

## Gender ideology ...

- is having a devastating impact on children and teens.
- ignores God as Creator and promotes a view of individual autonomy which is simply sinful.
- redefines the parent-child relationship, casting parents as “oppressing” children by raising them as boys or girls.
- undermines basic Christian anthropology by defining the person as a disembodied mind and the body as a mere instrument.

**St. John Vianney Theological Seminary**, in cooperation with the **Catholic Women’s Forum** and **Courage International**, is proud to announce our upcoming conference: **“Framing a Catholic Response to Gender Ideology.”**

The conference will explore an authentically Catholic response to gender ideology from the medical, psychological, philosophical, theological, pastoral, and legal perspectives. Aiming to serve key personnel involved in Catholic Charities, Catholic Schools, Seminary Formation, Counseling and Diocesan Staff, we will present the issues involved and discuss ways to prepare a proactive, truthful and compassionate response to gender ideology when these issues arise. We hope to equip participants to return to their dioceses and be proactive catalysts for advancing this discussion and preparing to respond to gender ideology at the diocesan level.

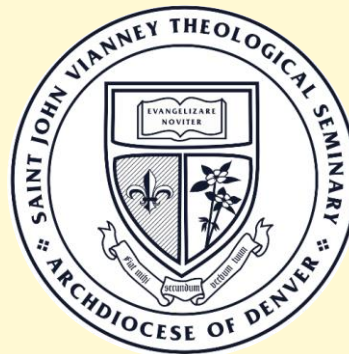
## Framing a Catholic Response to Gender Ideology

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*The Church faces a serious challenge from an organized and sweeping agenda...*

**“Organized religion is at the heart of LGBTI oppression and needs to be deconstructed.** [But] How can one deconstruct an institution that provides hope and comfort to millions of desperate people? ... An engagement needs to come from groups within the churches. They need capacity-building and support...**LGBTI organizations need to appropriate Christian values for a progressive rights agenda.”**  
--Atlantic Philanthropies 2010 report, “A Meeting of Queer Minds”

*...which Pope Francis has characterized as “ideological colonization”:*

“We are experiencing a moment of the annihilation of man as the image of God. ... In Europe, America, Latin America, Africa, and in some countries of Asia, **there are genuine forms of ideological colonization taking place. And one of these - I will call it clearly by its name - is [the ideology of] “gender.”** Today children – children! – are taught in school that everyone can choose his or her sex. Why are they teaching this? Because the books are provided by the persons and institutions that give you money. **These forms of ideological colonization are also supported by influential countries. And this is terrible!**”  
--Pope Francis, meeting with the Polish Bishops, Cathedral of Kraków: 27 July



**The Context**  
***What Is Gender Ideology and Why Do US Dioceses Need to Be Prepared to Respond to It?***  
Pia de Solenni, S.T.L., S.T.D.  
*Associate Dean, Augustine Institute, Orange County*



**The Perspective of Medical and Psychological Science**  
***Transgender Surgery and Christian Anthropology***  
Deacon Patrick Lappert, MD  
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***What Does the Science and Practice of Psychology Tell Us about Gender Identity?***  
Suzanne Hollman, PsyD, MSc  
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**The Philosophical and Theological Perspective**  
***Why is Gender Ideology Incompatible with Catholicism?***  
Susan Selner-Wright, PhD  
*St. John Vianney Theological Seminary*



***The Emperor’s (New) New Clothes: A Look at the Logic of the (Not So) New Gender Ideology***  
Margaret Harper McCarthy, PhD  
*John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family, CUA*



**The Pastoral Perspective**  
***Welcoming and Accompanying Catholics with Confusion about Sexual Identity***  
Father Philip Bochanski  
*Executive Director, Courage International*



**The US and Global Situation**  
***The Cultural Impact of Gender Ideology: What Happened and How Did It Happen So Fast?***  
Mary Rice Hasson, JD  
*Director, Catholic Women’s Forum at the Ethics and Public Policy Center*



***The Legal Situation in the US***  
Helen Alvaré, JD  
*George Mason School of Law*