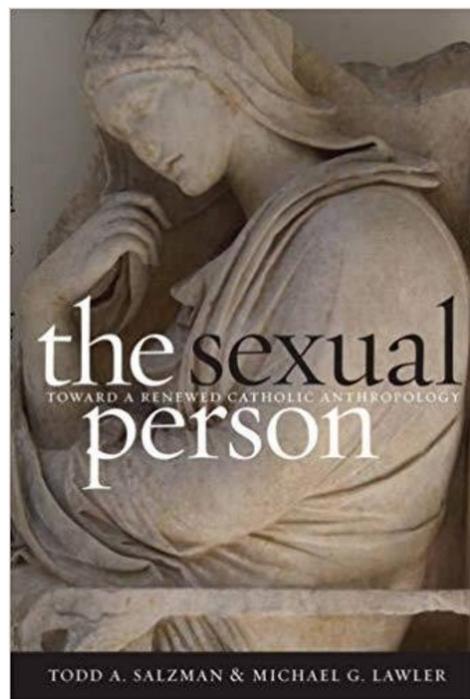


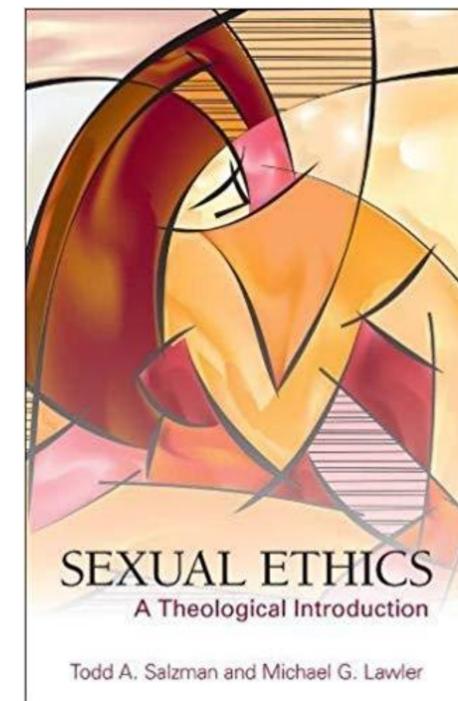
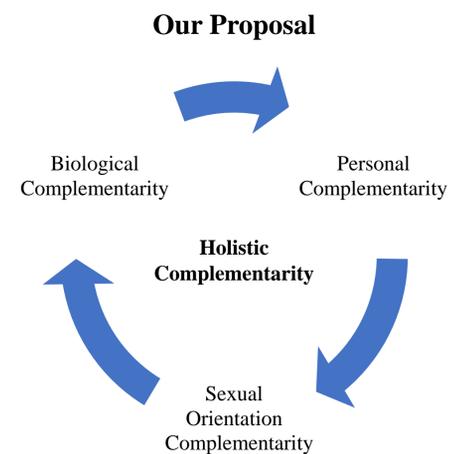
The Evolving Methodological, Anthropological, and Normative Developments in Catholic Sexual Ethics

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Official Catholic Teaching on Complementarity	
A. Biological Complementarity	
Title	Definition
Hetero-Genital Complementarity	The physically functioning male and female sexual organs used in sexual acts
Reproductive Complementarity	The physically functioning male and female reproductive organs used in sexual acts to biologically reproduce

B. Personal Complementarity	
Title	Definition
Communion Complementarity	The two-in-oneness within a hetero-genital complementary marital relationship that is created and sustained by sexual acts
Affective Complementarity	The integrated emotional, psychological, spiritual, relational dimensions of the human person grounded in hetero-genital complementarity.
Parental Complementarity	Hetero-genitally complementary parents who fulfill the second dimension of reproductive complementarity, namely, the education of children.



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Amoris Laetitia: Towards a Methodological and Anthropological Integration of Catholic Social and Sexual Ethics

Abstract

There is a long-noted methodological and anthropological divide between Catholic social and sexual ethics. We argue in three cumulative sections that Pope Francis's *Amoris Laetitia* moves towards a methodological and anthropological integration of Catholic social teaching and Catholic sexual teaching. First, we explore *Amoris Laetitia*'s methodological integration of Catholic social and Catholic sexual teaching; second, we explore its anthropological integration of Catholic social and sexual teaching; finally, we demonstrate how the methodological and anthropological insights of *Amoris Laetitia* might provide a more integrated and credible response to a contemporary ethical issue.

A. AL and Methodological Developments	
1. Philosophical	
1. Inductive	Focus on particularity of culture and context and Aquinas, <i>ST</i> , 1-2, q. 94, a. 4 (<i>AL</i> 304)
2. Historical Consciousness	Law of Gradualness: The human person "knows, loves, and accomplishes moral good by different stages of growth" (<i>AL</i> 295).
3. Integration of experience, human culture, and the sciences (<i>GS</i> 44).	"The joy of love experienced by families [that] is also the joy of the church" (<i>AL</i> 1); "Each country or region ... can seek solutions [to ethical and/or pastoral issues] better suited to its <i>culture</i> and sensitive to its traditions and <i>local needs</i> " (<i>AL</i> 3); The sciences, finally, can be helpful for the education, growth, and development of children in families (<i>AL</i> 273, 280).

2. Theological

1. Scripture	St. Paul's First Corinthians (13:4-7) and a focus on virtues (<i>AL</i> Ch. 4)
2. Ecclesiology	<i>Local Bishops</i> : <i>AL</i> refers extensively to bishops' conferences and how they have responded to particular ethical questions with respect to married and family life. <i>Sensus Fidelium</i> : "the instinctive capacity of the whole church to recognize the infallibility of the Spirit's truth." <i>Synodality</i> : journeying together and listening to the input from all quarters of the Church, laity and clerics alike.
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4. New Pastoral Methods	Respect "both the church's teaching and local problems and needs" (<i>AL</i> 199).

B. AL and Anthropological Developments

1. Conscience	Reemphasizes the authority and inviolability of conscience
2. Discernment	The place of discernment in moral decision-making complements the role and authority of conscience and seeks to inform and form it.
3. Virtues	Shift in focus from doing and acts to being and virtues (<i>AL</i> Ch. 4).
C. AL and Normative Developments	
"Irregular Situations"	Cohabitation for economic reasons (<i>AL</i> 294)

