

## **THE PILL: MORE PROBLEM THAN CURE**

Recently, I heard a public service message from the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh that really made me stop and think. It pointed out how a secular society can promote perceived convenience at the expense of our spiritual and moral foundation. The commentary may be found below and the actual public service message is also on this site.

It has been 50 years since the Food and Drug Administration approved an oral contraceptive. It was the beginning of the culture of “The Pill.”

It is not mentioned much today that Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, envisioned the Pill as fundamental in a eugenics crusade to convince what she saw as her social inferiors to breed less, and the mentally deficient to not breed at all.

Propagandists played that down, but praised the Pill as a cure for poverty, divorce, unwed mothers and abortion. But It hasn’t worked out that way.

Divorce rates have nearly tripled, poverty and abortion remain, and out-of-wedlock births are 41 percent of all babies born in the United States.

The Pill seemed like a grand idea 50 years ago. But like all morally flawed ideas, the reality has been a lot messier.

A message from the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh