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Catechist Update

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Registration for Next Year

I will be e-mailing re-registration to volunteers this Sunday. You get first chance on the time slot of your choice, assuming you will be volunteering next year. Then, I will give until April first for all current families to reregister. All students will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis. After April 1st, the registration packet will be placed on the website for all new registering families.

Note that there are three time slots available for most classes, please place you first and second preference in case one of

the sessions is not offered.

Also, to accommodate all the new activities taking place within the faith formation program, we have changed the format. When registering, please fill out a separate sheet for each person (not just child) who will be involved in any of the programs.

I tried to streamline the fee format. Hopefully this makes more sense than last year. The back side of the fee schedule has the volunteer sign up.

Thanks,
Jamie

Upcoming Events:

- March 2nd Faith Formation Commission
- March 14th K4J
- March 21st Marriage Enrichment
- March 26th World Youth Day Informational Meeting

Operation Rice Bowl

Each week during the Lenten season I am hoping to have a group of high school students come to RE classes and give a five minute presentation on the highlighted country of the week through Operation Rice Bowl. We will also be making the recipe of the week and bringing samples for the kids to try. If you know of a teen or teens that would like to help, have them contact me.

World Youth Day 2011

The next World Youth Day will be held in Madrid, Spain and we are already planning! If you are interesting in being a part of such an exciting event, please plan on attending the informational meeting on March 26th at 7pm. I will be discussing the who, what, when, why, and how. Note that individuals who will be under 16 at the time of World Youth Day must have a parent accompany them to the event. RSVP by March 24th (I'll have goodies).

Questions and Answers for Week 15: Baptism



Kindergarten:

First Grade:

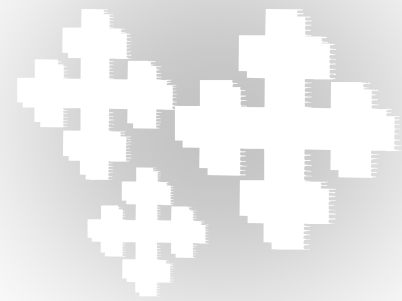
Second Grade:

Third Grade:

Fourth Grade:

Fifth Grade:

The Role of the Christian Family In the Modern World: Article 11



God created man in His own image and likeness: calling him to existence through love, He called him at the same time for love.

God is love and in Himself He lives a mystery of personal loving communion. Creating the human race in His own image and continually keeping it in being, God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation, and thus the capacity and responsibility, of love and communion. **Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.**

As an incarnate spirit, that is a soul which expresses itself in a body and a body informed by an immortal spirit, **man is called to love in his unified totality. Love includes the human body, and the body is made a sharer in spiritual love.**

Christian revelation recognizes two specific ways of realizing the vocation of the human person in its entirety, to love: marriage and virginity or celibacy. Either one is, in its own proper form, an actuation of the most profound truth of man, of his being "created in the image of God."

Consequently, sexuality, by means of which man and

woman give themselves to one another through the acts which are proper and exclusive to spouses, is by no means something purely biological, but concerns the innermost being of the human person as such. It is realized in a truly human way only if it is an integral part of the love by which a man and a woman commit



themselves totally to one another until death. The total physical self-giving would be a lie if it were not the sign and fruit of a total personal self-giving, in which the whole person, including the temporal dimension, is present: if the person were to withhold something or reserve the possibility of deciding otherwise in the future, by this very fact he or she would not be giving totally.

This totality which is required by conjugal love also corresponds to the demands of responsible fertility. This fertility is directed to the generation of a human being, and so by its nature it surpasses the purely biological order and involves a whole series of personal values. For the harmonious growth of these values a persevering and unified contribution by both parents is necessary.

The only "place" in which this

self-giving in its whole truth is made possible is marriage, the covenant of conjugal love freely and consciously chosen, whereby man and woman accept the intimate community of life and love willed by God Himself which only in this light manifests its true meaning. The institution of marriage is not an undue interference by society or authority, nor the extrinsic imposition of a form. Rather it is an interior requirement of the covenant of conjugal love which is publicly affirmed as unique and exclusive, in order to live in complete fidelity to the plan of God, the Creator. A person's freedom, far from being restricted by this fidelity, is secured against every form of subjectivism or relativism and is made a sharer in creative Wisdom.

Questions to reflect on:

- How would I define love?
- What does it mean to love with your who being, including body?
- How can I grow in my love for others?

Idea for Middle School and High School Reflection:


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