

Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART THREE LIFE IN CHRIST

SECTION TWO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

CHAPTER TWO "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF"

ARTICLE 4 THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

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2211 The political community has a duty to honor the family, to assist it, and to ensure especially:

- the freedom to establish a family, have children, and bring them up in keeping with the family's own moral and religious convictions;
- the protection of the stability of the marriage bond and the institution of the family;
- the freedom to profess one's faith, to hand it on, and raise one's children in it, with the necessary means and institutions;
- the right to private property, to free enterprise, to obtain work and housing, and the right to emigrate;
- in keeping with the country's institutions, the right to medical care, assistance for the aged, and family benefits;
- the protection of security and health, especially with respect to dangers like drugs, pornography, alcoholism, etc.;
- the freedom to form associations with other families and so to have representation before civil authority.¹⁵