

Pope Maria Encyclicals

Pope Maria issued 99 Encyclicals, more than any other Pope. Brevity is the hallmark of her formal works; she preferred to address only one subject in each of her writings. The Encyclicals that Maria herself considered to be most “from the Holy Heart” are presented here.

Encyclical 1 – Life & Death

Life is the most important thing we have here on earth and on our moon colony. Believe what we want about the hereafter, the best information today, scientific and otherwise, is that once our bodies die we are dead. Our quarks, leptons, bosons, will revert to their fundamental roles in the universe.

Science believes there may be life not too distant (12 light-years) on Tau Ceti. Whether or not it is life similar to ours remains to be determined.

The present common practice of cryogenic freezing of the dead or sending them in unprotected orbit in the hope future science will be able to resurrect life has no basis in either science or religion.

The primary goal of all Churches and all world governments is to preserve life and make life worth living. Eternal life is what we seek through our religion.

Let each person lead the life chosen with God’s help. Let each person address his/her own death with God’s help.

Encyclical 2 – Artificial Life

God has given each form of life the ability to reproduce its kind. The current widespread practice of genetic modification by humans is a distortion of the abilities God gave us, a misuse of our Free Will to choose good or bad, evil or virtue, the natural or the unnatural. Nature and natural processes are God-given and are fundamental in our beliefs and actions.

Encyclical 3 – Suicide

Suicide is not an act against God but is the action from rejection by other humans or a lack vision about self-future or the external influence of other forces. Suicide is another instance of the Free-Will God has allocated to humankind. It is the duty of our Church to bring about conditions where suicide is never considered by an individual.

Encyclical 4 – Sexes

In humans God made two sexes, female and male. They have common characteristics and capabilities, and each has unique characteristics and capabilities. They are equally capable of accepting Church beliefs and performing Church work and holding Church positions.

Encyclical 5 – Sexuality

The human form in both sexes is God’s work, and God made the forms to be attractive to each other. Displays of the human forms are not meant to invoke evil but rather to inspire admiration of God’s work. Excessive display of flesh invites evil.

(The draft of this Encyclical ended with a handwritten “TTM”, which has baffled historians.)

Encyclical 6 – Facts, Logic, Beliefs

Church beliefs are based on history and traditions and expectations. Church policy and decisions are to be based on the current best available facts and applied logic.

Encyclical 8 – Forgiving

All religions and all governments include some degree of forgiveness (pardon) as part of their doctrine. But if John kills Joseph, Joseph is dead forever and unable to forgive, and many living are still affected by the crime. The degree of punishment for a crime, and the degree of forgiveness for a crime, should fit the degree of the crime.

“Forgiveness” is not “condoning”.

(Pope Maria noted in her diary that the exorcism of Friar Benjamin for having misspoken to a visiting nun in Kalgoorlie was not an “eye for an eye”; there was no equivalency of crime and punishment.)

Encyclical 17 – Fiscal

The primary use of Church monies shall be to give aid to the needy. The secondary use of Church monies shall be to promote understanding of our Church and the place of religion in life.

Encyclical 23 – Science

Science brings new aspects to our lives almost daily with both positive and negative effects. Science is here to stay, we must accept it. Science combined with logic is the path to earthly salvation.

The advances in medicine and education and alleviating hunger show us the positive sides of science. We now have brought controlled asteroids into orbit around our earth to protect us from potential obliterating impacts of other asteroids.

Having learned how to extract energy from storm cells is a double positive – more energy for human use and fewer destructive severe storms. And we now are starting to extract energy from the center of the earth ... less dependence on Mother Sun somewhat offsets the negative effects of our pollution of our earth belts.

The weapons in the past and the new weapons available today show us the negative sides of science. The loss of personal information in cyber space is a negative side of science of importance to each of us today.

Robots that have taken over nearly every human task show us both the positive and negative sides of science at the same time.

All churches should promote the benefits to humanity of science, and decry the inhumanities produced by science.

Encyclical 24 – Cancer

The Sciences have eradicated many diseases and controlled many new ones as they appear. However we now know that cancer is a spontaneous mutation in our genes that has been with us since life

began on earth. Science has determined that cancer will forever be with us. There are causes we have brought on ourselves with our habits and quests and ignorance. But radon gas inherent in the surface of our planet and cosmic gamma radiation inherent in our universe will forever cause the start of some cancers. It appears God has given us cancer challenges – restrict cancer as much as humanly possible; give palliative care to cancer patients without judgment.

Encyclical 28 – Finance

God did not make money. Animals and fish and reptiles do not use money. Humans made money and it now drives our lives. There is no going back, but money requires responsibility. In our Church, in our Governments, in our everyday lives, the source of money for every Transaction needs to be explicit and realistic and known. The alms-keepers must be the most honest and open among us. We should strive to eliminate the evil we call “debt.”

Encyclical 70 – Ecumenism

Wherever the Bible or the Vade Mecum reside, the book *The Great Religions by Which Men Live* (“*The book that shows eight ways to God*”) shall also be present.