

## **Bishop Baker Recommends '*Humanae Vitae* Study Guide'**

This July marks the 40th anniversary of the release of *Humanae Vitae*, the Encyclical Letter by Pope Paul VI on artificial birth control. The newly released *Study Guide to Humanae Vitae (Of Human Life)* presents a perfect opportunity to study this encyclical.

Bishop Robert J. Baker recently recommended the use of the study guide stating: "A *Study Guide to Humanae Vitae, Of Human Life*, has just been published this year by Priests for Life, and carries my Imprimatur. It is available in Birmingham from Alpha Church Supply. This small book would be an excellent tool for study of *Humanae Vitae* for clergy and laity involved in working with families, couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony, and Catholic students -- all of whom face the real issues of life that *Humanae Vitae* deals with."

The study guide includes the full text of *Humanae Vitae*, as well as: a Nihil Obstat by Father Lambert Greenan, O.P., Censor Deputatus; a Foreword by Father Frank Pavone, M.E.V., national director of Priests for Life; chapter summaries with helpful questions that lead the reader to the encyclical and personal reflection; essays and testimony by Dr. Theresa and Kevin Burke; Dr. Alveda King; Jim Pinto, Jr. and Janet Morana; and a glossary of terms to assist the reader with the encyclical.

While the study guide has an introduction that gives some tips for participation, a facilitator's guide is available upon request for those who desire to lead a small group study. The guide will equip the leader with confidence to facilitate a study group; teaching on the discussion study group method of learning; sound awareness of small group dynamics; and a solid outline for each session.

The study guide also provides an opportunity to continue the ongoing tradition of facilitating the teaching of the church through faithful small study groups. This summer would be a good time to plan for a study in the fall.

*A Study Guide to Humanae Vitae* and the facilitator's guide are available at Alpha Church Supply, 131 West Oxmoor Road, #119 Birmingham, AL 35209 Phone: phone, 205-942-5750.