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APCL Fall Day of Reflection

Walking at the Woods

Thursday October 1st, 2015

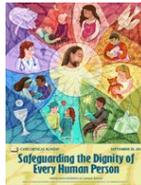
St. Mary of the Woods

9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Begin the year of Mercy with St. Mother Theodore Guerin. The day will include a prayer walk to the shrine and other sites around campus, mass, lunch and time to share. Cost is \$30. To register go to: www.apclindy.org

Catechetical Sunday

September 20, 2015: Catechetical Sunday theme this year is "Safe Guarding the Dignity of Every Human Person." There are a myriad of resources on the USCCB website to assist you in promoting and praying through the theme this year. Just go to: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/human-dignity/index.cfm>



#FlatFrancis

Show Pope Francis the Catholic Church in America. Pope Francis is coming to America for the first time in September. Resources are available at www.flatfrancis.org. Take a photo with the cut out of Pope Francis and post it on Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #FlatFrancis. Anyone can participate! What a great way to engage our young church and share with them the enthusiasm of Pope Francis in the United States. Be creative and share #FlatFrancis with your church and on your own social networks!



Resource Highlight:

Love is our Mission: The Family Fully Alive

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The following quote, which I read in the preparatory materials, was the impetus for me to purchase this book: "Love is our mission, and it is by loving God and one another that we will be fully alive."

The summary statement was a very succinct summary of what it means to be a child of God, a family and Church. The final paragraph in this summary kept me reading. "We believe that love is our mission, and that this mission is the only way we can be fully alive and be who we were created to be. We believe that this love should be taught, shared, and communicated in and through the family, the domestic church. (cont. page 2)

Resource Spotlight Continued:

We believe that the family shares in the mission of the whole Church, and we devote this catechesis to explaining this vision of love in more detail."

The book begins by reminding us that we are "Created for Joy" such a lovely way to begin this book. Reminding us that we are no accident, we are created in the image and likeness of God and He wants us to share in His joy. As parish and school administrators the statement that "the family is the domestic Church" is not a new one, nor is it an abstract one. Though it is not an easy one to understand or explain. I found a quote in this small book which will assist me in explaining the phrase: "This means that the family has the same mission as the Church, namely, to be a place where man encounters God." Wow! I read that and wonder how can I assist families to be this? Beautifully the book reminds that families share in the mission to bring Christ's healing presence to others; but to do this we have to encounter Christ personally and allow him to heal us through the life of the Church.

I was impressed by the straightforward, without apology, statements about human sexuality and the virtue of chastity, as well as the Sacrament of Marriage and the many threats against marriage and family in our culture today. Paragraph 144 reminds me that "the Church's opposition to these and other threats to the good of marriage are part of her great "Yes" to the good of the human person. Our efforts to wrestle with and conform ourselves to Christ's teachings on these issues will bring about a great flourishing, both personally and as a society."

The book does an amazing job of challenging the parish to be the family of families. The parish family has the particular task to be a place of welcome, warmth, and community for others, so that the demands of the Gospel can be faithfully lived out. I was struck by the following statements in the later part of the book: "The Church is our Mother. She draws us close to Jesus Christ and makes it possible for us to respond to His call to follow Him. We live in a culture that is often hostile to the Gospel. But Catholics have a vocation to bring the truth about love to the world, and we do this by living love in our own families and communities. The Church stays close to the family, cherishes the family, and must support the family."

I recommend this book for each of you to read. I know the quotes found throughout will assist each of us with the discussions about human sexuality, chastity and marriage in this culture today.

Upcoming Sainly Celebrations

September 3	St. Gregory the Great
September 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 9	St. Peter Claver
September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 15	Our Lady of Sorrows
September 16	Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian
September 17	St. Robert Bellarmine
September 21	St. Matthew the Apostle
September 23	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
September 26	Sts. Cosmas & Damian
September 29	Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
September 30	St. Jerome
October 1	St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Little Flower)
October 2	Holy Guardian Angels
October 6	St. Bruno
October 7	Our Lady of the Rosary
October 14	St. Callistus
October 15	St. Teresa of Jesus (Teresa of Avila)
October 17	St. Ignatius of Antioch
October 19	Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions
October 22	St. John Paul II
October 28	Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

The resource pictured below can be found online and printed and shared with permission. She uploads a new calendar each month. Visit her blog here: <http://www.reallifeathome.com/>

10 September Activities for Catholic Families

- Grandparents Day is Sept. 8th.** Help your children do something special with their grandparents or spend the day with them.
- Decorate wooden, or even paper, letters spelling out MARY. Be as colorful and creative as you want to celebrate the Most Holy Name of Mary (September 12th).
- Labor Day is the first Monday in September.** Take the time to write a note or give a small gift to someone who works hard for your community (or for your family!).
- Jesus is the Bread of Life.** Pick out your favorite bread recipe and have your children help you make it.
- Saints can seem like people from long ago to children. Talk to them about Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta (when she lived and died), her work, and her writings. Her feast day is September 5th.
- Be a peacemaker.** Do something nice for someone that you sometimes argue with. Feast day of St. Wenceslaus is Sept. 28th.
- Find your favorite cross craft to create on Sept. 14th for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
- Look around your room, house, or pantry for items or food to donate to the less fortunate. Feast day of St. Vincent de Paul is Sept. 27th.
- Learn a prayer or even short phrase (like *Ora Pro Nobis) in Latin. St. Jerome translated the Bible from Hebrew to Latin, and his feast day is Sept. 30th.
- September 22nd marks the beginning of Autumn. Try one of these fall crafts to celebrate: <http://thechaosandtheclutter.com/archives/4736>

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