything in it therefore ALL creation is 'good'.
22. God does not make mistakes so EVERY person is made to be good in the image of God (**Imago Dei**).
23. St Thomas Aquinas argued that every person is created 'to do good and avoid evil' (**the synderesis rule**).
24. St Thomas Aquinas said that humans do good when they are true to their nature... These are his '**five precepts**'.



**WORSHIP
ORDER IN SOCIETY
REPRODUCE
LEARN
DEFEND LIFE**

Any action we take that goes against these precepts goes against our nature and God's plan for us.

Wanting to shoot somebody or to cause harm to yourself fall short of goodness as they are both a threat to life!

SEXUAL LOVE

25. The Church teaches that sex is one of the most amazing and precious gifts that we receive from God.
26. Through sex we are able to bring new life into the world meaning that we can share in God's creative nature.
27. Sex must not be misused or taken for granted... The power to create also includes the power to destroy.
28. Sex when misused can be a destructive force... It can take away a person's self-worth or shatter their identity.
29. To avoid destruction and harm the Church teaches that sex should be '**marital**', '**unitive**' and '**procreative**.'
30. **Humanae Vitae** was a letter from **Pope Paul VI** stating that '**sex must always be open to the transmission of life**'

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE



All sacraments make the invisible grace of God visible. In marriage we see and experience God's love through the other person. This makes marriage a lot more important than just a 'contract.' Marriage is a 'covenant' meaning it cannot be broken. The sacrament of marriage involves sacrifice and a surrender of will as two people make a commitment to love one another 'until death do us part'.

The Catholic Church does not accept divorce because this would mean that marriage is nothing more than a 'contract.' Other Christians disagree and believe that all people should be given second chances especially in extreme cases of abuse and unfaithfulness. Catholics believe in second chances but they also believe that nobody can 'undo' a sacrament... 'What God has brought together let no one separate.' Catholics will accept 'annulment' but this is different to divorce. An annulment is a statement from the Church that the sacrament never took place.



"to love and to cherish until death do us part."

*"Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her."
(Mark 10: 11)*

*"Anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery."
(Matthew 19: 9)*



Can you think of any good reasons to have a divorce?

Is divorce always bad for the children?

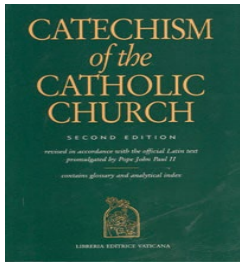
Can God's love be seen even more clearly in reconstituted families?

Do you think there is such a thing as an 'ideal' family?

FAMILY LIFE

31. In Britain we see many types of family... Nuclear, extended, reconstituted, single parents and foster parents etc.
32. Family life is extremely important... Catholics believe it is where we first encounter Christ through those we love.
33. The family is '**the Church in miniature**' meaning that it is an important part of the wider Church community.
34. Catholics accept that some marriages fail and that parents separate... Sometimes for the good of their children.
35. Remarriage is not permitted in the Church unless one partner has died and the sacrament no longer exists.
36. Some Catholics believe divorce and remarriage to be 'adultery' (**Mark 10: 11**)... The first marriage still stands.
37. Other Christians would point to **Matthew 19: 9** and argue that even Jesus made an exception here.

SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE



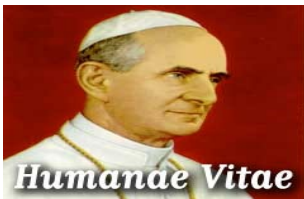
Many religious people believe that when two people have sex their **'souls fuse together'**... Sex is not just a physical and emotional connection between two people but a spiritual one. A sexual bond strengthens a relationship and makes it **'unitive.'** ALL Christians and many from other religious agree that sex should only take place within a marriage. There should be a commitment between two people that they will spend their lives together... Would it be fair to take this bond away from somebody who has not yet found their future partner?

'Sex should take place exclusively within marriage'

38. Some people believe that as long as there is **consent** between two people then sex is always acceptable.
39. Another argument is that sex is enjoyable and does not cause harm to anybody... Do you think this is really true?

CONTRACEPTION

40. Catholic teaching clearly states that **'sex must always be open to the transmission of new life'** (Humanae Vitae)
41. The Catechism states that the **'unitive'** and **'procreative'** purposes of sex **'cannot be separated'**.
42. Pope Paul in 1967 was clear that no forms of **artificial contraception** are to be accepted by the Catholic Church.
43. The Church argues that contraception promotes **promiscuity** which in turn destroys the sanctity of marriage.



Do you think Catholic Church teaching contributes to the spread of sexually transmitted diseases?

Having sex with a number of different partners without any commitment

Would the world be a better place if everybody followed Catholic Teaching?

Do you agree that promiscuity destroys the sanctity of marriage?

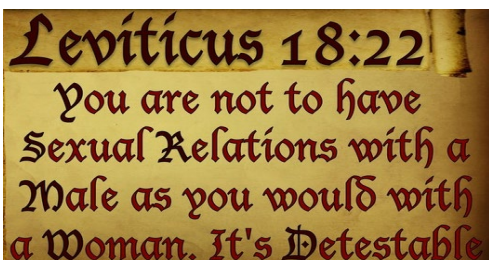
44. Many people in society argue that Catholic Church teaching is wrong as it does not prevent STDs from spreading.
45. Others do not see why artificial contraception should not be accepted between two married people.
46. Most other Christians believe that contraception can be a good thing to prevent families from becoming too big!

HOMOSEXUALITY



Alan Turing was a mathematical genius and is famous for cracking the Nazi's 'Enigma Code' contributing to a faster end of WWII. Turing invented the world's first ever computer. It is estimated that he saved the lives of over a million of people. Shortly after the war it was discovered that Turing was gay. He was sentenced by a court to undergo chemical castration by course of injections. These injections resulted in severe depression. Turing took his own life in 1954.

47. Many people both within and outside the Church believe Catholic teaching on sex to be outdated and unfair.
48. The Natural Law states that sex must always be 'open to procreation' but same sex couples cannot reproduce.
49. Many homosexual men and women in the Catholic Church live celibate lives in acceptance of this teaching.
50. The Catholic Church does not condemn homosexuality in fact it stands strongly against all forms of homophobia.



Some Christians argue that homosexuality is against God's plan. This is often based on a literal interpretation of some parts of the Bible. In the Book of Genesis God destroys the two cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for 'great sins'. This is sometimes taken to mean homosexual activity. Leviticus is the third book in the Bible and one of the five books of Law (i.e. the Torah). Many Christians accept the authority of scripture alone.

51. Other Christians from more liberal traditions would deem all of the teachings above to be incorrect.
52. Many liberal Christians will point out that **'God is love'** and that Jesus never said anything about homosexuality.
53. The spirit of the law is **unconditional love** and tolerance so this is what all Christians should do and not judge.
54. Some Christian communities now accept same sex unions and allow blessings to be given to same sex couples.

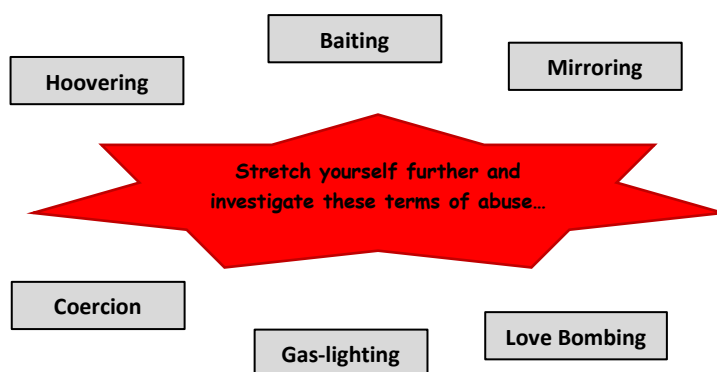
KEY TERMS:

Adultery	Having sex with somebody other than your marriage partner.
Procreative	The idea that sex should always be open to the gift of new life.
Unitive	The idea that sex should always be used to strengthen a loving bond between two people.
Marital	The idea that sex should always be within marriage.
Divorce	A declaration that a marriage no longer exists in law.
Remarriage	When one person in a marriage decides to get married again.
Nuclear Family	A mother and father living with their children together as a family unit.
Reconstituted Family	Where two divorced parents come together to form a new family with their children.
Extended Family	Where grandparents or other family members live alongside the nuclear family.
Promiscuity	Having sex with a number of different partners without any commitment.
Annulment	A declaration from the Catholic Church stating that a marriage never existed.
Marriage	A legal recognition that a union exists between two people in a personal relationship.
Marriage (Catholic)	A sacrament in which love is shared between a man and a woman.
Contraception	A method of preventing pregnancy as a result of sexual intercourse.
Homosexuality	A sexual attraction between members of the same gender.
Sacrament	A Catholic ritual which makes the invisible grace of God visible.
Lesbian	A homosexual woman.
Gay	A homosexual man.
Bisexual	A person with a sexual attraction to both genders.
Transgender	A person who identifies as a different gender to that stated on their birth certificate.
Queer	An umbrella term for sexual and gender minorities.
Questioning	A person who is unsure about their sexual identity.
Intersex	A person who is born with both male and female sexual organs.
Asexual	A person who does not have a sexual attraction towards anybody.
Ally	A person who shows support for the LGBTQ+ community.
Pansexual	A person who is sexually attracted to people regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS

55. Relationships are important as they impact on every part of our lives and mould us into the people we become
56. The poet John Donne famously wrote, '**no man is an island.**' We need healthy relationships in order to flourish
57. Healthy relationships enable us to become better versions of ourselves... They bring great joy and fulfilment!
58. Sometimes people make bad decisions and enter into unhealthy relationships which cause tremendous damage
59. It is easy to lose sight of when a relationship is no longer working as you see the other person and not yourself
60. Signs of being in an **unhealthy relationship** often include a loss of self-confidence and feelings of being isolated
61. Some people become trapped in **abusive relationships** having lost the confidence they need to help themselves.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Human Trafficking is any situation in which people are **tricked or manipulated** into travelling to another place where they become increasingly vulnerable and controlled. Victims of human trafficking often find themselves forced into **unpaid work, prostitution or other types of sexual exploitation**. Some even have their **organs removed and sold on for profit**. Trafficking has increased since the Pandemic as more people have become vulnerable. The Catholic Church teaches that our relationships with all people matter as we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

Go further and look into the work of the Santa Marta Partnership. Does Catholic Social Teaching say anything about human trafficking?