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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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Book a Theology of the Body for Teens Worskhop for the Year of Faith

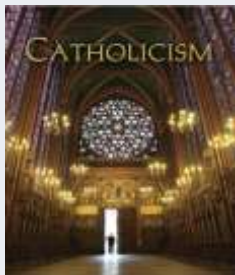


Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed the Year of Faith, which will began on October 11, 2012, and will continue through November 24, 2013..

A Theology of the Body Workshop would help your parish or group grow in the knowledge of their Faith.

Contact:

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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.

Everyone welcome.

Theology of the Body for Teens - in two High Schools

GSML Ministry is happy to announce that we are facilitating *the Theology of the Body for Teens* at two high schools this fall. Approximately 175 students are going through the 12 week program. Please keep these teens in your prayers.



Catholicism

By Fr. Robert Barron

DVD series with discussion

- DATES:** Every 4th Saturday **starting Nov. 24**
- TIME:** 10:00 am to 11:30 am (doors open at 9:30)
- LOCATION:** St. Bernadette’s Parish Hall, 21 Bayly St. E, Ajax
- COST:** Free (please register)
- REGISTRATION:** stbreg@gmail.com

Catholicism Dates

Nov. 24, 2012; Jan 26, 2013; Feb. 23, 2013; March 23, 2013; April 27, 2013; May 25, 2013; June 22, 2013; Sept. 28, 2013; Oct. 26, 2013; and Nov. 23, 2013

Session One - Nov 24

AMAZED AND AFRAID
- THE REVELATION OF
GOD BECOME MAN

Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith

"For the first time, in breathtaking, high-definition cinematography, the beauty, goodness and truth of the Catholic Faith are illustrated in a rich, multimedia experience. Journey with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Fr. Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people.

From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda...from the glorious shrines of Italy, France, and Spain, to the streets of Mexico, Kolkata, and New York City, the fullness of CATHOLICISM is revealed. Journey deep into the Faith as you watch each episode."

For more information on the series go to: www.catholicismseries.com

**Peter Kreeft is
coming to Toronto**

For information on Peter
Kreeft [Click here](#)

Congratulations on the
recent success of
Catholic Chapter's
House - Scott Hahn
Conference. It was
great.

FYI - Catholic Chapter House



Will be bringing Peter Kreeft to Toronto on May 25, 2013.

Peter Kreeft, Ph.D., is a professor of philosophy at Boston College and at the King's College (Empire State Building), in New York City. He is a regular contributor to several Christian publications, is in wide demand as a speaker at conferences, and is the author of over 67 books.

Catholic Chapter House seeks to serve Catholics who wish to gain a deeper understanding of their faith, live their lives according to the teachings of the Catholic Church and share their faith with others by making Catholic publications, resources and faith sharing more accessible both online and offline.



If you have an
opportunity to attend
this Course you
should. It is amazing.

Theology of the Body Institute

January 6-11, 2013

Theology of the Body I: Head & Heart Immersion Course
with Christopher West
Quarryville, Pennsylvania

[CLICK HERE](#) to register online

For more information - [click here](#)

"Parents are the first and most important educators of their own children, and they also possess a fundamental competence in this area: they are educators because they are parents...by giving life parents share in God's creative work; it is also true that by raising their children they become sharers in his paternal and at the same time maternal way of teaching." (John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*, 1981, #17)

Lecture Series for Catholic Parents and Educators

Second Lecture

"Beauty and the Christian Imagination in the Middle Ages"

By Professor Joseph Goering (Dept. of History, University of Toronto)
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On: Wednesday 14 November 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Place: Mary, Mother of God School, 1515A Queen St. W.
(between Jameson and Roncesvalles Ave.)

Info: Email: info@marymotherofgodschool.org

Tel: 416-531-7897

Joe Goering teaches Medieval Studies in the History Department of the University of Toronto and in St. Michael's College. He has studied at the University of Kansas, Yale University and the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in Toronto. He teaches courses in Medieval History, Medieval Theology, Lives of the Saints, and an interdisciplinary course introducing students to the Art, Literature, Theology, Philosophy and Law of the Middle Ages. He will speak about "Beauty and the Christian Imagination in the Middle Ages." He has a wife and two children who have taught him most of what he knows about beauty.

Mary, Mother of God School is an independent school, operating in the Catholic tradition since 1993.

"The Future of the World and of the Church passes through the Family."

- John Paul II,
FAMILIARIS
CONSORTIO, 75

Theology of the Body Resource Page for Clergy

Why should I promote TOB in our parish?

"There are many things that compete for the attention of your parishioners, from A to Z. So, maybe you've asked yourself, "why bother promoting John Paul II's 'Theology of the Body' (TOB), when there are so many other things to be concerned with these days?" There are *many* reasons to integrate the Theology of the Body into your parish. [Here are four worth considering ...](#)"

To read more [click here](#)

Chastity:

*The integration of **body and spirit** so that we are **free** to make a **sincere gift of self** according to our **state in life and God's design.***

Chastity Jeopardy Game For PowerPoint

Download the file below for a complete **CHASTITY JEOPARDY GAME** to use within the classroom. This game is geared towards middle school students but can be easily adapted for older students.

[Chastity Jeopardy](#) - it will take a few minutes to open in PowerPoint.

From the Website: <http://firl.org/ChastityTeachers.htm>

The Deadly Debate: Physician-Assisted Suicide on Trial

Annual deVeber Public Lecture

November 22, 2012 - Doors open at 7:00 p.m., talk begins at 7:30 p.m.
Charbonnel Lounge, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto in Elmsley Hall, 81 St. Mary's Street, Toronto.

The discussion of end-of-life issues like physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia continues in Canada. On November 22nd, hear expert speaker and esteemed bioethicist **Dr. Margaret Somerville** address the topic - The Deadly Debate: Physician-Assisted Suicide on Trial.

Join us for this free event! Seating is limited. For more information click <http://www.deveber.org/blog/2012/09/13/upcoming-free-public-lecture-margaret-somerville-deadly-debate-physician-assisted-su>.

Please RSVP by phone 416-256-0555 or email at bioethics@deveber.org.

www.epcc.ca

Blog:
www.alexschadenberg.blogspot.com

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition National Conference 2012

Saturday, November 10, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Road, London.

The theme of the conference is *Protecting People from Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide*. The conference runs from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and a dinner honouring Dr. Barrie deVeber will follow at 6:00 p.m.

Conference and dinner - \$99.00. Conference only - \$70.00. Dinner only \$40.00.

For more information please contact the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition at 1-877-439-3348 or info@epcc.ca.

You also might be interested in this new Booklet:

Exposing Vulnerable People to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. The

booklet explains what the *Royal Society of Canada – End-of-Life Decision Making report*, the *Quebec Select Committee on Dying with Dignity report*, the *Commission on Assisted Dying report – UK*, research by Margaret Battin, and the court decision by Justice Smith in the *Carter case* in BC intentionally missed. EPC is selling the **Exposing Vulnerable People** booklet for: \$20 per copy, \$50 for 3 copies, \$100 for 8 copies, or \$200 for 20 copies. (Shipping and handling charges are included). **Order your copies today.** <http://www.epcc.ca/contact-us/donate/2>.

A TOB class from Austria, for all you German-speakers! They are currently doing a study of Love and Responsibility.

Theologie des Leibes

by George Elsbett

[Click here](#) for the German study of the Theology of the Body



What is Marriage?

"Marriage is a natural and pre-political institution... We cannot define and redefine marriage to suit our personal tastes or goals. We cannot make forms of relationships or types of conduct marital simply by attaching to them the word 'marriage.' The defining features and structuring norms of marriage are written in the design of creation and revealed to us by a loving God who

When Two Become One: A Pastoral Teaching on the Definition, Purpose and Sanctity of Marriage

by [Archbishop John Joseph Myers](#)

Marriage is as old as humankind. From the beginning, God created the human race in his own image and likeness; male and female he created them (cf. Gen 1:27). Sexual difference and complementarity have been present from the beginning as part of God's creative plan. Equal in dignity but complementary in their sexual difference, men and women who are called to marriage are intended to form one-flesh unions: "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh" (Gen 2:24). Thus, marriage can be seen as the "primordial sacrament" predating the Fall and surviving original sin.¹ It provides the ideal context for children—citizens of the state and of the Kingdom—to be formed, nurtured and educated. It is therefore the fundamental building block of every society and of the Church, a matter of vital concern to both.

This pastoral reflection is offered to the faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark to help them form their consciences, discern their vocations and, for the married, fulfill their vows. It is also offered to other men and women of good will—of every faith—who join us in the sincere hope of seeing family life flourish in northern New Jersey and throughout our state and our nation.

To read more [click here](#)

has made marriage a powerful symbol of the mystery of his love for us."

Earlier pastoral statements from Archbishop Myers

- "A Meditation on Pope Paul VI's *Humanae vitae*" (August 13, 2003)
- "And the Word became Flesh: A Theological Reflection on the Human Body" (December 8, 2002)

From: [One More Soul](#)

Where many other interesting articles can be found.

Chastity: What are you saying YES to?

by Nicole Nuhlenkamp

"Chastity is a virtue that each baptized person is called to live no matter what his or her vocation. Chastity is more about what you are doing than about what you aren't doing. It is SO MUCH MORE than merely abstaining from sex and remaining a "technical virgin." Chastity is actually at the heart of a good marriage. So if chastity is lived even after marriage, then it has to be more than just saying NO to sex." To read more [click here](#)

Before there was Theology of the Body there was Love and Responsibility.

A series on Blessed John Paul II's Love and Responsibility

By Edward Sri

- [Love and Responsibility – Resenting Chastity](#)
- [Avoiding Fatal Attractions](#)
- [Sense and Sentimentality – How Could Mr. Right Turn Out to be So Wrong?](#)
- [Love and Responsibility – The Law of Gift](#)
- [Love and Responsibility – How Contraception Destroys Love](#)
- [Getting it Right – The Foundation of Friendship](#)
- [To Inspire Love: A Return to Modesty](#)
- [Love and Responsibility: Beyond the Sexual Urge](#)

To view them all [click here](#)

Dr. Edward Sri is a nationally-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN and is the author of several Catholic best selling books, including *The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights for Praying the 20 Mysteries (Servant)* and *Men, Women and the Mystery of Love: Practical Insights on John Paul II's Love and Responsibility (Servant)*.

Among his recent books are *A Biblical Walk through the Mass (Ascension Press)*, *The Bible Compass: A Catholic's Guide to Navigating the Scriptures (Ascension Press)* and *The Gospel of Matthew (Baker Academic – Fall 2010)*.

Life and Family Page

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has launched a new "Life and Family" page at the ccc.ca web site that promotes a multi-year initiative for rebuilding a culture of life and family and promoting the new evangelization.

To read more [click here](#)

Catholic
Organization for
Life and Family

The Gospel of Everyday Life - An Adventure Worth Sharing

Just a few days before the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization and the beginning of the Year of the Faith, the *Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF)* is happy to introduce its 2012 Message to Families, entitled "**The Gospel of Everyday Life – An adventure worth sharing!**"

The family is called to play a major role in the New Evangelization. That is why we decided to reflect with you on the ways and means of proposing the friendship of Christ to the members of our families, our friends and colleagues at work, in the midst of our day-to-day life.

On the last page of the brochure, you will find a series of questions which will help you deepen your reflection. A Workshop Guide is available on our website: www.colf.ca. We will be pleased to fill your orders.



Donate Catholic Books to Catholic School Libraries

100 Catholic Books to Read for the Year of Faith

By [Ryan Eggenberger](#)

Some samples:

1. [The Bible](#) (Revised Standard Version translation)

What a good idea!

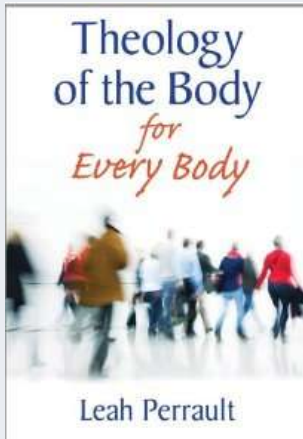
2. [The Lord](#). Romano Guardini
3. [To Know Christ Jesus](#). Frank Sheed
4. [The Life of Christ](#). Fulton Sheen
5. [Jesus of Nazareth](#). Joseph Ratzinger

For the complete list [click here](#)

Recommended Reading

Theology of the Body for Every Body

By Leah Perrault



"A broad reflection on John Paul II's Theology of the Body and how it applies to every day life for people of all ages. Highly explored and examined, Pope John Paul II's scripture-based reflections on human relationships and sexuality have captivated thousands of women and men around the globe. Yet few have discussed the implications of his theology for everyday life. Theology of the Body for Every Body offers us just that: a holistic reflection meaningful for everyday life. This outstanding book explains Pope John Paul II's foundational ideas and then looks to his encyclicals and writings on family, justice, labour and the Church to broaden the application of his Theology of the Body beyond simple and simplistic - sexual ethics. Bringing a female voice to the writings surrounding the Theology of the Body, Leah Perrault explores its deeper applications for sexual ethics within a vision for human growth, service and justice."

Canadian Author

Leah Perrault is a well-known and regarded speaker on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. She currently lives in Saskatoon with her husband and two small children and serves as the Director of Pastoral Services for the Diocese of Saskatoon. She also co-authored the book How Far Can We Go?: A Catholic Guide to Sex and Dating.

For more information and videos by Leah Perrault go to:

<http://tobiasandsarahministries.com/>

St. Joseph's Health Centre 30 The Queensway (Education Centre A, #1B 105A), Toronto - Initial presentation: 1st Tuesday, each month at 8 p.m.

Discovering the many benefits of NFP

Husband and wife saw improvements to health, faith life and love life after making the switch

By Nick and Monica Warren - OSV Newsweekly, 7/22/2012

Many married couples are discovering the benefits of Natural Family Planning and

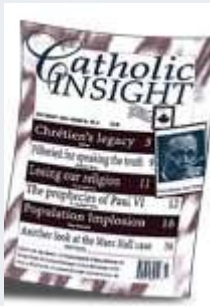
St. Patrick Church 921
Flagship Dr.,
Mississauga - Initial
presentation: 2nd
Thursday, each month
at 8 p.m.

**Mary of the People
Church** 570 Marion
Ave., Oshawa - Initial
presentation: 2nd
Tuesday, each month
at 8 p.m.

making the switch from chemical contraceptives. That change has made a surprising impact on our marriage. To read more [click here](#)



<http://www.naturalfamilyplanning.ca/toronto/>



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God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Ministry

Our Ministry is approved by The Archdiocese of Toronto and has presented over thirty Workshops on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body in Parishes in the Toronto Archdiocese. 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 meeting on this same topic for Priests and Seminarians with over 120 in attendance. We have held eight Theology of the Body for Teens workshops and have been invited into four 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: gsmlministry@gmail.com

www.godsexandthmeaningoflife.com/

God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Ministry has Toronto Archdiocesan approval

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