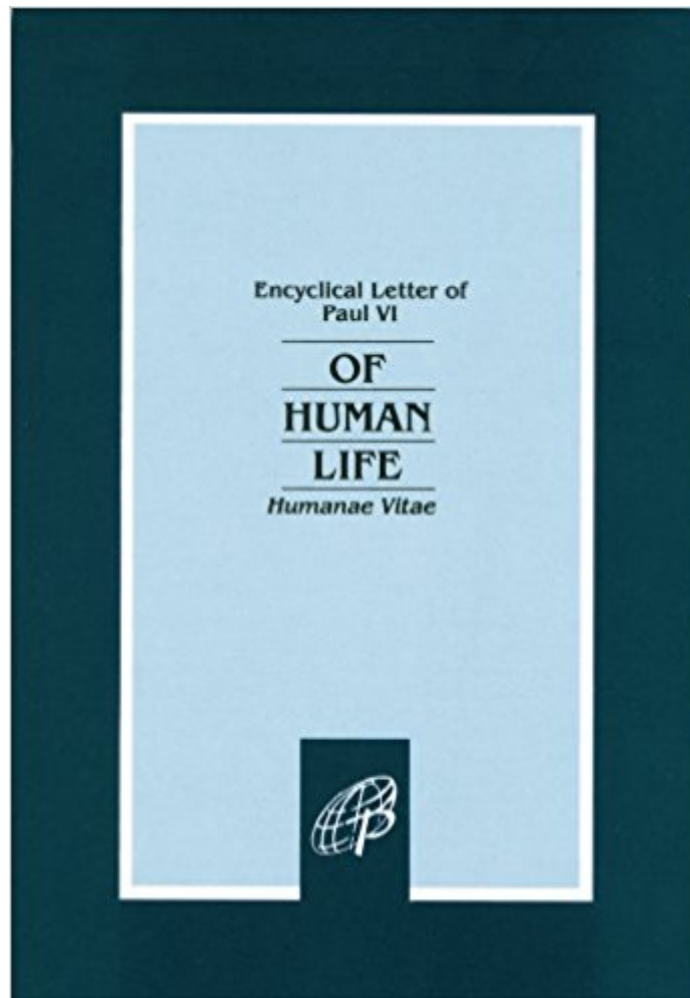




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I had read this in high school and then again for a college class, so I already knew what I was getting and bought it for my own academic research. For those interested in the 20th-century teaching of the Catholic Church or, more specifically, in the writings of Pope Paul VI, I would recommend *Humanae Vitae* since it was one of the foundational papal encyclicals of the 20th century. It expounds upon previous church teachings, especially those of Pope Pius XII and Pope John XIII, and addresses some of the social issues related to human life and procreation during a period of cultural change (1960s and 1970s). This edition arrived quickly and in perfect form, and I would recommend this seller to the reader.

just what was needed

Clean little book. Gift worthy

great classic

Pure truth for our times.

Excellent document, very short, easy to read

One reviewer has recommended a study of "the writings of the respected Catholic scholar and moral theologian the Reverend Father Charles Curran" for a better understanding of *Humanae Vitae*. That is an absolutely inappropriate recommendation. As I wrote in a review of one of Curran's works, "Father Curran remains best known for the dissent which he orchestrated to *Humanae Vitae*....it boggles the mind as to how anyone - particularly one so blessed with intelligence as Father Curran - could possibly miss that encyclical's prophetic nature. The seamless connections it shows between the Church's teachings on the sanctity of human life, marriage and family, and social issues seem to fly over so many heads. To a significant extent, this is the sad and tragic legacy of Father Curran. Thanks to God's mercy, it need not be his fate. As per the *The Splendor of Truth: Encyclical Letter of John Paul II*, "No absolution offered by beguiling doctrines, even in the areas of philosophy and theology, can make man truly happy: only the Cross and the glory of the Risen Christ can grant peace to his conscience and salvation to his life."

Whether you agree or disagree with its message--I for the most part disagree--it's impossible to ignore the significance of *HUMANAE VITAE* in the history of the Roman Catholic Church. Its proponents see it as a reaffirmation of the Church's ages old commitment to the sanctity of human life. Its detractors see it as a rebuke of the principles set forth in Vatican II, and a step backwards in the evolution of the Church as a viable modern religion.

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