In his <u>weekly audience</u>, Pope Francis spoke of the challenges faced by married couples and the impact on children from a divorce. He said that, with the increase in the divorce rate, children do not see an example of long-term commitment:

"There is this culture of the provisional ... everything is provisional, it seems there is nothing definitive," he said.

The Holy Father also urged Christians to commit themselves to equal pay for women.

"[A]s Christians, we must ... support with determination the right of equal compensation for equal work, why is it taken for granted that women must earn less than men? No! They have the same rights," said Pope Francis.