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## THE EFFECTS OF MARITAL SEPARATION ON CHILDREN

In recent years, modern society has silently and unconsciously been creating a culture of divorce. Even in Malta, the prevailing climate of opinion assumes that divorce is the most appropriate solution for broken marriages and for families encountering problems. Studies undertaken in other countries where divorce has become legalized, confirm that this theory is completely unfounded; so much so that, statistics reveal that divorce has a negative effect upon both the couple and even more so, upon children. Malta is one of the two remaining countries in the world where divorce has not yet been legalized and a mentality which favours the institution of marriage and the family remains prevalent. In spite of this, it cannot be denied that there are many couples who separate for several reasons. Unfortunately, this also has harmful financial, emotional and social effects on children.

The Cana Movement invites the general public to a meeting in the series **Zwieg B'Sahhtu**, during which Mag. Dr Doreen Clarke will address the floor on the effects of separation upon children. This is being held **on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010, at 7.00 p.m.**, at Mons Gonzi Hall, Catholic Institute, Floriana.