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# God, Sex and the Meaning of Life

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**Don't forget to join our Theology of the Body Study Group:**

Every Monday morning from 9:30 - 11:30 at St. Bernadette's Parish Hall, 21 Bayly St.

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**GSML Workshops:**

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***God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Workshop***

**At St. Philip Neri Parish**

Topic: *The Sacrament of Marriage & the Language of Sexual Love*  
Address: 2100 Jane Street, North York ON  
Intersection: Just north of the 401  
Dates: Monday Mar. 19. 2012  
Time: **7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**  
Register: [stbreg@gmail.com](mailto:stbreg@gmail.com)  
Admission: Free

There will be a large selection of books on the Theology of the Body for sale.



***A Biblical Walk Through the Mass***  
***Sponsored by St Bernadette's Knights of Columbus***

Address: St. Bernadette's Parish Hall - 21 Bayly St. Ajax  
Intersection: Harwood and Bayly  
Dates: Saturday Mar. 10. 2012 - *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*  
Saturday Mar. 17, 2012 - *Communion Rite*  
Time: **10:30 am to 12:30 pm**  
Register: [stbreg@gmail.com](mailto:stbreg@gmail.com)  
Admission: Free

Based on the revised translation of the Mass, this workshop explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the Liturgy and explains their profound significance. This intriguing look at the Mass is sure to renew your faith and deepen your devotion to the Eucharist.

To register email: [stbreg@gmail.com](mailto:stbreg@gmail.com)

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

*for Education within  
the family.*

"The Theology of the Body is not a change in Catholic teaching. Rather it's a new expression of timeless Gospel truths. While, JPII does definitely make some theological developments in the Theology of the Body, it is largely a re-proclamation of the Gospel in a way that speaks to the human heart. In a sense, our vision has changed, and the Pope is like an optometrist. The Theology of the Body is like a new prescription that enables us to focus on revelation and rediscover the original energy of the Gospel message."

- Andrew Reinhart  
*Director, Theology of the Body Advocates*

While we are able to facilitate this program at some schools, we naturally cannot attend to all the requests we receive. We thought therefore, that we would lay out our plan to use this program in a classroom setting in an effort to demonstrate how easy it is, especially for professionals to teach this in their classroom. This is the format which we used successfully recently at Father Leo Austin High School in Whittier

## GSML News

### ***Theology of the Body Study Group***

Every Monday morning at St. Bernadette's Parish Hall, 21 Bayly St. E, Ajax from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

We are studying *The Body Reveals God* by Katrina J. Zeno

Everyone welcome.



### **Some New Workshops / Retreats:**

#### ***Confirmation & Theology of the Body Retreat***

- We are offering Confirmation Workshops/Retreats on the Theology of the Body, Please contact us to book one.

#### ***Theology of the Body for Grade 7 & 8***

- A new program, which would augment the *Fully Alive* program.

#### ***Theology of the Body in the Classroom***

Short introduction to the Theology of the Body for Teens of 1 period length.

## Theology of The Body Teaching Plan in High School

### ***Necessary Tools:***

- ToB for Teens Leader's Guide
- ToB for Teens DVD set.

### ***Good to have Tools:***

Class set of the Theology of the Body for Teens Student Guides

### ***The Plan***

1. Theology of the Body for Teens is divided into 12 chapters and is full of ideas and resources. We have adapted the **Guide to the Leader's Guide** (A tool to help navigate the Leader's Guide) from the resources at <http://thetheologyofthebody.com/download/category/18> . Our Guides (aka Our Agendas) can be found on our website at: <http://www.godsexandthethemeaningoflife.com/ToBforTeens-Agendas.html> These guides lay out our weekly teaching plans for using the ToB for Teens books, provide resources and ideas, and are a valuable tool enabling any teacher to introduce this wonderful teaching into the classroom.

The Chapter Agendas can be found at:

[Click here](#)

1. We are able to meet with you or discuss with you any part of this plan, including ideas, resources and materials. The following is a sample weekly guide for a lesson of 75 minutes:
  - a. **Bible Reading & Prayer:** Start with a Bible Reading, followed by a prayer (This mirrors JP II's approach in the ToB). These readings and prayers are found at the beginning of each chapter and usually involve 2 student volunteers. There are always two different choices for the readings and prayer and both are reflected in the lesson for the day (the current chapter).
  - b. **Two Minute Drill:** This is a 2 minute drill based on the previous chapter and serves as a review. The questions and answers are both included in the Leader's Guide, so there is no need to search through the content for the answers. Quickly review the questions before asking them to ensure they deal with topics that you actually covered in the previous week.
  - c. **Ice Breaker:** If possible, do an "ice-breaker". This is an activity that the students will enjoy. "Ice-breakers" are found in the Leader's Guide along with the rationale and point to make upon doing the tasks. These activities are fun and usually the students grasp the teaching point quickly once explained to them.
  - d. **Story Starter:** Read the Introduction and Story Starter - we usually have students take turns reading the paragraphs, then discuss some or all of the questions after the reading.
  - e. **DVD Presentation:** Next we watched the DVD segment for that chapter. At this time, Jason & Crystalina & Brian summarize some of the other content from the chapter. As there is not enough time in the class to go over all of the material in the chapter, watching the DVD is more efficient. When the DVD talk is over, a short ToB Quiz starts. The students look forward to these quizzes, often calling out the answers. They have to pay attention to the talk to get the answers.
  - f. **Teaching:** Sometimes we would have a teaching, for example, in Chapter one, we asked them for things that are real but invisible to the naked eye. We listed their suggestions on the board. This was to help the students understand how our bodies act as visible signs of the invisible. This point is further explained on p. 11L in the Leader's Guide
  - g. **Movie Clips:** We tried to use some of the present culture to support a point from the lesson. For example, we would show a clip of a current movie (and these were very short clips) to make a point that further illustrated the main teaching of the chapter. Lists of movie choices, along with song choices, are found in the Leader's Guide near the end of each chapter. Each clip has a point to make and these points are included.

- h. **Closing Prayer:** We concluded with a prayer, found at the end of each chapter. For example, at the end of Chapter Four, there is prayer to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton p. 65. In the Leader's Guide on p. 65L, there is a short summary of that particular saint's life, which we read before we said the prayer.
- i. **Crossword:** At the end of each lesson, there is a Glossary of Key Terms. We provided a crossword to help the students become familiar with these new terms, or the students could make their own using one of the many crossword making programs online for example we use <http://www.eclipsecrossword.com/>
- j. **Extra Material:** While the above material covered the 75 minute period, we were always prepared with more. The *Live It Out* section near the end of each chapter is very useful either to be read during class or after.
- k. **Assignments:** While we would usually just assign the Crossword, there are many suggested assignments at the end of each chapter.

2. Chapter One is available online at <http://thetheologyofthebody.com/download/category/18> along with other many other resources.

The Gift of Life Ministry of Couples for Christ presents....

## *In His Divine Image*

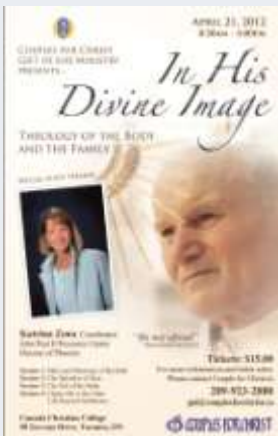
### **Theology of the Body and the Family With Katrina Zeno**

April 21, 2012 at Canada Christian College at 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto, Ontario from 8:30AM to 5:00 PM. Cost of Ticket is \$15.00

- Session 1: Mary and the Theology of the Body
- Session 2: The Splendor of Man
- Session 3: The Gift of the Body
- Session 4: Chaste Me to the Altar: Life Beyond Abstinence

Contact: 289-923-2880 or [gol@couplesforchrist.ca](mailto:gol@couplesforchrist.ca)

*Katrina Zeno is the coordinator of the John Paul II Resource Center for the Theology of the Body and Culture in the Diocese of Phoenix. Katrina is a dynamic speaker specializing in the "Theology of the Body." She 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, and on-line at Christianity.com. She is co-foundress of Women of the Third Millennium. To know more about her please visit her website at [wttm.org](http://wttm.org).*



"I Went to 12 Years of Catholic School and I Never Heard This Before"

**Katrina Zeno's talk at the Theology of the Body Symposium held in Rome in Nov. 2011**

## Theology of the Body for the Parish

ROME, NOV. 14, 2011 (Zenit.org).- Here are excerpts from an address given by Katrina J. Zeno at a symposium held in Rome last week on theology of the body.

Zeno's talk was titled "Theology of the Body for Parish Catechesis: From Womb to Tomb.

Zeno is the coordinator of the John Paul II Resource Center for Theology of the Body and Culture for the Diocese of Phoenix, Arizona, and the co-founder of Women of the Third Millennium....

Blessed John Paul II's "theology of the body" provides a new way of navigating within parish catechesis precisely because it provides a new language, a rich, sacramental language expressed through a sacramental anthropology, that can inform all of our catechesis from womb to tomb and thus be an effective tool for passing on the deposit of the faith to modern-day man immersed in a post-modern culture. Without this rich sacramental language, we can't think sacramentally. And if we can't think sacramentally, then we can't choose sacramentally; and if we can't choose sacramentally then we really can't love because human love, in its deepest essence is sacramental: it makes visible the invisible mystery hidden from eternity in God.

To read more...[click here](#)

**Crystalina Evert  
online**



## The Dump Him List

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Rprdk3\\_U0U&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Rprdk3_U0U&feature=related)

### Crystalina's Testimony

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=4DLxGiCFey4&feature=share](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4DLxGiCFey4&feature=share)

Crystalina Evert, co-author of "How to Find Your Soulmate without Losing Your Soul," shares her powerful conversion story, and encourages other women to allow Christ to transform and heal them as well.

## How to Find Your Soulmate: Without Losing Your Soul

*21 Secrets for Women*  
By Jason & Crystalina Evert

(from page 16)

## The Top Ten Guys to Avoid

1. The Flip-Flopper
2. the Problem Child (aka: "The Fixer-Upper)
3. The Walking Hormone
4. The Smooth Criminal
5. The Control Freak
6. The Older Guy
7. The Potty Mouth

8. The Tearful Cheater
9. The Spiritual Midget
10. Mr. I-Don't-Have-Enough-Social-Skills-to-Meet-Girls-without-the-Internet

See the article in the Catholic Register: <http://www.catholicregister.org/youth/ysn-news/item/13808-book-club-on-love-puts-christ-first>

Or see Jason and Crystalina Evert on YouTube discuss their new book [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BqxGQkWEu&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BqxGQkWEu&feature=player_embedded)



## Best Bargain in Town

Purchase **44** books for \$121.00 plus shipping at <http://www.sunrisemarian.com/>

*How to Find Your Soulmate Without Losing Your Soul* PB  
Code: 9780983092308P  
Price: \$121.00

GSML Ministry will have these books on sale at all their Workshops and Events.

Reception and baby shower for Birthright to follow after the Mass Pro-life information will be available at the reception.

**Please remember you can buy items at the bazaar the weekend before at St. Anne's.** Thank you. Looking forward to seeing you at there!

## Mass for Life.

**Monday MARCH 26, 2012**  
**St. Anne's Parish** 115 Vodden St  
E, Brampton  
905 453-1303

Rosary 6:30 pm  
Mass 7:00 with special blessing for unborn babies  
Small procession around the church stopping at the statue of Mary and Jesus, dedicated to the unborn.



**Keynote Speaker:** Nancy Kelly, a former pro-choice advocate who is now a committed pro-lifer and volunteer with the Sisters of Life. She is a former journalist and now a stay-home mother of two teenage sons.

**For the baby shower** we would appreciate **unwrapped newborn size baby gifts** that would be given to the new mom just after she has her baby. **Birthright** puts the items into baskets sorted according to the size and sex of the new baby. Sometimes these are the only new things the baby receives. Needed items are diapers (preemie and newborn size only), baby towels and blankets, diaper creams, undershirts, sleepers, socks, outfits, sweaters, wash cloths, baby wipes, small baby toys, and little things that you would appreciate as a new parent. Please no powders, formula or large diapers.

## Special Guests

Cardinal Thomas Collins

## Catholic Youth

Canada's 11th Youth Weekend 2012  
Mar. 10 & 11, 2012 (10 am - 8 pm)

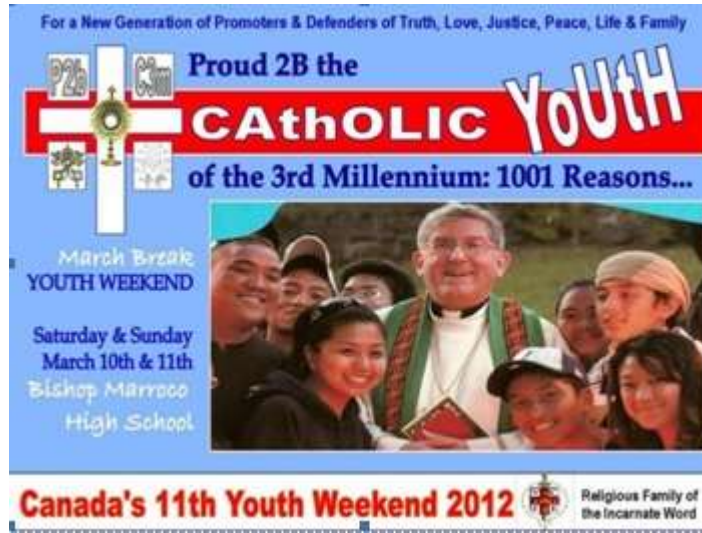


Cardinal Theodore McCarrick

**To Register email**  
[staug2000@rogers.com](mailto:staug2000@rogers.com)

Contact: St. Augustine of Canterbury Church  
(416) 661-8221

Bishop Marroco High School - 1515 Bloor St. W. at Dundas  
Cost: \$20 for both days.



Conference organizer, Dorothy Pilarski, who appears in Mothering, Full of Grace, a Salt & Light Production and who has been ministering to mothers for well over 14 years, is currently looking for conference sponsors and volunteers to help with this event.

Contact

[info@dorothypilarski.com](mailto:info@dorothypilarski.com)

## Dynamic Women of Faith

Sat. March 24, 2012 8:30 - 4:30

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre (next to St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish)  
4300 Cawthra Rd. Mississauga

Fr. Peter Giopatto, OMI *Forgiveness and Reconciliation*  
Michael Coren *Why Catholics Are Right*  
Elizabeth Tan *How to juggle it ALL - and still have a life!*  
Nora McKernan *What is a Papal Encyclical? Why is Humane Vitae important?*

Antoniette Pace *I don't know where I'm, going, but I'm on my way!*  
Dorothy Pilarski *Motherhood Matters*

<http://sites.google.com/site/dynamicwomenfaithproject/home>

Michael Voris, S.T.B., president and founder of St. Michael's Media, is among the generations of Catholics who simply didn't receive thorough and accurate catechesis. Through his Catholic television

## The New Evangelization!

**With Michael Voris**

Saturday May 26, 2012 - All Day Event

Canada Christian College - 50 Gervais Dr. Toronto (Don Mills & Eglinton)

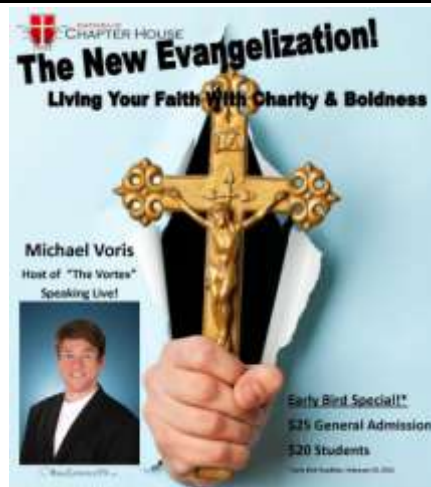
Tickets available online at [www.catholicchapterhouse.com](http://www.catholicchapterhouse.com)

Email: [david@catholicchapterhouse.com](mailto:david@catholicchapterhouse.com) or 1-888-522-2070

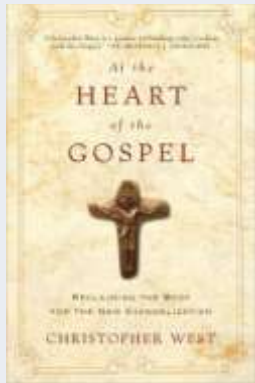
**Admission: \$35**



show, The One True Faith, and his collaboration with www.realcatholicv.com, Mr. Voris intends to change that.



The event will open with the Liturgy of the Hours followed by three talks given by Michael Voris. Three Catholic artists will perform throughout the day: Critical Mass, Mags and Kathleen Dunn.



**"Christopher West is a pioneer in reaching today's culture with the Gospel." - Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R.**

## Recommended Reading

### **At the Heart of the Gospel: Reclaiming the Body for the New Evangelization**

- by Christopher West

The sexual revolution brought a terribly distorted vision of the body and sex into the mainstream. How should Christians respond? With his illuminating Theology of the Body, Pope John Paul II challenged the modern world not to stop at the surface, but to enter the depth of the "great mystery" that the body and sex reveal: a mystery that lies *at the heart of the Gospel* itself.

Since he first discovered John Paul II's teaching in 1993, Christopher West has devoted himself to sharing its life-transforming message with the world. In this highly anticipated work, West leads us into the depth of Christ's "nuptial union" with the Church, demonstrating how authentic Catholic teaching on the body and sex saves us from both the libertine perspective of popular culture *and* the cold puritanism that has sometimes infected Christianity. In the process, West provides a blueprint for reaching our sexually broken world in the "new evangelization."

"Christopher West is to be commended for the courage and strength of conviction with which he proclaims, upholds, and defends the spousal vision of the Church, particularly as it's articulated in John Paul II's Theology of the Body. It's with great enthusiasm as his diocesan bishop that I endorse this magnificent book and recommend it to a wide, wide readership." - Most Reverend Joseph P. McFadden, Bishop of Harrisburg, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Catholic Education

*Christopher West is recognized around the globe for his work teaching and promoting John Paul II's Theology of the Body. He serves as a research fellow and faculty member of the Theology of the Body Institute near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is the founder of the Cor Project, a global outreach devoted to cultural renewal through the "new evangelization." He and his wife, Wendy, have five children and live near Lancaster, Pennsylvania.*

## Pro-Life Motion Picture Opens Nationwide in March

The producers of **OCTOBER BABY** have assigned 10% of the profits of the movie to the Every Life is Beautiful Fund, which will distribute funds to frontline organizations helping women facing crisis pregnancies, life-affirming adoption agencies, and those caring for orphans.

**Watch the Trailer**  
[octoberbabymovie.net](http://octoberbabymovie.net)

***October Baby* is based on the real-life survival of Gianna Jessen.**

by *TIM DRAKE* 02/14/2012

"*October Baby* is the most gripping drama ever produced about the central civil-rights issue of our time — the right to life," said Bill Donohue, president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. "Young people, in particular, will find it intensely moving. This is a must-see movie for all Americans."

"One of the most powerful scenes in the movie, for me, was when Hannah tracks down the nurse from the abortion clinic, played by Jasmine Guy," wrote Kelly Clinger, a spokeswoman for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. "I was stunned at the honesty of what the nurse shared. The makers of *October Baby* were not afraid to tell it."

Read more: [Click here](#)

## Element of choice is a key part of love

**Written by Kevin Hurren, Youth Speak News**

Wednesday, 18 January 2012 09:31

London, Ont. - In today's society there is a lack of meaning associated with the word love, says Damon Owens, executive director of the Theology of the Body Institute.

"When you understand love and you're able to see this beautiful vision of... what it means to be made in God's image and likeness, you will be thrilled," Owens told an audience of about 50 students and alumni gathered at his God, Sex and the Meaning of Life lecture Jan. 12 at King's University College. "You will be excited and be compelled to live and to love in the fullness and not accepting the counterfeit love the world offers."... [Read more](#)

From

[The Catholic Register](#)

## Monthly Conference on Bl. JPII Teachings

***Dignity of Women:***

**Speakers:** Mrs. Josephine Katsarov (English)  
Dr. Beatriz Alvarez Gomez (Spanish)

**Where:** St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish  
80 Shoreham Dr., Toronto, ON

**When:** Thursday Mar. 15, 2012

*Due to the importance of Bl John Paul II to the whole Church, St. Augustine Parish has dedicated the year May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 – 2012, as "The Year of Blessed John Paul II". They have scheduled special events, including*

<p>monthly presentations of his teachings and main documents.</p>	<p>Following Votive Mass at 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://johnpaulthegreatfamilycentre.org">johnpaulthegreatfamilycentre.org</a></p> <p><b>Next Talks:</b> Art &amp; Culture - April 19, 2012</p>
<p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:borgest@acn.net">borgest@acn.net</a></p>	<p><b>Evening of Reflection for Women</b></p> <p><b>"Living Cardinal virtues"</b></p> <p>Speaker: Fr. Kenneth Leblanc, LC</p> <p>Wednesday, March 14th, 2012</p> <p>"How to Know and discern God's will" 7:00 p.m. St Andrew's Parish 47 Reynolds Street Oakville ON L6J 3J9</p> <p>Suggested Donation of \$10.00 Gently used books will be available for purchase. Contact: Tima Borges Phone: 647-227-0682</p>
<p>Rome Talk November 10, 2011 <b>Chastity and the Gift of Self</b> By Fr. Walter Schu, LC.</p> <p>"For freedom Christ has set us free" (Gal 5:1).</p>	<p><b>Freedom of the Gift</b></p> <p>John Paul II uses the word "freedom (<i>libertà</i>)" 93 times in his theology of the body.<sup>13</sup> It is a crucial term in his understanding of who we are as persons and what constitutes the meaning of our existence. Freedom culminates in what the Holy Father calls the "freedom of the gift (<i>libertà del dono, libertà di dono</i>)."<sup>14</sup> The capacity to give oneself entirely to another person reveals "the innermost point" of freedom (TOB 18, 5).</p> <p>The fact that freedom possesses an "innermost point" already makes it clear that it is not a question of an absolute freedom of indifference, given to us all at once, but of a freedom that must be forged and developed, one that must be conquered through self-mastery and growth in virtue. John Paul II specifically defines what is denoted by his concept of freedom: "Here we mean freedom above all as <i>self-mastery</i> (self-dominion). Under this aspect, self-mastery is indispensable <i>in order for man to be able to "give himself,"</i> in order for him to become a gift..." (TOB 15, 2). Freedom in its true form as freedom for excellence underlies the entire theology of the body. Read the whole talk...<a href="#">click here</a></p>
<p>"Brace yourself! If we take in what the Holy Father is saying in his Theology of the Body, we will never view ourselves, view</p>	<p><b>Spring Time of Faith Conference</b></p> <p>St. Therese School of Faith and Mission in Bruno, Saskatchewan, presents "Into the Heart: An Introduction and Journey through the Theology of the Body" with well-known speaker and author, Christopher West Join the students of St. Therese for a transforming journey that opens the heart to deeper intimacy with the</p>

others, view the Church, the Sacraments, grace, God, heaven, marriage, the celibate vocation...we will never view the world the same way again." (Christopher West)

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Two different registration options:**

- **FULL CONFERENCE (Apr. 27 - May 3);** includes:
  - All "**Introduction to Theology of the Body**" sessions
  - Admission to "**Fill These Hearts: An Evening of Beauty and Reflection on Theology of the Body**" featuring Christopher West and Mike Mangione & The Union, with round-trip event transportation between St. Therese, Bruno and Circle Drive Alliance Church, Saskatoon
  - "**Advanced Theology of the Body**" sessions
- **ADVANCED LEVEL ToB (Apr. 29 - May 3);** includes:
  - "**Advanced Theology of the Body**" sessions only  
**Registering only for Advanced Level ToB:** *It is recommended that you attend the full conference in order to take in the fullness of the ToB teachings, including the new/updated information contained in these presentations. However, if you have attended previous ToB sessions (eg. National Theology of the Body Conference - Saskatoon; other Christopher West presentations / DVDs / etc.), we give you the option of registering only for the Advanced ToB portion*

For more information or to register [click here](#)

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## "What Was Mary Like?"

### Spiritual Retreat for Women

April 27 -29, 2012

**Location:**

Marylake Retreat Centre  
13760 Keele Street  
King City, ON L7B 1A7  
Phone: 905-833-5368  
Main Intersection: Keele Street & 15th Sideroad

**Retreat Master: Fr. James Swanson, LC**

**Arrival:** 6:00 p.m. Friday  
Retreat & Silence begin at 7:00 p.m.  
Dinner not provided on Friday

**Departure:**

Following lunch on Sunday  
**Cost:** \$200 (\$50 non refundable deposit)  
\$225 (after April 1, 2012)

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that we as

## Peter's Points to Ponder

As a modern society, where do we get our information, and what information do we allow to form the foundation of our faith experience? The media frequently tells us that being a "good person" simply means we follow our own conscience and do what feels right, as long as we don't break any laws. Additionally, there are numerous movies that either poke fun at the Christian lifestyle, or present a

*human persons are the only creatures that God made just to love and be loved. Everything else God made -- animals, plants, and even angels -- was made to do a job or accomplish some task for Him or humanity. This is why the Catechism reminds us that from our beginning we are made for eternal happiness with God (see CCC 1703)."* - ToB for Teens Middle School Edition

fictional story-line as factual, often times leaving viewers confused. Could the events in the movie really be true?

I would like to focus in particular on the Dan Brown movies that suggest that Jesus was married. Could it be true, was Jesus married? After all, the Bible doesn't explicitly say Jesus wasn't married. The reality is, we need look no further than the Bible to understand that Jesus could not have been married. While on the cross, Jesus said to the apostle John "Behold your mother." (John 19:27), and he goes no further in leaving his loved ones to the care of others. In Genesis 2:24 we read "For this reason, a man shall leave behind his father and mother, and he shall cling to his wife; and the two shall be as one flesh." Based on this, Jesus recognizes that the marital relationship is the deepest and most intimate of all human relationships.

Jesus also recognized the pain associated with death, as witnessed by the tears shed for his friend Lazarus (John 11:35), and the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus said "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled." (Matthew 5:5) Knowing

Had Jesus been married, he could not have allowed his mother to take a more dominant position at his own passion and death than a woman to whom he was married.

**What a good idea!**

## **Donate Catholic Books to Catholic School Libraries**

- **How to Find Your Soulmate: Without Losing Your Soul**  
*21 Secrets for Women* By Jason & Crystalina Evert  
**Why not start a study group.**

### **YOUCAT**

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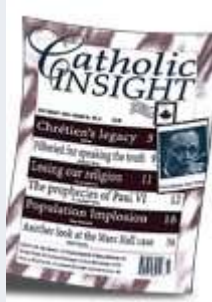
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