

ThM 548 *Human Sexuality and Celibacy*
FINAL EXAMINATION 2023

To be returned **electronically via e-mail** (ldysinger@stjohnsem.edu) by Thursday, December 14, 2023.

In your answers, when you refer to numbered sections of Catholic Teaching Documents (canons, encyclicals, the *Catechism*, etc.) DO NOT simply cut and paste the text into your answer. Summarize accurately what the relevant text says, just as you would in any real pastoral situation. Please answer all parts of all three questions

Please remember that whenever your answers include anything other than your own words or ideas, you must place the cited text in quotation marks and include appropriate references. When citing text from the Internet always include in your reference the original author and source of the material you cited, together with the Webpage HTTP reference.

For example:

St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, Ia, 103.4. <http://www.newadvent.org/summa/1103.htm>

And **not** merely: <http://www.newadvent.org/summa/1103.htm>

1. Both Pope Francis and the Dicastery (Congregation) for Education have warned against what they call “gender ideology”. What is meant by this term, and what should be the Catholic response to those who advocate it?

In your answer, please include appropriate references to relevant magisterial texts.

2. A woman you do not know well asks to see you in your office. She is 38 years old and has been married for 14 years. She is concerned that her 13-year old daughter is being influenced by schoolmates who advocate puberty-blocking drugs “until they know for sure what gender they are”. What advice do you offer her?

In your answer, please include appropriate references to relevant magisterial texts.

3. A 32-year old woman whom you have not previously met comes to speak with you, her parish priest. She is Catholic and was married in the Church at the age of 22. She and her husband have two children: a boy, age 9 years and a daughter, age 10 years. She tells you that her husband recently lost his job as a truckdriver, and has become increasingly angry and depressed. She is becoming afraid for her safety and that of their children. Her husband has not physically harmed either her or their children, but he has begun shouting, “throwing things”, and “smashing furniture”, usually in the evenings after “having a few drinks”. She asks you what she should do.

What questions would you ask her?

What recommendations would you offer her?
