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Catholic teaching on the dignity and uniqueness of every human person is founded upon Biblical and natural law truths that have guided our Western Civilization up to our modern era. Implications of that teaching are clear.

God chose Adam and Eve to be the first husband and wife, the first parents. From the beginning God created marriage to fill Heaven with saints. Marriage today has that same divine purpose. In the love between husband and wife, God creates children to be reared and educated by the parents. This is the norm. Any deviation from normalcy could interfere with God's plan for children at His choice. Any technology which seeks to create human life outside the normative conjugal act of husband and wife is immoral, precisely because it circumvents God's plan for generation of the human person.

Each human person is new, unique and exists by creation before any of its parts, including the soul. The human person is at once corporeal and spiritual. Soul, intellect and will are concreated. The person is individual substance of a nature that is rational. The existence of a person is manifest when the new life is recognized.

There are two sexes, male and female, equal by reason of original creation as persons. Each person is unique and irrepeatable. Each person is either a male or a female as a result of the joining together of genetic material from both male and female.

During cloning there is no joining of genetic material of two parents. The ingredients include two mutilated cells. An ovum without its nucleus is used in order to make room for a somatic nucleus that has been separated from the rest of its normal components. This cloning can be nothing else except some kind of cloned body or cloned material. Cloning can have effect only on the body. Since defective matter is supplied, more defects could be envisioned.

The cloning of human beings would be a violation of the natural moral law. Research in cloning as it applies to man is degrading. It

destroys the dignity of human nature by treating the human person as a material commodity to be manipulated according to whim and fancy. Man appoints himself to displace God in creation. The attempt to displace God in creation of the human person is an extreme example of arrogance.

The human cloning project represents a terrible aberration — the end result of science without ethics, technology without morality, man without God. Such aberration replaces the intrinsic dignity of the human person with a “quality of life” judgment about the human person.

The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) is vehemently opposed to any attempts at human cloning. Such activity is contrary to the method of procreation designed by God. Human cloning is contrary to natural moral law. We call upon our legislators and all people of good will to enact restrictions immediately to prevent human cloning. The consequences of failing to act in this matter are incalculable.

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