

Saturday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Mt 19,13-15): Little children were brought to Jesus that He might lay his hands on them with a prayer. But the disciples scolded those who brought them. Jesus then said, «Let them be! Do not stop the children from coming to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to people such as these» (...).

Marriage: love is fruitful!

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Today, Christ provokes a smile in us when we see Him reprimand His disciples when they rebuke the little children. But also today God has to say: "Let the little children come to me". Nowhere in the "Bible" do we find any indulgence for the "ante-natalità". There are no loves retracted; love is expansive because fertility is the natural way to convey the joy of "loving and to be loved".

In sexuality the human person is driven to the Creator in his maximum nearness, in his ultimate responsibility. Each individual is a creature of God, and at the same time a son of his parents: there is an interrelationship between the divine creation and human fertility. Sexuality is something powerful, and this can be seen in that it brings into play the responsibility for a new human being that belongs to us and does not belong to us, that derives from us and, at the same time, does not derive from us.

—O Lord, increase our love for children: the world will gain much.