

LOVING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Church and Gender Ideology



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With his book, John Bursch has given us all a gift, by concisely, compassionately, and truthfully addressing the errors of gender ideology in light of the wisdom of the Catholic Church. Every decent parent knows that he should only give his children what is good for them. If a child asks for something harmful, the loving response is no. Love does not require us to affirm people in their false beliefs and, in fact, affirming someone in a false belief is not loving and leads to their harm.

As Bursch ably shows, the truth--rooted in science, philosophy, and right reason--is that a person cannot change his or her sex. Beliefs that a person can be trapped in the wrong body is false. We should be compassionate to such people, but never affirming of such a false belief. The flourishing of the human person can only be found in accord with the truth. Bursch also shows that gender ideology is a house of cards propped up by politicized science and medical associations, media, name-calling, and censorship.

Bursch's book well catalogs the numerous statements and teachings from Catholic bishops, the Pope, and other Catholic leaders in recent years on this subject. This book is valuable for all, but is particularly useful for Catholic parents, teachers, administrators, attorneys, hospitals, medical professionals, and chancery officials. We can never be too well educated on this dangerous ideology.

Lastly, this book is a model of teaching the truth in love. While Bursch unflinchingly presents the truth, he does so precisely because he wants the true good of those deceived by this ideology. And that is real love--not the counterfeit that simply gives the other what he or she wants regardless of whether it is good.

Loving God's Children is available from Sophia Institute Press and Amazon, in print and Kindle. The book bears an imprimatur and nihil obstat. Unfortunately, this is a must read for all of us.