

# VATICAN DOCUMENT IS AT ONE WITH SCIENCE

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On April 8, the Vatican released a Declaration on Human Dignity, *Dignitas Infinita*. It showed, once again, that the teachings of the Catholic Church are at one with science. Ironically, this comes at a time when many elites in the scientific community are out of step with well-established scientific truths. To be specific, the conviction that the sexes are interchangeable and not fixed by nature is not based on science. It is based on politics.

The document affirms that “Every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter.”

The saliency of this principal finds expression in the Church’s rejection of ideological colonization. Gender theory not only plays a central role, it “is extremely dangerous since it cancels differences in its claim to make everyone equal.” Similarly, gender theory “intends to deny the greatest possible difference that exists between living beings: sexual difference.”

To deny sexual differences, the Vatican says, is to eliminate “the anthropological basis of the family.” This can lead to a situation where it becomes acceptable to dictate “how children should be raised.” It needs to be emphasized that “biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated.”

Pope Francis' exhortation on this issue, *Amoris Laetitia* (2016), is cited in the document. "We cannot separate the masculine and the feminine from God's work of creation, which is prior to all our decisions and experiences, and where biological elements exist which are impossible to ignore." Importantly, the Vatican statement also says that "sex-change intervention" is problematic because it "risks threatening the unique dignity the person has received from the moment of conception."

To the average person, especially Catholics, this document makes perfect sense. But unfortunately we live in a world where many elites are in a massive state of denial.

Within a week of the publication of the Vatican document, the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota announced—to great fanfare—that puberty blockers have harmful effects, including cancer, and that it is not at all certain that they can be reversed (as the "gender-affirming" cheerleaders in medicine have claimed). This was hardly breaking news to most people, but to the anti-science crowd, it was bad news.

A few days earlier, the Associated Press' latest style book was released. It advises journalists not to use the term "female" anymore because it "can be seen as emphasizing biology and reproductive capacity over gender ideology." Another triumph of politics over science.

And the day before the statement was published, the female coach of the South Carolina women's basketball team, which won the championship, said that men should be allowed to compete against women in women's sports. "If you consider yourself a woman and you want to play sports, or vice versa, you should be able to play." Let's see how everyone reacts if a flood of men want to play on her team next year.

The Catholic Church is not at war with science. But many of the elites in the scientific community are. Worse, they have

influenced legions of others in elite positions. The biggest losers are women, or what journalists used to call females.