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# God, Sex and the Meaning of Life

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**Note**: Email gsmlministry@gmail.co m to book a Workshop for your Parish or

Group.

If you are considering a Lenten Workshop, please book as soon as possible.

Available dates

Four Tuesdays Mar. 22, 29, Apr. 6 & 13

Or

A Full Saturday

April 2 or 14

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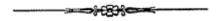
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#### **GSML News**

Many parents are afraid of "the talk" - that is, explaining to their children God's design for sexual union. This one-day workshop will equip parents to prepare their children for "the talk" from age one — yes, age one! Rather than a one-time attempt, chastity formation is seen as a life-long process of educating children to image God through their sexuality by being a gift.

This workshop is for parents, and also grandparents, godparents, teachers — in fact, anyone who lives with and/or works with children from toddlers to teens.

Those who have or work with children of all ages can benefit from learning how to naturally weave the language of chastity and self-gift into their home and family life, and thereby guide their children through the sexual minefield of our secular culture.

One of the common remarks that is heard at this workshop is, "I wish I had seen this when my oldest child was a toddler."

The workshop uses a DVD with speaker, Katrina Zeno, and includes small group discussions. I hope that you will consider attending this one-day workshop on Saturday, April 9, as I believe you will find it beneficial no matter what the present age of the children in your life. The cost of attending the workshop is \$5.00 and lunch is included.

# **Guiding Your Child Through the Sexual** Minefield Theology of the Body from Toddlers to Teens

ON: Saturday, April 9, 2011 —Full Day

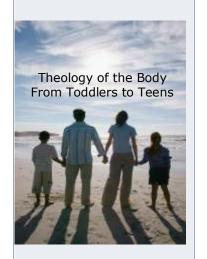
FROM: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm (Doors open 9:15 am)

St Bernadette's Parish Hall AT:

> 21 Bayly St. E., Ajax \$5.00 (lunch included)

COST: REGISTER: email: stbreg@gmail.com

Katrina Zeno is a well-published freelance writer, and her articles can be found in Our Sunday Visitor, CRISIS magazine, Catholic Faith and Family, Pentecost Today, and Franciscan Way, as well as on-line at Christianity.com. She has spoken in the US, Canada, England, and Trinidad at parishes, retreat centers, and national conferences, is co-foundress of "Women of the Third Millennium", and she specializes in the Theology of the Body.



This is a perfect opportunity to learn, share, laugh, and bond with like-minded women.

#### **Dynamic Women of Faith**

Special Keynote Speaker, Colleen Hammond, Author, 'Dressing With Dignity'... flying in from Texas

Saturday March 5, 2011 Sheraton Airport Hotel & Conference Centre 801 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario 8:30am - 5:00pm

#### **Speakers:** Topics

Fr. Terry McKenna What's a Mother to do?
Colleen Hammond The Making of a Beauty Queen

Anna Schaefer A Spiritual Journey Linda Wisz When Someone Dies

Dorothy Pilarski So Much to Do — So Little Time!

Karen Armstrong To Work or Not?

Sonia Commisso Overcoming Personal Obstacles

The fee is \$59.00. You can register by mailing your cheque, made payable to 2090962 Ontario Inc., to: 1077 North Service Road, Box 20020, Mississauga, ON L4Y 1A6

For more information call 905 279-7702. Email: <a href="mailto:dynamicwomenfaith@yahoo.ca">dynamicwomenfaith@yahoo.ca</a> or www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

# Don't Miss This Exciting Event!

## Calling ALL Girls (Ages 12-17)

Special Keynote Speaker, Colleen Hammond, Author, 'Dressing With Dignity'

Friday March 4, 2011 John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre Café Kultura, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga 7pm - 9:30pm

#### **Topics:**

- Meet a real Beauty Queen
- Make New Friends
- Understand What Mistakes Girls Make
- What Makes a Good Friend Good
- What it Means to Dress With Dignity

The fee is \$25

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**Colleen Hammond,** an award winning writer, talk show host, educator and comedienne is flying in to Toronto from Texas for this special event. She is a former actress and Miss Michigan National Teenager. She is the author of the

popular book, "Dressing with Dignity." Check out her website at www.colleenhammond.com

**Dorothy Pilarski**, a professional speaker, consultant and guest columnist with the Catholic Register is also speaking at this event. She has appeared on Salt and Light Television. She is the author of two children's stories. Check out her website at <a href="https://www.dorothypilarski.com">www.dorothypilarski.com</a>

• Meet a real Beauty Queen • Make New Friends •

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

#### 40 DAYS IS BACK IN TORONTO THIS SPRING!

For all of you who signed your church/group up for a day or weekly hours, I'm hoping that you will do the same this Campaign! If you could message me about it, that would be great! So far we have some groups and churches committed but it is my hope to have one group or church each day during the entire Campaign!

Nicole Campbell 40 Days for Life Organizer Campaign Life Coalition

416-204-9749 email: 40daystoronto@gmail.com

Our Kick Off Mass with Archbishop Collins is:

WHEN: Sunday, March 6th, 2011

Where: St. Charles Borromeo (811 Lawerence Ave West, on the corner of Dufferin)

Time: 3pm

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The actual prayer vigil will start on Wednesday, March 9th at 8am -8pm each day until April 17th.

#### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE TORONTO LOCATION:**

1. "Women's Care Clinic" (Abortion Facility)
960 Lawrence Ave
(Lawrence Ave. & Dufferin Street)
Toronto, ON

This Campaign's Hours Are: 8am-8pm each day!

We only have one location Spring 2011~ which is above at 960 Lawerence Ave West

TO REGISTER AT THE DUFFERIN/LAWRENCE LOCATION go to www.vigilcalendar.com/toronto/login/login\_page

For more information go to <a href="www.40daysforlife.com/toronto/">www.40daysforlife.com/toronto/</a> or email <a href="mailto:40daystoronto@gmail.com">40daystoronto@gmail.com</a>



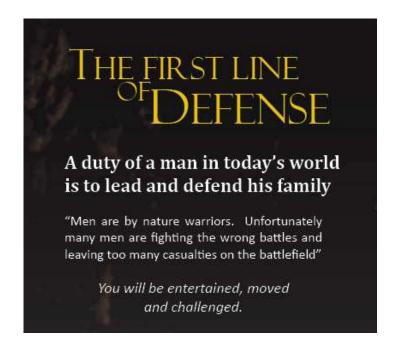
# To be held in Pickering, ON

Doug Barry is the founder and director of the Catholic

apostolate RADIX. He is a devoted husband of 20 years and father of five. Since 1992 he has traveled throughout the United States along with iourneying to several other countries, spreading and defending the Catholic faith. With a dynamic and explosive style Doug has spoken to thousands, young and old alike, through television, radio and live appearances. He is probably best known for his powerful one-man performance of the Passion of Christ, seen regularly on EWTN and other Christian television channels around the world. He is also currently the co-host of Life On The Rock,

### St. Joseph's Day Conference For Men

We are very fortunate to have been able to have Doug Barry from EWTN to present his talk about the value and role of the Husband in today's family



Saturday March 19, 2011 at 2:00 pm

(registration from 1:15 pm)

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

796 Eyer Dr. Pickering, ON

Tickets \$15.00

For more information and to purchase tickets visit http://firstlineofdefense.eventbrite.com/

Email: Radix.redeemer@gmail.com

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weekly on EWTN.

#### The PASSION of CHRIST by Radix

featuring DOUG BARRY of RADIX and music by ERIC GENUIS

A powerful one-man performance by Doug Barry of the Passion of Christ, seen regularly on EWTN and other Christian television channels around the world.

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# The Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians' Societies

extends a cordial invitation to all physicians and healthcare professionals to attend the third annual meeting and conference in **Toronto on April 8 – 10, 2011.** The theme of the conference is

"I will give you words and wisdom" Luke 21:15

#### Featured speakers include:

- Janet E. Smith holder of the Father Michael J. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit
- Fr. Raymond de Souza, a frequent contributor to various publications, including the National Post, The National Catholic Register, The Catholic Register
- Dr AT Kerigan, Divisions of Respirology, Geriatric Medicine and Palliative Care Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University
- Dr. François Primeau, Euthanasia: psychiatric and anthropological aspects in an aging population
- His Grace Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto will celebrate Mass

#### Workshops by:

- Alex Schadenberg, executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
- Dr. Julia Cataudella & Dr. Elizabeth Tham, family physicians, Marguerite Bourgeois Centre
- Dr. Fok-Han Leung and Dr. Sze Wan Sit, family physicians, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto

For more information visit these websites www.canadiancatholicphysicians.com www.stjosephmoscati-tcdg.com
Or email rose@stjosephmoscati-tcdg.com

# New members always welcome

#### **ToB Study Group**

We meet every Monday morning from 9:30-11:30 at St. Bernadette's Parish at 21 Bayly St East Ajax

We will be studying **The Body Reveals God: A Guided Study of Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body"** by Katrina J. Zeno. For information about this book see Recommended Reading below.



**Katrina Zeno** is a well-published freelance writer, and her articles can be found in Our Sunday Visitor, CRISIS magazine, Catholic Faith and Family, Pentecost Today, and Franciscan Way, as well as on-line at Christianity.com. She has spoken in the US, Canada, England, and Trinidad at parishes, retreat centers, and national conferences, is co-foundress of "Women of the Third Millennium", and she specializes in the Theology of the Body.

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Come and learn more about the Theology of the Body and how it applies to your daily life.

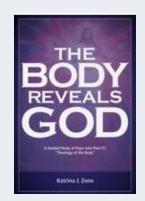
# **Recommended Reading**

# The Body Reveals God: A Guided Study of Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body - by Katrina Zeno

Get ready for a fresh approach to theology of the body! With the penetrating mind of a catechist and writer, Katrina approaches Pope John Paul II's jam-packed lectures as a means of unpacking Genesis 1:27 - how is it that we are made in the image and likeness of a Trinitarian God. Her ability to explain John Paul II's difficult concepts in simple language using helpful analogies will deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith and profoundly impact your life. The entire text is uniquely designed to be read either individually or out-loud in a discussion group. All you need is a facilitator, one book for each person, and you're ready to go! Let Katrina "walk" you through all five panels and seven sections of theology of the body and your Catholic faith will never be the same!

- Great for discussion groups, RCIA, adult faith formation, young adults, and theology courses.
- Each chapter ends with questions for reflection and discussion.

For more information about Katrina Zeno go to <a href="wttm.org/">wttm.org/</a>



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# Theology of the Body - Spring 2011 Discovering the Master Plan of Your Life

The magnificent teaching of Pope John Paul II on love, sex, marriage and family.

- A 4 part presentation beginning Tuesday, April 26th, 2011 @ 7:30pm to 9:30pm in Merciful Redeemer Parish hall. (April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>)
- This series is for everyone: singles, engaged and married couples, celibate, and youth 18+. Make it a date night!
- Strengthen your relationship with your spouse, children and with God.
- Registration required (limited space) by April 11<sup>th</sup>, by phone or email.
- Fee of \$20.00 for new participants or \$25.00 per couple; which includes workbook. Fee of \$5.00 for repeat participants. Fee payable April 26<sup>th</sup> at first session.
- Group discussion and refreshments at every session.
- Presentation based on Christopher West's "Discovering the Master Plan for

Your Life".

 Facilitated by parishioners of Merciful Redeemer Parish under the spiritual guidance of Deacon Brian duQuesnay

St. Augustine,
Blesseds Kateri
and Pier Giorgio
and St. Gianna,
pray for us!
Help us to embrace
and live our
chastity of mind
and body
with Gospel joy
and deep peace,
so that people
around us will see
that God dwells
within us!

### **Pastoral Letter to Young People on Chastity**

Living a life of chastity is an ongoing journey which requires both guidance and encouragement. In order to help young Catholics on this challenging journey, the Episcopal Commission for Doctrine of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops would like to show its solidarity with them by providing some words of direction and support.

Fascination with sex is as old as the human race; it is vitally important to all of us. Not surprisingly, we live in a world which pays a great deal of attention to human sexuality. But with so many voices and opinions about sex, it is often confusing to know how we are to use this precious gift. Fortunately, God's wisdom and word have enlightened our path. Through the teaching of Sacred Scripture and the Church we have sure guides which tell us how to live our sexuality with delight and respect for God's loving plan.

To read more click here

www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/chastity\_en.pdf



# **Is Chastity Possible Today?**

The launch of the pastoral letter was assisted by Salt + Light Television. We gathered seven young adults to help us deliver the letter in video form.

The video production can be viewed on our <u>YouTube</u> channel. It will also be available as a DVD that can be used in the classroom or with youth or young adult groups.

www.youtube.com/user/saltandlighttv?feature=mhum#p/u/6/dGn4WXZnbxs

#### Theology of the Body for Teens FAO

For more questions and answers <u>click</u> <u>here</u>

## Why do teens need the Theology of the Body?

Human beings were made for greatness. We were made to know God, know truth, and live life in a way that brings us peace and happiness. These pursuits, though, are hard to come by in today's distracting and permissive culture. As a result, it is perhaps harder to live as a teenager today than any other time before. The wounds our teenagers experience are deep and manifold.

Today's teens are starving for real love; they are looking for meaningful and lasting relationships. They have witnessed firsthand the pain of divorce and seen how permissive sex plays out in their own lives and the lives of those around them. Due to our culture's focus on immediate gratification, many teens have lost their way, and in the process, have lost hope. The Theology of the Body will help restore their hope because it reveals for our teenagers a road map to real love and authentic happiness.

# The 2011 Official Selection

If you want to follow this online go to www.jp2filmfestival .org

GSML Ministry cannot endorse any of these films as we have not viewed any of them.

#### John Paul II International Film Festival

**OUT OF THE DARKNESS** The true story of Shelley Lubben and her journey from pornography to a life in Christ. Her testimony, along with important commentary from world-renowned experts in the field of sexual ethics, reveal the redemptive power of love.

**RUST** A midlife crisis of faith rocks the life's calling of longtime Minister, James Moore (Bernsen), who leaves his pastorate and returns home. Finding his childhood friend is in a psychiatric ward accused of a crime Moore doesn't believe he committed, Moore wonders if he can put his faith in a God who doesn't respond to his cries.

**NO GREATER LOVE** British filmmaker Michael Whyte's indie documentary No Greater Love takes us into the silence of Most Holy Trinity, a monastery of Carmelite nuns unobtrusively situated in the fashionable Notting Hill area of West London.

**MISSISSIPPI QUEEN** Mississippi Queen charts a woman's mission to find much-needed answers. Paige Williams travels across the country as she explores the distance between her upbringing and her current lifestyle. At the heart of the film, is the middle ground where Paige and her parents attempt to meet, helping them get a little closer-- to God and each other.

**RAMONA & BEEZUS** The adventures of young Ramona Quimby come to life in this all new film based on the best-selling books by Beverly Cleary. Ramona's vivid imagination, boundless energy, and accident-prone antics are put to the test when she helps her family face its biggest challenge.

**THE HOLY ROLLER** A struggling preacher is tricked into starting a church in a night club by its unscrupulous owner, who sees this as a way to repay his gambling debts.

**ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES** A faithful and unique retelling of the famous events in Lourdes, France in 1858. A beautiful story of innocence, humility and faith—perfect for our troubled age—and retold through the talents of children

**LIFE HAPPENS** Life Happens deals with the topic of abortion in a unique, personal and ultimately uplifting way. Director Ash Greyson, who was nearly aborted just months before the Roe VS Wade decision, sets out on a journey to find others like him. In the process, he uncovers the divisive issues and eventually finds some common ground.

**STRONG BODIES FIGHT** "Strong bodies fight, that weak bodies may be nourished." This is the motto of the Notre Dame boxing team which annually hosts an intramural charity tournament called "The Bengal Bouts." This is the story of their fight against poverty.

**THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP** A fictionalized documentary about the deep bonds of friendship between two thirteen-year-old girls, one Pole and one Jew, during the heavy years of Nazi occupation in Poland during War World II. Subtitled in English.

**LITTLE TOWN...**: The inspiring story of three men: a Palestinian Christian, a Palestinian Muslim, and an Israeli Jew, who grew up in the Holy Land amidst perpetual war and constant conflict. Expected to be enemies, they instead find the commonality that binds everyone together, regardless of beliefs, in a quest for peace.

**OSCAR'S CUBA:** This is the story of Dr. Oscar Biscet, a pro-life Christian doctor who is serving an unjust 25-year sentence for his promotion of human rights and democracy in Cuba.

**RECONCILIATION** A groundbreaking and provocative story about an estranged father and son struggling to overcome the heartbreaking consequences of their past.

**THE LAST SUMMIT (LA ULTIMA CIMA)** Pablo, a Priest, always knew that he was going to die young and that he wanted to die on a mountain. He gave his life to God... and God accepted his offer. The film shows the profound impact that a good priest can have on people. It provokes the viewer to ask a challenging question: Could I live like this? Subt. English

**THE CALLING** The Calling reveals the joys and anxieties of those who are drawn to religious life. This acclaimed documentary provides a glimpse into the personal nature of belief and the bonds of family, as it delves into the fundamental and enduring questions that provide meaning and value to our lives.

**LOURDES** Nothing tests faith more than a miracle. The film tells the story of the pilgrimage to Lourdes. Among the pilgrims are sufferers of various illnesses as well as others in good health. They undertake the journey hoping to find spiritual comfort or bodily cure. Subtitled in English

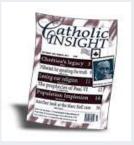
**NINE DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD** A documentary exploring what happened during Pope John Paul II's visit to Poland in June 1979 which inspired the populace to stand up in solidarity against the shackles of communism. Hosted by Newt and Callista Gingrich.

# Joyful, Joyful Final TOB Congress Mass with Cardinal Rigali

The following video was shot by Lisa Hendey on her phone at the closing Mass celebrated by Cardinal Justin Rigali. It gives a very small glimpse into some of the tone of the Congress

Lisa posts to catholicmom.com

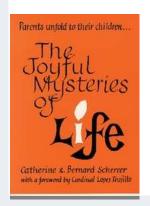
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# The Joyful Mysteries of Life

Written by Catholic parents for their own children, this book introduces the "facts of life" to pre-teens in a reverent and respectful manner by presenting the biological facts in the context of meditations on the joyful mysteries of the Rosary. Chastity is shown to be the Christian way of living out God's will as it encourages an attitude of reverence for the mysteries of procreation. Illustrated.

Originally published in France, this book has been so popular that it has already been translated and published in six other language editions. "The Joyful Mysteries of Life is a response to the Church's call for good resources for education in sexuality. With its predominantly spiritual and moral emphasis, in a positive, clear and delicate way, this book is designed to assist parents in their task of formation." - Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo , President, Pontifical Council for the Family

# What a good idea!

# Donate Catholic Books to Catholic School Libraries

Some suggestions:

- God's Plan for You: Life, Love, Marriage & Sex Theology of the Body for Young People by David Hajduk
- How Far Can We Go? A Catholic Guide to Sex and Dating by Leah Perrault and Brett Salkeld
- Theology of His/Her Body by Jason Evert
- Theology of the Body for Teens Student Workbook by Brian Butler, Jason & Crystalina Evert
- The ABCs of Choosing a Good Husband by Stephen Wood
- The ABCs of Choosing a Good Wife by Stephen Wood

# "What I've given you is the essential point of John Paul II's Theology of the Body. That is the Church's answer to the Sexual Revolution. The Church always responds to new heresies with new definitions, new insights, new restatements of eternal truths." - Peter Kreeft

# Christian anthropology versus the Sexual Revolution PETER KREEFT

How does Christ revolutionize the Sexual Revolution? Not by turning back the clock, not by a new Victorianism, not by opposing religion to sex, but by showing their real and profound connection

To see that the Sexual Revolution has been radical in thought as well as behavior, just look at the revolution in language. When people use the word "morality" today they almost always mean sexual morality. That's a remarkable new development, an astonishing narrowing; it's as if we started to use the word "state" to mean only Russia, or the word "technology" to mean only "computers". The reason for the new development is obvious from my two comparisons: sex, Russia, and

computers are where there have been the most radical revolutions.

No one speaks of a revolution in any other area of morality. No one speaks of the Property Revolution or the Bearing False Witness Revolution. In fact the rest of the natural moral law is pretty much still in place. Almost no one defends terrorism, sadism, cannibalism, insider trading, nuclear war, environmental pollution, rape, hypocrisy, torture, or murder. We are still "judgmental" about those things. But if it has anything to do with sex we dare no longer be "judgmental" To read more

Peter Kreeft. "Christian Anthropology versus the Sexual Revolution." an address to the The Catholic Medical Association's 79th Annual Educational Conference (October 27-30, 2010).

www.catholiceducation.org/articles/philosophy/ph0033.htm

#### **Peter's Points to Ponder**

In light of Pope Benedict's announcement on January 14<sup>th</sup> that the late John Paul II would be beatified in St. Peter's Square on May 1, 2011, I wanted to reflect upon the genius that was John Paul II. So what made the late pope so popular, why was there such a mass cry for 'Sainthood Now' at his funeral? Was all of this because of mass media, the internet, and a far more global reach then would have been possible when previous Pope's passed away? While this may have had some impact, it certainly was not the driving force.

John Paul II came from an acting background and this was evident throughout his entire pontificate. The late Pope was not afraid to be photographed, or seen in unconventional Papal poses because he knew that adapting to the culture and customs would help people relate to him. In doing so he used this to get his message across to a much wider audience. The one thing the late Pope refused to do was let the culture or customs of the times water down his message of truth. The pope knew that the message could be received – it just needed a different approach than had previously been taken. One only needs to look at the 129 forigen countries visited, and the 773,520 miles traveled (equivalent to crossing the world 31 times) during his pontificate to know that the Holy Father recognized that having a pastor in their midst was far more attractive then a distant figure "hibernating" in the grand Papal Palaces of Vatican City.

Who can forget the last Papal visit to Toronto, July 2002 when the Holy Father came to this city for "World Youth Day" (WYD), a program he developed as part of his pontificate. Tens of thousands of young people came to Toronto to be challenged, and to hear the words of the Holy Father directly. The participants of WYD knew the Holy Father's message was not going be 'easy' and yet they spent money, took time off work, and travelled great distances to listen to the words of an old man—something that may seem completely contrary to the norms today's society.

What the young people recognized in the Pope was a man who knew the challenges they faced as young people, and could relate to them despite his obvious age – the young people saw in this Pope a 'young' man as witnessed by the chants 'The Pope is Young – The Pope is Young' during the final Papal Mass in Downsview. This 'young man' in an old body was also a man who was not afraid

"Young people of every continent, do not be afraid to be the saints of the new millennium! Be contemplative, love prayer, be coherent with your fiath and generous in your service of brothers and sisters, be active members of the Church and builders of peace. To succeed in this demanding project of life, continue to listen to his word, draw strength from the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and penance. The Lord waits you to be intrepid apostles if his Gospel and builders

#### of a new humanity" -John Paul II

to challenge himself, recognizing that very few people would listen to him if he wasn't prepared to live by his own words, and challenge himself.

For me, the most memorable moment at WYD 2002 was the Holy Father's arrival. The Holy Father set out a challenge for himself at the very onset. He descended from the plane, not on a specialized lift out of sight from the media, rather, he took each step slowly and painfully. While watching this special moment on the big screen TVs setup on the CNE grounds, it was obvious that this sacrifice was not lost on the young people gathered there for WYD. There was a huge cheer from the crowds, who had stopped everything to watch this moment, when the Holy Father gestured that he had completed what he had set out to do!

The challenges that the Holy Father lies out in his "Theology of the Body" are not always easy to live either, but as the Holy Father says "But what are the 'concrete possibilities of man'? And of which man are we speaking? Of man dominated by lust or of man redeemed by Christ?" (Veritatis splendour #103).

# **GSML Ministry is on FaceBook**

If you have a question or would like to start a discussion - look us up at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/GSML-Ministry/142788839095476">www.facebook.com/pages/GSML-Ministry/142788839095476</a>

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# God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Ministry

God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Ministry, (GSML Ministry) was formed in 2006. Our Ministry is approved by The Archdiocese of Toronto and has presented over twenty Workshops on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body in Parishes in the Toronto and Hamilton Archdioceses. As well, in the fall of 2009, we organized and held a Theology of the Body Conference in Toronto. This conference was attended by over 1000 people. At the same time, we facilitated a Luncheon for Priests and Seminaries with over 120 in attendance on this same topic. We have held four Theology of the Body for Teens workshops and have been invited into two high schools to provide a session on the Theology of the Body in the Classroom. We have also held workshops for Parents.

.Please keep GSML Ministry in your prayers

Contact information: <a href="mailto:gsmlministry@gmail.com">gsmlministry@gmail.com</a>

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