

Welcoming in Truth and Charity The Church and Transgender Issues

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**Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church | Hedge Hall
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Do you have questions about the challenging cultural movement we as Christians are living today?

The cultural moment we are living in as Christians challenges us to examine and evaluate some of the reigning misconceptions around gender that are rapidly gaining traction in our society.

We have witnessed a movement from the gender studies departments of our universities and colleges, directly into the mainstream and the media.

Father Tad discusses various concerns around the claim that gender can or should be entirely divorced from biological sex, and evaluates some of the common claims offered by transgender advocates claiming that one can be "born in the wrong body."

He describes the rapidly shifting culture, including governmental intrusions and the effects on schools when transgender students insist on accessing opposite sex facilities such as locker rooms, bathrooms and spas, as well as the problems with allowing biological males to compete in female-designated sporting events.

He describes how the medical profession is capitulating to gender ideology and causing harm to patients. Claims that gender reassignment surgeries solve the psychiatric issues of gender dysphoric patients are reviewed and countered.

Father Tad also discusses the rising and ever more vocal category of "detransitioners" who regret their hormonal treatments and surgeries, and are seeking not only to alter the trajectory of the public discourse around the question, but also to discourage "affirmation" approaches and misguided forms of treatment, even as they encourage solid psychotherapy and the robust addressing of underlying issues and problems.

Pastorally, he concludes with a discussion of what we can do as Catholics, such as affirming the person in Christ, but not all their choices, and charitably challenging false assumptions about truth and reality.



Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He currently serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia and directs the Center's National Catholic Certification Program in Health Care Ethics. Fr. Tad is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts. He writes and speaks widely on bioethics and medical ethics. Since 2001, he has given several hundred presentations and participated in debates and roundtables on contemporary bioethics throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe.



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