

## RECIPROCAL GENERATIVITY: MASCULINITY, FEMININITY, AND FECUNDITY

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This essay argues that femininity and masculinity find their completion in motherhood and fatherhood and notes the mutual dependence of these distinct modes of bringing the power of generation to fulfillment. It explores the themes of otherness and generativity by observing the ordering of sexual difference to the life of the mind and the communion that is constitutive of the polis. It finally shows how the realities of alterity, intimacy, and reciprocal generativity found in both the family and the Church mutually cast light upon each other and illuminate the depths of their natures.