

Life of the married Eastern clergy

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Father Josh: A married Catholic priest in a celibate world

Figures such as , , and the Holy Roman Emperors , and argued against it. One example was shown in the in , where a priest maintained his clerical status after he had married a girl he impregnated.

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Mandatory celibacy prevented the clergy from getting involved in the intrigue of who marries whom.

Eastern Catholics explain value of married priests

They might hold jobs from Monday through Friday but provide service on the weekends.

Celibate and Married Clergy

Even in these strictest groups, a widower may still serve. Some priestly orders require their members to remain celibate, as do monastic orders of all brothers and sisters.

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Your reply does not at all address the point of my comment, which was that posts like yours prove that those who said that the permanent diaconate was an attack on priestly celibacy were quite right. That is why Eastern Christians have real titles for such women: presbytera or pani matka or khouria. Some cite the tradition of celibacy.

Priests With Wives

To be allowed to pass down this wealth, power, and position to sons who might not merit it might have been seen as both unfair and

counterproductive to the church's viability. Interestingly, the decree of Gregory VII on clerical celibacy was opposed by St. Bernard. But that the law of continence and purity, so pleasing to God, may become more general among persons constituted in sacred orders, we decree that bishops, priests, deacons, subdeacons, canons regular, monks, and professed clerics conversi who, transgressing the holy precept, have dared to contract marriage, shall be separated.

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NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 1982, p. So they asked Rome if they could force the Byzantine clergy to mandate celibacy in North America, even though it would remain optional in the rest of the world. And there are lonely women who become attracted to good looking young priests.

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