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Note: Email gsmlministry@gmail.com to book a Theology of the Body Workshop for your Parish or Group.

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**Starting Again
Why don't you join
us.**

*Grow in your Catholic
Spirituality while you lose
weight.*

**THEOLOGY OF
THE BODY
WORKSHOPS IN
THE FALL**

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

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

GSML News

Light Weigh

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 starting again September 13, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at 21 Bayly St. E, Ajax St. Bernadette's Parish hall. If you are interested in joining us, please contact gsmlministry@gmail.com

Theology of the Body Workshops in the Fall

We are conducting several workshops on the Theology of the Body in the Fall of 2011 and early 2012,

We will be holding an Introduction to our Parent Workshop followed by the Full Day workshop, which includes Pre-Teens, Teenage Years and Creating a Recipe for Successful Dating.

This is a presentation for parents, grandparents, teachers and all those who work with children, and is based on John Paul II's writing on how to counteract the false messages about love and sex in our culture. It provides advice and tools for raising children from the very young in a loving, chaste and pure manner.

Guiding Your Child Through the Sexual Minefield(Intro)

At St. Philip Neri Parish

Address: 2100 Jane Street, North York ON
Intersection: Just north of the 401
Dates: Monday Oct. 17, 2011
Time: **7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**



Guiding Your Child Through the Sexual Minefield: Theology of the Body for Toddlers to Teens and Beyond!

St. Philip Neri Parish

Address: 2100 Jane Street, North York ON
Intersection: Just north of the 401
Dates: Sat. Nov. 12, 2011
Time: **9:30 am - 4:30 pm (full day)**
Cost: \$5.00 (includes lunch)



God, Sex and the Meaning of Life

St. Philip Neri Parish

Address: 2100 Jane Street, North York ON
Intersection: Just north of the 401
Dates: Dec, 12, 2011 Jan. 16, Feb. 13 & Mar. 19, 2012
Time: 7 pm - 9 pm
Cost: Free (Study Guide \$10.00 optional)

For more information or to register [click here](#) or email: stbreg@gmail.com

New * Confirmation Workshop * New

We will be offering a Confirmation Workshop/Retreat on the Theology of the Body, Please contact us to book one.

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

Theology of the Body for Grade 7 & 8 answers the questions your students or young teen may have about sexual morality, relationships, and how they were uniquely created for greatness. This program uses a dynamic mix of stories, real-life examples, activities, prayers, and relevant references to the culture, all packed into eight life-changing lessons.

It will answer questions such as:

- Who am I?
- Are there consequences to my actions?
- What is the difference between love and lust?
- How do I balance family, friends, school, God, music, TV, Internet, texting, etc., in my daily life?
- How can I discern my vocation to marriage, priesthood, or religious life?
- How do I deal with bullying, gossip, peer pressure, pornography, divorce, etc?

Can I live my Catholic faith no matter how I messed up in the past?

Theology of the Body in the Classroom

- Short introduction to the Theology of the Body of classroom length.

Antiphon for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"The Virgin Mary has been assumed into the bridal chamber of heaven in which the King of Kings sits upon a throne set with stars." - translated by James Monti

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Theology of the Body II: Into the Deep Immersion Course

Recently two of our members attended the Theology of the Body II: Into the Deep Immersion Course with Christopher West in Quarryville, Pennsylvania. Approximately seventy people from Canada, the U.S.A, Ireland and New Zealand (via Mexico) were swept up in the enthusiasm of Christopher West, and Chaplain of the event Father Paul Houllis who was ordained in May 2011. An in depth look at The Song of Songs and The Book of Tobit left the attendees in awe. Mary's role in the TOB was explained with great insight, wonderful explanations and extreme delicacy. We thought we knew and understood Mary's role in our salvation, and her place in God's plan, which turned out to be true, but basically so. This was an eye opener! This is a must attend event for anyone who is familiar with the TOB I material in The Head and Heart Immersion course, and who is not too timid to deal with the mature subject matter of Blessed Jon Paul II's hidden talks.

Due to the importance of BL John Paul II to the whole Church, St. Augustine Parish has decided to dedicate May 1st, 2011 – 2012, as "The Year of Blessed John Paul II". They will be having special events including monthly presentation of his teachings and main documents

Monthly Conference on BL JPII Teachings

Catechism & Mission

Speakers: Fr. Gustavo Campo, IVE (English)
Fr. Diego Ruiz, IVE (Spanish)

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

When: Thursday Oct. 20, 2011
Following Votive Mass at 7:00 pm

Website: johnpaulthegreatfamilycentre.org

Other talks:

Life & Family	- Sept. 15, 2011
Catechism & Mission	- Oct. 20, 2011
Spirituality & Devotions	- Nov. 17, 2011

Audio from Third International Symposium on Theology of the Body - June 3-5, 2011

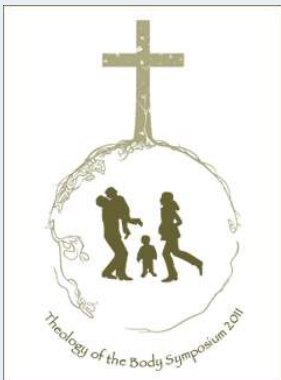
by Clayton Emmer on August 1, 2011

To hear the talks go to: feeds.feedburner.com/tobsymposium3

List of Talks and Speakers:

- ***The Power of the Experienced Beauty of Love***

Dr. Michael Waldstein, who serves as Max Seckler Professor of Theology at Ave Maria University, gives a presentation entitled The Power of the



"No doubt the exploration of the goodness, truth and beauty of human sexuality by the Conference's eminent participants will enrich the still unfolding understanding of the pastoral relevance of Pope John Paul's witness to the dignity of the human body, which God has created to share in nothing less than his own glory. Aided by the powerful intercession of the Servant of God John Paul II, may the Conference be successful in 'Seeking God's plan for love and life'."

Vincent Nichols,
Archbishop of
Westminster

Experienced Beauty of Love: The Question of Method in the Theology of the Body.

- ***A Clarification of the Key Terms in Theology of the Body***

Dr. William Newton, assistant professor at the International Theological Institute in Austria, discusses the key terms used in John Paul II's Theology of the Body, and offers guidance regarding the unifying principles of this wide-ranging catechesis on the meaning of embodied love.

- ***Homily at Opening Mass by Bishop Edwin Regan***

Bishop Edwin Regan (of the diocese of Wrexham, Wales) offers a homily on St. Charles Lwanga and Companions during the Opening Mass for the Third International Symposium on the Theology of Body the Twickenham London.

- ***Contenance for the Kingdom***

Fr. William Wright leads a workshop on the meaning of celibacy for the kingdom according to the Theology of the Body.

- ***A Comparison of Natural Law and Personalist Arguments against Contraception***

Dr. Janet Smith, who serves as Father Michael J McGivney Chair of Life Ethics at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, presents a comparison of natural law and personalist arguments against contraception as found in Love and Responsibility and Theology of the Body.

- ***The Personalism in John Paul II's Theology of the Body***

Dr. John Crosby, professor of philosophy at Franciscan University of Steubenville, discusses personalism in John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

- ***Defending Marriage in the Public Square***

David Quinn, founder of the Iona Institute and one of Ireland's best known religious and social affairs commentators, leads a workshop on defending marriage in the public square

- ***Theology of the Body as the Foundation of Marriage and the Family***

Dr. Maria Fedoryka, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Ave Maria University, discusses the implications of the Theology of the Body for marriage and the family.

- ***Battle for the Body: Exorcising the Manichean Demon and Reclaiming the Sacred Theology of our Body***

Christopher West, Fellow at the Theology of the Body Institute, Pennsylvania, USA, speaks about the way in which Manicheanism affects our attitude toward our bodies, and what we might do to begin seeing the

body as God sees it.

- ***Eyes to See - Glance Theology and Religion as Recognition***

Dr. Anthony Towey, Head of School at St. Mary's University College - Twickenham London, leads a workshop exploring the thesis that seeing is the fundamental form of encounter with God.

- ***A Sacred Trust: The Educational Mission of the Family in the Light of the Vocation to Love***

Dr. Stephen Milne, who holds a PhD in Education from the University of Nottingham, currently serves as Head of Teacher Training and Staff Development at St Peter and St Paul, Lincoln's Catholic High School. Drawing upon his background in developmental psychology, literature and education, Dr. Milne speaks about the educational mission of parents in light of the vocation to Theology of the Body.

- ***Theology of the Body and Dignitas Personae: Reflections on Christian Anthropology as the Foundation of the Culture of Life: Transforming the Culture of Death from the Roots Up***

Dr. Peter Colosi, assistant professor of moral theology at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, PA, presented a lecture on biomedical ethics as it relates to the dignity of the human person .

Theology of the Body on the Internet



A video that tries to explain the basics of Blessed Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, demonstrating the beauty of the Catholic Church's teachings on human sexuality. To watch it go to:

<http://onlinefriends.us/theology-of-the-body/>

*"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."
- Blessed John Paul II*

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter's wife, Stephanie Loeppky, who passed away following a courageous battle with cancer on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

Peter has been a member of the GSML Ministry from its inception, and we extend our deepest condolences to him.



www.ewtn.com

The Pure Life

Hosted by Jason and Crystalina Evert

Jason and Crystalina Evert, known speakers on chastity among the younger set, pull no punches as they call us to be holy as He, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is holy.

In this series, they explore the beauty of the Church's teachings on sexuality. Along with 10 solid Catholic teens, they take us through difficult, daily situations in a culture that promotes worldly values, influences, and priorities as opposed to a lifestyle of faith, fortitude, and virtue. In their customary direct style of speaking, and through the writings of Pope John Paul II and the example of Our Blessed Mother and the saints, Jason and Crystalina demonstrate that it is not impossible to change anything in the world, or, in ourselves.

<http://www.ewtn.com/vondemand/audio/...93&T1=chastity>

www.chastity.com/



Theology of the Body and Marriage Preparation

- by Fr. Tom Loya on YouTube

Part 1 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIBOgnYiny4>

Part 2 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NAVJ-6P_NO

Part 3 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MktZfldw9XA>

Part 4 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgvBbBIQ0hA>

Part 5 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lj9gu-nVz_g

Fr. Thomas J Loya, STB, MA is currently the pastor of Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Parish in Homer Glen, IL. He is also the host of "Light of the East Radio" heard on EWTN Radio affiliates, Ave Maria Radio, The Guadalupe Radio Network and on www.catholicradiointernational.com. Fr. Loya is also host of the radio program, "A Body of Truth" heard also on www.catholicradiointernational.com. He is member of the Tabor Life Institute (www.taborlife.org) for the education and formation in the theology of the body and he is a conference speaker for TOBIA (Theology of the Body international Alliance, www.theologyofthebod.net.) Fr. Loya writes a monthly column in the HOMER HORIZONS newspaper and he also writes a bi-monthly column for the HORIZONS newspaper for the Eparchy of Parma which is also carried in the Eastern Catholic Life newspaper for the Eparchy of Passaic. Fr. Loya is one of the founders of www.easternchristianmedia.com and [ww.oltvweb.com](http://www.oltvweb.com) which are resources for information on the Eastern Catholic Churches.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY I

HEAD AND *Heart*
IMMERSION COURSE

"Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not intimately participate in it."
- Pope John Paul II

Has your life, your marriage, your vocation been changed because of the life-giving teaching of Theology of the Body? Have you wanted to dive deeper into a study of TOB by attending our Theology of the Body I course, but just haven't had the chance? Don't miss out on attending our next course, offered **October 9-14, 2011** at the Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, Pennsylvania.

**Registration Deadline: September 26, 2011 or until sold out.
Courses Fill Up Quickly, So Register Today!**

[Click Here](#) to Register Online
OR

Tess Akre, Program Assistant

takre@tobinstitute.org or 215-302-8200 ext. 102.

Recommended Reading

God's Plan for You: Life, Love, Marriage & Sex By David Hajduk,

Have you ever wondered what life is all about? Ever struggled with finding your place in this world? Have you ever looked in the mirror and not been sure if you like what you see, or even know what you see? Ever been confused about relationships, sex, or members of the opposite sex? Are you disillusioned about marriage and family life? Well, you're not alone.

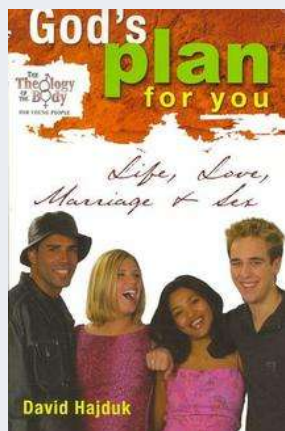
Living in the information age, it's surprising how hard it can be to find the answers to important life questions. We are bombarded with contradictory images from our parents, Church leaders, celebrities, and society--it's hard to know what to believe about anything.

God's Plan for You, based on John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, offers a path that will lead to a full life and a reason for hope for the future. In this book, David Hajduk makes John Paul II's magnificent vision of the human person accessible to today's youth. Delve into this vision to discover the purpose of existence and the answers to your most deeply held questions about life, relationships, and sexuality.

In each chapter:

- Insight from God's Word as the "springboard" for each chapter's theme
- A few quotes from Pope John Paul II on that chapter's topic
- "Things to Think About": questions that will help you relate the themes discussed in the chapter to your everyday life
- Suggested reading from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* for deeper study

David is the author of God's Plan for You: Life, Love, Marriage, & Sex (Pauline



Books & Media, 2006), which received the Catholic Press Association Book Award in 2007 and has garnered glowing reviews from the National Catholic Register and Our Sunday Visitor. David has also had articles published in This Rock, The Catholic Faith, and Homiletic and Pastoral Review. David is the Director of Campus Ministry and a member of the Religious Studies Department at Delbarton School in Morristown, New Jersey - an all male Roman Catholic school (Grades 7-12) run by the Benedictine Monks of St. Mary's Abbey. He serves as an Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. David is a speaker, author, and consultant for Catholics United for Life, dedicating himself to chastity & pro-life education with youth and young adults, and family life ministry.

Theology of the Body Pilgrimage

Theology of the Body Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi with Christopher West and Fr. Martin Connor, LC
Includes two day International Symposium in Rome
November 4 - 13, 2011

Join Christopher West and Fr. Connor, LC on a Theology of the Body pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi offered by TheCatholicTraveler.com!

The pilgrimage will begin with a half day retreat in Assisi and end with a two day Theology of the Body Symposium in Rome.

Along the way participants will celebrate daily Mass at beautiful churches, study Theology of the Body in amazing locations and explore our faith as we tour the top sights of Rome and Assisi.

For more information: [Click here for website](#)

International Symposium
Blessed John Paul II's Theology of the Body
Rome, Italy
Sponsored by Regina Apostolorum

Wednesday, November 9 -
Saturday, November 12, 2011

The Theology of the Body symposium in Rome hopes to offer a personalized experience of the full impact that John Paul II's teaching on marriage and family is having in changing many lives. This November international symposium will represent the largest gathering of speakers from all around the world up to this time. It will start off with a Wednesday morning audience in St. Peter's on November 9, in which Pope Benedict will recognize the participants in the symposium. In addition to the conferences on November 10-11, there will be theology of the body tours of the Sistine chapel and other noteworthy sites in Rome, a Theology of the Body retreat, and a trip to Assisi for those who would like to take part.

Symposium speakers include: Christopher West, Fr. Martin Connor, LC, Cardinal Angelo Scola, Fr. Walter Schu, LC, Fr. Thomas Williams, LC, Dr. Yves Semen, Dr. Mary Shivanandan, Katrina J. Zenon, Dr. Janet Smith, Dr. Guido Traversa, Dr.

Michael Waldstein and many more!

Symposium Cost: \$200 per person
(cost includes lunch and two coffee breaks each day of the conference (group and family discounts available).

For more information:

<http://rometob.org/>

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International Symposium

John Paul II's Theology of the Body — Rome, Italy

~Directed by the Legionaries of Christ~

Event Details:

Wednesday, November 9 - Saturday, November 12, 2011

Details:

Preparatory events for the symposium will begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, with a morning audience with Pope Benedict. The main conference days will be Thursday and Friday (November 10-11). There will be a Mass in St. Peter's on Saturday, November 12, followed by Theology of the Body tours of the Sistine Chapel and other key locations in Rome.

Symposium Cost:

\$200 per person (Cost Includes lunch and two coffee breaks each day of the conference.) Group and family discounts available.

For more information go to:

<http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=236385049724832>

Or contact: Donna McKay /203.747.5522 /mckay231@sbcglobal.net

Speakers

- *Katrina J. Zeno*
- *Fr Thomas Williams, LC*
- *Michael Waldstein*
- Dr. Janet Smith
- Fr. Walter Schu, LC
- Corbin and Birgit Gams
- Christopher West
- Cardinal Carlo Caffarra
- Monsignor Savio Hon
- Monsignor Sygmund Zymonsky
- Fr. Pedro Barrajón, LC
- Dr. Ales Bello
- Rocco Buttiglione
- Fr. Martin Connor, LC
- Fr. George Elsbett, LC
- Scott Hahn
- Pascal Ide
- Dr. Yves Semen
- Fr. Manlio Sodi, OSB
- Dr. Guido Traversa



Merciful Redeemer
Parish
2775 Erin Centre Blvd.
Mississauga ON

FR. STAN FORTUNA is coming to Merciful Redeemer Parish!!

That's right! Internationally renowned priest and musician Fr. Stan Fortuna C.F.R. is coming to rock Merciful Redeemer and lift up our youth in faith with powerful heart-changing talks on the Theology of the Body, and with the great music he is so famous for! He is an amazing, dynamic and hilarious speaker, and if you have never watched a Franciscan friar rap or beat-box, you might just want to come and check this out!

Friday, September 30, 2011:

- 7:00pm --> Theology of the Body for Adults (entire parish and the whole community of Mississauga are welcome) - A free-will offering will be accepted

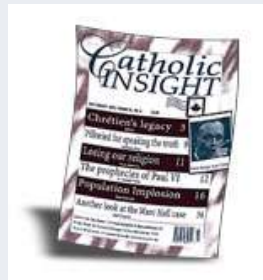
Saturday, October 1, 2011:

- - 7:00pm --> Youth Mass and homily (entire parish community is invited)
- - 8:00pm --> XLT! Eucharistic Praise & Worship with talk and music (entire parish community is invited)

For more information about Fr. Stan, please visit:

www.francescoproductions.com/Bio

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=125911167501568



Catholic Insight

Consider subscribing to Catholic Insight the magazine for Canadians who would like to deepen their knowledge of the Faith and to discover the authentic teachings of the Catholic Church.

To view articles or subscribe go to www.catholicinsight.com

What a good idea!

These two books and DVDs would be a great resource for the Religion Dept.

Donate Catholic Books to Catholic School Libraries

Some suggestions:

- *Theology of the Body for Teens, Leader's Guide and DVD*
- *Theology of the Body for Teens, Middle School Edition, Leader's Guide & DVD*

"Life is not worth living unless it is lived for others."

-Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Peter's Points to Ponder

Due a recent death in the family, Peter's Points to Ponder will return at a later date.

In making us male and female, God designed us to reflect his life-giving love by becoming a sincere gift to one another. Especially through the union of spouses in marriage, a husband and wife make visible to the world the invisible reality of God – that He is love. But no matter what a person's state in life (married, single or religious); everyone is able to make a gift of himself

or herself. For this reason, Pope John Paul II recalled the words of Vatican II, which said, "Man can fully discover his true self only in a sincere gift of self." - from: www.stmichaelcp.org/images/stories/2011/Youth/created_for_love.pdf

GSML Ministry is on FaceBook

If you have a question or would like to start a discussion - look us up at www.facebook.com/pages/GSML-Ministry/142788839095476

Visit our website for news, and resources for:

- Teachers
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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 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 meeting on this same topic for Priests and Seminarians with over 120 in attendance. We have held four Theology of the Body for Teens workshops and have been invited into three 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.godsexandthemeaningoflife.com/

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

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