*Your Christian Vocation*

**Chapter 4**

common priesthood The priesthood of the faithful. Christ has made the Church a “kingdom of priests” who share in his priesthood through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

contraception Various methods of preventing pregnancy that are intended to alter or prevent the body’s natural state of fertility. Examples include condoms, “the pill” (artificial hormones that render women infertile as long as they are taken), and the intrauterine device. Use of contraceptions are intrinsically evil and against the teachings of the Church. Some products marketed and sold as contraception, like Depo Provera, really function as abortifacients.

direct abortion The direct or deliberate and intentional killing of unborn life by means of medical or surgical procedures.

direct sterilization A direct or deliberate medical or surgical procedure that leaves a person unable to reproduce.

Holy Family The family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in which Jesus was raised and lived until he began his public ministry.

in vitro fertilization The achievement of pregnancy without sexual intercourse through collecting eggs from a mother and fertilizing them with sperm outside of the womb .

infertility The inability on the part of a male or female to achieve pregnancy.

procreation The cooperation of a married couple with God to bring about new life through sexual intercourse.

sperm or egg donation The giving of sperm or eggs from a donor to a person who is not a sexual partner for the purpose of achieving pregnancy.

surrogacy A prearranged legal contract in which a woman carries another person or persons’ child.