

Amoris Laetitia 54 on women

- 'their lack of equal access to roles of decision-making'
- 'History is burdened by the excesses of patriarchal cultures that considered women inferior'
- 'There are those who believe that many of today's problems have arisen because of feminine emancipation. This argument, however, is not valid, it is false, untrue, a form of male chauvinism.'
- 'we must nonetheless see in the women's movement the working of the Spirit for a clearer recognition of the dignity and rights of women.'

Vatican II, *Gaudium et spes*, 1965, 43

- ‘For guidance and spiritual strength let [lay people] turn to the clergy; but let them realize that their pastors will not always be so expert as to have a ready answer to every problem, even every grave problem, that arises; this is not the role of the clergy: it is rather the task of lay people to shoulder their responsibilities under the guidance of Christian wisdom and with careful attention to the teaching authority of the church.’