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Living Catholic in the 808: God Condemns Domestic Violence

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Leaving Akamu with his aunt, Evangeline made her way to the hospital to have her jaw wired shut and her face stitched at the emergency room. By the time she got home almost a day later, her weariness was overwhelming; all she wanted to do was to lie next to her baby. Two-year old Akamu, still sucking a pacifier, kept touching and softly stroking her severe “ow-wees.” Even he knew something was wrong.

Absolutely, our faith recognizes that marriage is indissoluble, that “what God has joined together, no human being must separate” Matthew 19:6. We are called, esp. in today’s throwaway society, to live out the marriage sacrament for our entire lives. The human communion of a husband and wife in the sacrament of Matrimony “is confirmed, purified and completed by communion in Jesus Christ” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC 1644).

But, God did not intend for us to be abused! Not sexually, physically, emotionally or spiritually. The commandments forbid killing and Jesus denounced even having enough anger to want to harm another (Mt. 5: 21-22).

And if someone wants to harm us? “Love toward oneself remains a fundamental principle of morality. Therefore it is legitimate to insist on respect for one’s own right to life” (CCC 2264).

Next week’s bulletin will share exactly what Canon Law says about this issue.