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## God, Sex and the Meaning of Life

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### GSML Ministry Year End Report

As GSML Ministry started in Sept of 2006 we count our year from Sept to June, similar to the school year, so it seems appropriate to report on the year from Sept. 2009 to June 2010.

Our largest event was the Theology of the Body Conference with Christopher West which was held in October at Canada Christian College. This two-day event titled *ToB: Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life*, attracted more than 1000 attendees. Archbishop Thomas Collins was kind enough to celebrate Mass and even though it was very early in the morning, it was attended by the majority of people at the Conference. The band, Critical Mass, provided music and singing during breaks.

#### Various groups had tables including:

- National Family Planning Association Toronto
- God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Ministry
- Marguerite Bourgeys Family Centre
- Serena
- Critical Mass
- National Campus Life Network
- Sisters of Life
- Familia
- Mary Kay
- Ryerson Catholic Chaplaincy
- EWTN
- CCO – Catholic Christian Outreach
- Salt & Light TV
- Theology of the Body Institute

#### Our Sponsors:

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- Federation of North-American Explorers - <http://fourarrows.ca/index.php?page=96>
- Familia - [www.familiaCanada.net](http://www.familiaCanada.net)
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- Catholic Insight - [www.catholicinsight.com/online/](http://www.catholicinsight.com/online/)
- St. Joseph's Workers for Life and Family - [www.sjw.ca](http://www.sjw.ca)

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to book a  
Workshop for your  
Parish or Group we  
are now taking  
bookings for the fall  
and 2011.

**Get your date  
penciled in to  
ensure a Workshop**

- Metro - [www.metro.ca/en/on/accueil.html](http://www.metro.ca/en/on/accueil.html)

We had quite a number of volunteers helping at the Conference. Most of these volunteers have continued to work with us at our Workshops for adults and teens or they attend the ToB Study Groups. We could not have achieved such success without their hard work.

In conjunction with the ToB Conference, a Priest Luncheon, Proclaiming the Theology of the Body, was held at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church. Among the attendees of over 110 Priests, Seminarians and Deacons were two bishops, Bishop Peter Hundt and Bishop John Pazak.

There are hundreds of pictures online for both events. To view them - go to: <http://www.godsexandthemeaninoflife.com/Results.html>

### **GSML Workshops**

We held six Workshops in this period, going as far as Hamilton and Orillia. These were all well received.

- St. Theresa Parish - Nov. 2009
- St. Margaret Mary - Hamilton - Nov. 2009
- Epiphany of Our Lord - Feb. 2010
- Holy Martyrs of Japan Bradford - Mar. 2010
- St. Dunstan - Apr/May 2010
- Guardian Angels - Orillia - May 2010

### **Some comments from the participants when asked to briefly describe the Highlight of this workshop:**

- The videos are amazing.
- The video was excellent. Christopher West was good in explaining. A very productive day. Eye-opener.
- The presentation was very interesting.
- That Pope John Paul II was speaking the truth and teachings of the Church and that it is not widely known and that it will take generations to substantially see a social change.
- Celibacy in light of Theology of the Body.
- Christopher West has a real gift of imparting this wonderful message. It was wonderful to have many questions answered and many misconceptions laid to rest. Bravo
- I will have to reflect on the workshop for a long time. Much to ponder. Excellent.
- I have seen this a number of times. Every time I see it, I retain more.
- Wonderful insights, so helpful for the future.
- Video, inspirational
- Presentation, recaps, discussion groups
- Discussion groups, availability of resources

At another Workshop an attendee who was non-Catholic remarked that she found the topic so interesting she is interested in converting to Catholicism.

## ToB Study Groups

Presently, we are running two at St. Bernadette's Parish at 21 Bayly St Ajax

- Monday Morning from 9:30-11:30
- Every 2nd & 4th Monday evening from 7:-9:00.

For more information contact:

[gsmlministry@gmail.com](mailto:gsmlministry@gmail.com)

## Theology of the Body for Teens

We held two Theology of the Body for Teens Workshops. Both these Workshops were held as one day retreats. Your group or parish might wish to consider a Weekend retreat using this Workshop.

- St. Nicholas Bari - Fall 2009
- St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Mission - Winter 2010

## Theology of the Body in the Classroom

We held 3 presentations for grade nines at Loretto College RCHS during Respect for Life Week. The school was very welcoming and accommodating. We arrived for our first class 8:30. When one member of this class won the candy in the jar guess contest - she passed the jar around the room and shared with everyone. Most impressive. The two other classes were after lunch. It was interesting to present to a room full of girls rather than both sexes at once as we do in the ToB for Teens Workshops.

Thank you Loretto College for inviting us to your school. If your school or teacher is interested in having our group present the Theology of the Body in the Classroom to your class, please get in touch with us at [gsmlministry@gmail.com](mailto:gsmlministry@gmail.com) We can adapt it to your classroom period and it is free of charge.

This is a great opportunity to experience the Theology of the Body Program.

## ToB Study Groups

The two ToB Study Groups have continued throughout the year. Both will start up again on Sept. 13, 2010 at St. Bernadette's Parish in Ajax. Not only do we study the ToB we also consult the Catholic Catechism and other resource materials as questions come up.

**We are planning another Training Workshop in 2011, hopefully it will be in the Western end of the Diocese. Please contact us if you are interested**

## ToB - Presentation and Training Techniques Report

The first session was held on March 27. Attendees came from as far away as Hamilton. After a day of training the group was given an assignment for the second session which was held on May 29. Each group prepared a presentation from assigned chapters in the ToB for Teens Leader's Guide. The variety of styles and ideas from the participants was fascinating. It was an exciting and rewarding learning session. I'll let some of the participants share their thoughts on the day:

### ***What was your main reason for attending the Workshop?***

- To learn tips and skills which can help me be able to present Theology of the Body to others.
- To learn how to teach and share Theology of the Body with others. It was also a great activity to do with my wife.
- I wanted to learn how to give the message in Theology of the Body to teenagers
- To use it with the youth group

### ***What is your overall opinion of the Workshop?***

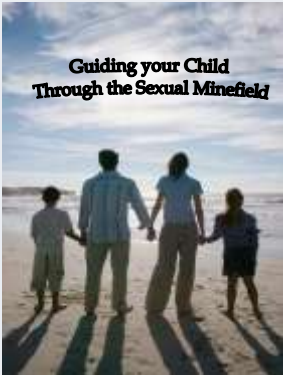
- I feel the workshop was worthwhile.
- It is a great thing that this has been organized for the purpose of training those who want to teach ToB.
- It was great. Very helpful, well run, loved the opportunity to present. Loved hands on approach.
- Excellent workshop for people who want to become trainers because it is critical to evangelize nowadays.
- Very useful because society is teaching young people wrong things about their bodies.
- It is an opportunity to train the trainer and be active about learning and teaching.
- Excellent. Very informative. Gives me hope.

### ***What did you find most helpful about the Workshop?***

- Ability to see different points of view.
- To practice the presentation and to listen to the other groups.
- The leaders, the people attending the workshop and the materials.

- It has allowed me to be confident about learning and teaching a taboo topic.
- I think it is helpful to see how people use their creativity to express different topics in the workshop.
- All that I learned about the topic.
- Practice presenting, learning the topic.
- It was the second session – watching everyone else’s presentations. I learned about different approaches and how to better my presentation – should the time come.
- Handouts and preparing for the presentations (groups). The leadership guide.

**Learn how to counteract the false messages about love and sex in our culture. - hold a Workshop for Parents**



## Book Your Workshop Now

We are planning Workshops and events for the Fall of 2010 and early 2011. If your parish is interested in a Theology of the Body Workshop for Lent please contact us at [gsmlministry@gmail.com](mailto:gsmlministry@gmail.com) to book while there are still dates open. We offer a variety of Workshops, for adults, teens, parents, and teachers and can adapt to meet your groups needs and interests. Don’t hesitate to inquiry about various Workshops. Our Workshops are free and are led by qualified facilitators.

We keep getting requests from Parents for tips and material on helping their children move through these difficult years. We do offer a workshop designed to equip parents with this task. It is entitled:

### Guiding Your Child Through the Sexual Minefield - From Toddlers to Teens

A Workshop for Parents, Grandparents and Teachers

We have had a number of request from parents to run this Workshop again and we are very interested in doing so. The Workshop is approximately two and a half hours and consists of a video by Katrina Zeno, followed by facilitator lead small group discussions. Many people comment on the small group discussions, finding them to be a very important part of the evening.

This Workshop would be suitable to be hosted by a Primary School Parent Council or within the Parish community. If your community is interested in this Workshop please contact: [gsmlministry@gamil.com](mailto:gsmlministry@gamil.com)

## Light Weigh

A Weight Loss program written from the Catholic perspective.



To augment the ToB we have decided to run a program to deal with issues regarding food and its effect on the body, Therefore, we are planning to hold the Light Weigh

We are planning on holding this program starting at the end of Sept. of 2010. The Light Weigh is a 12 week Video Series - Bible Study where you will learn a new approach to eating and to prayer. Light Weigh members learn to eat the foods they enjoy in moderation.

A Weight Loss program written from the Catholic perspective.

We are planning a program in the fall. If you are interested in losing weight using the Bible and Catholic teaching then contact us at [gsmlministry@gmail.com](mailto:gsmlministry@gmail.com)

We would like some more people to sign up.

P.S. you don't have to be Catholic to attend.

**For more information about the program go to: [www.lightweigh.com/](http://www.lightweigh.com/)**

**Note:** Email [gsmlministry@gmail.com](mailto:gsmlministry@gmail.com) to book a Workshop for your Parish or Group we are now taking bookings for the fall and 2011.

## GSML Workshop in Orillia

The Workshop in Orillia was also well attended and many of the participants were involved in various ministries in their parishes. One attendee was from Huntsville and another from Bracebridge. A young man who attended a Workshop in Hamilton and shared the experience with his mother who lived in Orillia at the time, and his mother along with members of the Bible Study then requested a workshop.

## The National ToB Congress in July

**SOLD OUT**

### International response sells out Theology of the Body Congress

This meeting is the most expansive and extensive gathering of experts and enthusiasts ever assembled. The three day event includes 35 seminars on a wide array of topics, networking opportunities and many vendors and display on many products.

Congress registrants represent 10 countries on four continents – the United States (more than 35 states represented), Bermuda, Canada, Ireland, Mexico, the Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Slovenia and South Africa.

Speakers include: Justin Cardinal Rigali, Fr. Brian Bransfield, Fr. Thomas Loya, Sr. Helena Burns F.S.P., Dr. Janet Smith, Katrina Zeno, Christopher West, Glenn Stanton, Dr. Pia de Solenni, Fr. Richard Hogan, Bill Donaghy, Damon Owens, Dr. Gregory Popcak, Dr. Michael Waldstein, Monica Ashour, Anastasia Northrup, Jake Samour and more!

If you would like to hear some of the speakers go to

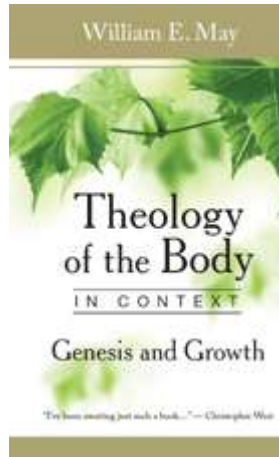
<http://www.ourfatherswillcommunications.com/>

It will be held from July 28-30th, at Normandy Farms, in Blue Bell, Philadelphia, PA

## Recommended Reading

*Theology of the Body: In Context - Genesis & Growth*  
by William E. May

You can purchase this book from **PAULINE BOOKS AND MEDIA** – TORONTO, ONTARIO 3022 Dufferin St. Toronto, Ontario M6B 3T5 or call Phone: 416-781-9131 Toll free (orders only): 1-800-668-2078 E-mail: [toronto@paulinemediacom](mailto:toronto@paulinemediacom)



The zenith of John Paul II's thought on the human person, marriage, and the family is found in his "theology of the body." For the first time, William E. May provides a comprehensive yet readable overview of this work in the context of several other key writings of Karol Wojtyla/John Paul II—including *Love and Responsibility*, *Familiaris Consortio*, and his Apostolic Letters, *Mulieris Dignitatem* and *Letter to Families*—providing rich insights into the development of the theology of the body.

- Takes a closer look at the thought of John Paul II in order to get a clear and comprehensive idea of the creation of his groundbreaking work [www.pauline.org/TheologyofTheBodyinContextGenesisGrowth/tabid/412/Default.aspx](http://www.pauline.org/TheologyofTheBodyinContextGenesisGrowth/tabid/412/Default.aspx)
- May employs Dr. Michael Waldstein's latest and complete translation of theology of the body: *Man and Woman He Created Them*
- An accessible path through the theology of the body without reading the full text.

**William E. May** is emeritus Michael J. McGivney Professor of Moral Theology at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family. He taught there from 1991-2008, after teaching moral theology at The Catholic University of America from 1971-1990. He is the author of many books, among them *Marriage: The Rock on Which the Family Is Built* and *Catholic Bioethics and the Gift of Human Life*. He currently serves as Senior Fellow for the Culture of Life Foundation. He and his wife Patricia have been married for 51 years and have been blessed with seven children and fifteen grandchildren

## Katrina J. Zeno to Speak in Ottawa

**Friday, November 5 – Saturday, November 6, 2010**

*"Skimming the Surface of Theology of the Body" (Friday night)*

*All Day Conference for parents and teens (Saturday)*

**Location:** St. Mary's Parish, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

**Contact:** Rosemary Ballard

**Email:** [youth\\_stmarys@yahoo.ca](mailto:youth_stmarys@yahoo.ca)

More information will be posted later about this event

Specializing in the theology of the body, the single life, the genius of woman, chastity formation, marriage and the Eucharist, and passing on the faith, Katrina brings a dynamic and personal dimension to her speaking.

Katrina is the author of *Every Woman's Journey: Answering 'Who am I' for the Feminine Heart*, *The Body Reveals God: A Guided Study of John Paul II's Theology of the Body*, and *When Life Doesn't Go Your Way: Hope for Catholic Women Facing Pain and Disappointment*. She is a contributing author to *Amazing Grace for Women and Freedom: 12 Lives Transformed by Theology of the Body*; and the co-editor of *Rocked by God*, an inspiring collection of teen testimonies. - from <http://wttm.org/>

## ToB on Facebook

GSML Ministry is now on Facebook - please friend us - type in God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Ministry

<http://www.facebook.com>

There are over 100 ToB groups on Facebook for example:

- Canadians love the Theology of the Body
- Theology of the Body & HV - Free resources and how to promote life and love
- Theology of the Body Online Study Group
- Theology of the Body for Teens
- Theology of the Body Institute
- Theology of the body

## ToB Congress in Rome, Italy

**On November 4-5, 2011**, the Legionary University in Rome, Regina Apostolorum, will be organizing a Congress on the Theology of the Body to attempt to give impetus to this vital teaching in Europe, especially among the Pontifical Universities. Father Schu and Father Martin Connor, LC, are working to help organize the event and bring in several well-known speakers from the U.S. Speakers, tentatively include Carl Anderson, Dr. Michael Waldstein, Christopher West, Dr. Janet Smith and Dr. Mary Shivanandan.

### Regnum Christi

Regnum Christi is an apostolic movement at the service of mankind and the Church. It shares the charism of the priestly congregation, the Legionaries of Christ. Its current membership consists of about 70,000 youths, adults, deacons and priests in more than 30 countries.

They have published an interview with Fr Walter Schu, LC, who explains why JP2's catechesis is revolutionary.

<http://www.regnumchristi.org/english/articulos/articulo.phtml?id=29056&se=364&ca=197&te=782>

### What's Online about the Theology of the Body?

#### **Contents of TG!**

- True God: Theology of the Body Intro
- True Girls: Words of Affirmation
- Truly Gorgeous: Meet Jessica Rey
- Your words
- Sisterhood
- Ask Father
- Convent Hopping
- Music Review: Marie Miller
- Miller Sisters' Cafe

## ToB on the Internet

[www.histube.tv](http://www.histube.tv)

The channel about life, faith, and of course about HIM (GOD) and spreading His word. Tune in for weekly webcam videos, browse through the Featured videos of the day, and search their website through the SEARCH BOX for many other videos. Also, check out the written blog, Through the Grapevine. Want more... well check out the free video game at the bottom of the page! That's not all...THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK. Upload your own videos to share on the His tube channel

**As of today there are 800 items and videos - various lengths - examples include:**

- Peter Kreeft on Theology of the Body
- The Theology of the Body and the Gospel of Life
- Chastity Video - Theology of the Body
- Theology of the Body for Teens
- Christopher West: "Is the Theology of the Body all about Sex?"
- Bishop Fulton Sheen
- Gianna Jessen Abortion Survivor in Australia Part 2
- Matt Maher - Set Me As A Seal - Live

- Sisters Across Continents
- Colored Tights
- Triad of Grace: The Spiritual Effects of Holy Orders
- Ascent Review
- Bible Buzz: Leviticus
- The Sense of Smell: A Special Gift from God
- Home Ink: Family Game Night
- Rosary Reflection: 4th Joyful Mystery
- Poll / Freebie
- Saint Stories: Five Flowers in God's Garden
- MIYO: Charm Bracelet



### **EWTN - online**

- A 13 part series by Fr. Richard Hogan with Katrina Zeno on the Theology of the Body  
[www.ewtn.com/vondemand/audio/seriessearchprog.asp?seriesID=7064&T1=theology+of+the+Body](http://www.ewtn.com/vondemand/audio/seriessearchprog.asp?seriesID=7064&T1=theology+of+the+Body)
- 16 talks by various speakers:  
<http://www.ewtn.com/vondemand/audio/searchprog.asp>

### **Flash cards - Theology of the Body Quiz**

- Flash cards, quizzes, definitions and games to help you learn about the Theology of the Body. <http://quizlet.com/2445152/sexuality-and-the-theology-of-the-body-flash-cards/>

### **Theology of the Body Guide**

- A 26 page guide on the ToB <http://www.scribd.com/doc/31938673/Theology-of-the-Body-a-Guide> This guide is inspired from the Christopher West talks from Gift Foundation: <http://loveundefiled.blogspot.com/2010/05/gift-foundation-free-download.html>

### **TG! Magazine for Girls**

- Over 40 pages of articles and stories of interest to girls.  
<http://www.ammaxdigital.com/publication/?i=22651&p=8>

### **ToB Articles**

Article by Father Jose Granados - Theology of the Body: A Catechesis into the Fullness of Love - a link to it is now on our Website.

<http://www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/2010/teaching-aids-granados.pdf>

Father Jose Granados is Assistant Professor of Patrology and Systematic Theology, Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. He also co-wrote, along with Carl Anderson, *Called to Love: Approaching John Paul II's Theology of the Body*.

For information on Natural Family Planning go to:

[naturalfamilyplanning.ca/toronto](http://naturalfamilyplanning.ca/toronto)

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## **Janet Smith on Contraception**

Defending the Church's teaching that contraception affects society in negative ways and is immoral, Smith noted that "more than one out of three babies in the United States are born to a single mother, one out of four pregnancies are aborted," and that "more than one out of two marriages end in divorce."

"If people were living by the Church's teaching on sexuality, those things wouldn't be happening, and those things are a path to misery," she underscored.

"People born out of wedlock have a very hard life, as do their children. People who get divorced have a very hard life as do their children, and their friends and their family," Smith asserted, adding that on the other hand, "people who don't get divorced and stay married and raise their children, generally have very good lives."

"Couples who use natural family planning almost never divorce," she pointed out. "The





divorce rate at tops, we think is around 4%.”

In light of these facts, “who looks foolish?” she asked. “The Church for not changing a teaching that almost guarantees happiness or a culture that is pushing an agenda that almost guarantees misery?”

Also, “it is really, patently absurd for women to be putting chemicals in their body to correct a condition that is not a defect.

“Fertility is a perfectly healthy condition,” Smith emphasized.

... One of Pope John Paul II's seminal works, the “Theology of the Body,” has “taken off like wildfire around the United States,” Smith told CNA. One the main purposes of the writings, she explained, “was to defend the Church's teaching of contraception.”

According to Smith, the U.S. is responding. “Young people all over the place come to huge conferences” on the theology of the body “and certainly, the training in the seminary is very different now – seminarians are learning the Church's teaching.”

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/dr.-janet-smith-blasts-afp-for-stupid-contraception-article/>

## Life Protecting Power of Attorney for Personal Care Will Protect You

From the Euthanasia website: “I received a call recently from a man who accessed the free service offered by his union to have his Power of Attorney and Will documents drawn up by their lawyers. To his astonishment, the Power of Attorney document was written in such a manner to give permission for all medical treatment to be withheld or withdrawn if he were to acquire an incurable injury or terminal condition. The document would clearly give the physicians permission to dehydrate him to death, even if he was not yet dying. He then went to a business supply store and purchased a “Self-Counsel” kit for Will and Estate Planning. To his astonishment, that document also was written in such a manner as to give permission for all medical treatment to be withheld or withdrawn if he were to acquire a physical or mental disability. It is clear that both the union and “Self-Counsel” Press have been influenced by the euthanasia lobby. Both documents assumed that death was preferable to life. Protect your life by ordering the Life-Protecting Power of Attorney for Personal Care for \$25 by filling out the response card with this mailing.”

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition • P.O. Box 25033 London ON N6C 6A8  
Tel 1-877-439-3348 / 519-439-3348 • Fax 519-439-7053 • [info@epcc.ca](mailto:info@epcc.ca) • [www.epcc.ca](http://www.epcc.ca)

*“Man and woman are created individually in the image and likeness of God and are called to live in a communion of love, in this way they mirror to the world the image of God, that being the love that is expressed within the Trinity.”*

- John Paul II

## Marriage Preparation Online

<http://catholicmarriagepreonline.com/>

“Catholic Marriage Preparation, Inc (CMP) is dedicated to the building of strong Catholic marriages. It is deeply rooted in John Paul II’s Theology of the Body, and the teaching of the Catholic Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, encyclicals and apostolic letters)”

The Course is based upon John Paul II's Theology of the Body, for the building of strong Christ-centered marriages.

Watch Catholic Marriage Prep's interviews on [EWTN's Life On The Rock](#) May 14th, 2009

While no Canadian diocese is supporting it yet, the This course is featured on the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) website and on the [Catholic Church in England and Wales](#) website. An article about it appears in the Catholic Register dated May 16, 2010 by Deborah Gyapong. According to one of the founders, Christian Meerts, “the course starts with a rich theological formation based on Catholic teachings, including JP II’s ToB... A couple’s ‘house must be built on Christ’ first before adding communications and other

practical tools, he said". (from Catholic Register) Meert met with priests and pastoral workers in the Ottawa archdiocese in early May.  
Marriage Prep is offered in English, French and Spanish.

## Peter's Points to Ponder

*"Chastity is a difficult, long-term matter; one must wait patiently for it to bear fruit, for the happiness of loving kindness which is must bring. But at the same time, chastity is the sure way to happiness."*

- John Paul II

While thumbing through the newspaper left behind in a local coffee shop, I stumbled across an article of great interest. In the article, a number of high-school girls, many of whom were not Catholic, were interviewed about pre-marital sex. Many of these girls admitted that, because of religion, and parental pressure, there was pressure in their lives not to have sex. On the other hand, those that had boy-friends felt pressure to ignore what everyone else was saying, after all 'everyone is doing it!'

Of the girls interviewed, there was a varying definition of what sex was, many of whom admitted to having had oral sex, and other forms of sexual activity, but still considered themselves virgins because they had not had intercourse.

As I read this article, I kept thinking, these girls need Theology of the Body more than they need the rules. By not understanding the why behind the what, these girls were looking for loop-holes to make everyone happy.

John Paul II's Theology of the Body isn't an oppressive list of rules, it's a liberating theology that focuses on why the church teaches what it does on sexuality. It emphasizes the true dignity of the body, and being created in the image and likeness of God!

## Follow Me" - 2010 Toronto Archdiocesan Youth Rally

- July 23-25 - Martyrs' Shrine



Every summer the Office of Catholic Youth hosts a weekend long rally at Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, ON. "Follow Me", the name chosen for this year's celebration, is modelled on World Youth Day and offers programming for youth and young adults aged 14-35. We offer music, catechesis, Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration and fellowship with young people from across the Archdiocese of Toronto. Individuals, parish youth groups and even young families have made this event a key part of their summer!

This year's rally will take place from Friday, July 23 to Sunday, July 25, 2010.

Registration is now OPEN!

Packages are \$50.00 (which includes meals for the entire weekend) or \$60.00 if transportation is required.

Registration closes July 9, 2010.

[http://www.ocytoronto.org/events\\_programs/youth\\_rally/index.html](http://www.ocytoronto.org/events_programs/youth_rally/index.html)

## SonFest 2010

Diocese of Peterborough Catholic Youth Festival

Aug 13 - 15, 2010

Cost \$50

Speaker: Jose Farris

<http://www.veyopeterboro.org/veyo/youth/sonfest10.html>



## Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy & ToB

Barry's Bay

Under the mantle of Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, we will provide a vibrant Catholic liberal arts education that integrates faith and reason in all of its disciplines, embraces Divine Revelation, and is rooted in the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

Our students will be nourished in a thriving Catholic culture that, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, will lead them to answer God's call to transform the world through their witness to the saving power of the Truth Who sets us free, Jesus Christ.

### Guest Lecture: Dr. Craig Carter

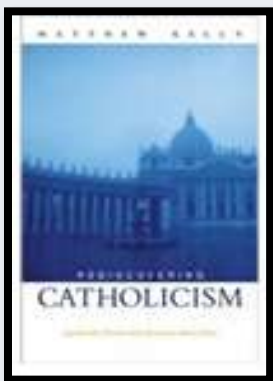


The final guest lecture of the Academic year was an outstanding talk by Dr. Craig Carter, Professor of Religious Studies at Tyndale University College in Toronto, entitled: "An Evangelical Appreciation of John Paul II's Theology of the Body."

Faculty, students, and friends of OLSWA packed St. Mary Hall on April 30 to hear the fascinating talk given by this Evangelical professor who has a great admiration for the late John Paul II. Dr. Carter, who in the last few years has become familiar with the Theology of the Body, John Paul II's profound teaching on the meaning of the human person and love, has begun teaching the Theology of the Body to his students at Tyndale.

For Dr. Carter and his students, interest in the Theology of the Body stems from a few factors, namely the recognition that: 1. The sexual revolution has had a profound impact on our society and on man himself—evidenced by the same-sex marriage debate; 2. There has been a Liberal Protestant capitulation to the sexual revolution (as seen, for example, in the adoption of a liberal position on homosexuality); 3. The Evangelical churches present a weak theology of marriage. In John Paul II's teaching, Dr. Carter found "the most profound contribution to Christian thought about marriage and sexuality since St. Augustine." Dr. Carter described the tremendous response his students had to the study of the Theology of the Body. The students were surprised by how "biblical" and "Evangelical" John Paul II was, for the whole teaching on "Human Love in the Divine Plan" is Christocentric and consists of profound exegesis of key passages on marriage and consecrated celibacy found in the Scriptures, such as Gen 1 and 2, Matt 19, and Eph 5.

Read more at [www.seatofwisdom.org/news/latest/guest-lecture-dr-craig-carter.html?date=2010-07-01](http://www.seatofwisdom.org/news/latest/guest-lecture-dr-craig-carter.html?date=2010-07-01)



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