"Guinea pigs in unwise and potentially harmful social experiments"

A good day to you and to each of my esteemed listeners! Welcome to EWTN's Open Line Tuesday edition! I'm Barbara McGuigan, alive and grateful to be with you each Tuesday and proud to stand on active duty in the Church Militant with each of you! God's airwaves are open and here are the numbers to call:

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My brothers and sisters, just last week, one lone federal district court judge in Massachusetts decided all by himself that the Defense of Marriage Act, DOMA, the national law defining marriage as between a man and a woman, was somehow unconstitutional, a baseless notion that had eluded the framers of the Constitution and every other American court and legislature for more than 200 years.

Also, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit decided in a narrow 5-4 ruling that the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics was justified in blocking citizens from voting on the definition of marriage because, if the measure passed, it supposedly would discriminate against homosexuals under the DC Human Rights Act. Bill May, president of Catholics for the Common Good, calls this another example of judicial tyranny – this time denying the right, guaranteed under the D.C. Charter, of citizens to vote on policy affecting the very foundation of society.

The most disconcerting aspect of this, as I see it, is that every time citizens have had a chance to vote on the definition of marriage, they have very clearly affirmed the undeniable reality of marriage as a union between a man and a woman. Period. God's design. And who would be brazen enough to disagree with the plan of our Creator, whom even the "wind and seas obey?"

This undeniable reality cannot and should not be redefined or reinvented or reconstructed to meet the needs and desires of a small segment of the population who see marriage as merely an institution, not ordained by God, but as a provision for the benefit of all allegedly committed relationships between any two adults, or maybe three somewhere down the line! This segment of the population will then be able to adopt children or hire surrogates in order to pretend to be like a man and wife who bear children.

Keep in mind, the Washington, D.C., homosexual so-called marriage law resulted in Catholic Charities having to stop providing adoption services to children

deprived of a mother and father, because Catholic Charities would have been forced to place innocent and vulnerable children with pairs of homosexuals.

Bill May writes:

> **When a child is deprived of his or her mother and father, a man and a woman are the best people to stand in for the people who were unable to fulfill their responsibilities to the child. To intentionally deny the child of the experience of being cared for and raised by a man and a woman in these circumstances is a second privation, and an assault on the dignity of the child. This is common sense and the teaching of the Church.**

We must proclaim from the rooftops that marriage is a sacred reality between a man and a woman. Every married couple has two powers given to them in this sacred reality: the power to show loving union in the marriage act, and the power to procreate children, the fruit of the love between them. God intends for married love to be so real in this sacred reality, that nine months later, they may be able to give this reality a name! We can be confident that this is God's design because this is precisely the way He made us. He has a unique and irreplaceable purpose and plan for each of His designs.

Our Mother Angelica, with her gift of crystal-clear thinking and expression, writes about "The Dignity of Family Life":

> **Every family is a miniature Mystical Body of Christ. The Father is the head, and as such he is a representative of God. Like the Eternal Father, his role is to create, provide, sustain, love, protect, and strengthen those under his care. When he becomes only a provider of the material needs of his family, irresponsible in his duty to correct with love, and ambitious for personal glory at the expense of others -- then his family travels the journey of life without map, compass or direction.**
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> **The Mother is the Heart of the family, and her role is one of reconciliation in time of crisis, understanding and compassion in time of pain, sensitivity to human needs, and intuition in times of decision. She is love and that Love upholds the entire family.**
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> **A woman was created to give the world a spirit of sacrifice, self-control, gentleness, beauty, intuition, love, understanding and patience. When she becomes determined, self-sufficient, protective and demanding, she destroys the beautiful balance that is necessary in today's world. She was created by God to complement man. When she destroys that balance, the family becomes a mockery.**
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> **The children are the fruit of the love of two people joined together by God. Their role is to learn, share, enjoy, obey, care and experience the love of God**

> **as manifested by their parents. When children become the head of the family by disobedience or selfishness, they no longer function as healthy members. The light-hearted joy that a child should contribute is turned into sadness. The light of love is turned into the darkness of fear and confusion.**
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> **In a family where each exchanges his role for another one, not in God's plan, there is a modern Tower of Babel, where everyone speaks but no one understands. The spirit of love and mutual forbearance is slowly extinguished and what remains is a mere fragment of a building whose foundation was swept away by the floodwaters of selfishness and pride.**
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> **The members of every family have a mission from God to radiate the life and love of Jesus to the world. They are united by ties of blood and grace, and must never lose sight of the love of God, who gave them; Jesus as Redeemer and the Spirit as Sanctifier. If the world is to find peace and harmony, it is of primary importance that each Family take upon itself the task of changing the world by changing itself. By daily prayer in the home, Scripture reading, inner growth of love, forgiveness, generosity and a continual deepening of Faith in invisible realities - the Family will restore the plan of God in their lives, and ultimately, change the world.**

My brothers and sisters, Jesus is the King of Heaven and Earth. He wants it all: our minds, our hearts, our bodies, souls, attitudes and actions. The greatest form of worship given to the King is obedience to His plan.

Many questions arise when one considers the proposed idea that God-ordained marriage can be equally applied to pairs of homosexuals. How can homosexual so-called unions be naturally complementary? By nature, they cannot. Can homosexual so-called unions naturally generate babies? By nature, they cannot. In order to have children, they must use surrogacy, in-vitro fertilization, artificial insemination... all serious sins. We must be cooperators in God's plan, not manipulators of His plan. Will a homosexual so-called union provide a good environment for children? Clearly it cannot. Extensive research has proven that children benefit from having both a male and a female parent.

Dr. Trayce Hansen, a mental health professional, writes:

> **Mothers and fathers simply aren't interchangeable. Two women can both be good mothers, but neither can be a good father. One-sex parenting, whether by a single parent or a homosexual couple, deprives children of the full range of parenting offered by dual-sex couples...In a contest between the desires of some homosexuals and the needs of all children, we cannot allow the children to lose. The California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, like all mental health organizations, must base policy decisions on scientific evidence and research findings, not personal belief and political opinion.**

> **Most importantly, they must never allow children to be used as "guinea pigs in unwise and potentially harmful social experiments."**

Of course, brothers and sisters, the Catholic Church is "opposed to legal recognition of so-called same sex unions in order to prevent the redefinition and de-valuation of the institution of marriage," as the Arizona Catholic Conference has noted. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2358, in reference to homosexuals, says that "every sign of unjust discrimination… should be avoided" – but, as the Church teaches, brothers and sisters, affirming true marriage and the true family is totally just and is anything but discrimination.

My brothers and sisters, I welcome your comments and questions. What's on your mind? Do you find this teaching of Mother Church difficult to understand? Let's talk about it. Are you prepared to defend marriage between a man and a woman? I'll tell you what is out there to help you become trained and informed... Here are the numbers: 1-800-585-9396 and 1-205-271-2985.

Closing: Thanks from the bottom of my heart for your excellent calls and emails. It's a grace to know you. In the late 1930's, as the totalitarian evils of Soviet Communism and Nazism menaced the world, Pope Pius XI insisted that the layman fulfill his function in the Church. He wrote:

> **It is absolutely necessary that in this our age all should be apostles: it is absolutely necessary that the laity should not sit idly by…. The crisis we are experiencing is unique in history. It is a new world that must burst out of a crucible in which so many different energies are boiling. Let us thank God that He makes us live among the present problems. It is no longer permitted to anyone to be mediocre. Everyone has the imperative duty to remember that he has a mission to fulfill, that of doing the impossible, each within the limits of his activity, to bring the world back to Christ.**

My dear brothers and sisters, we can do it. By the power of grace, we can bring the world back to Christ!

Until next week on Open Line, Blessed be God and may the Lord and Giver of Life bless you!

Bye for now!