

# God, Sex, and the Meaning of Life Newsletter

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## What's New?

The 'God Sex and the Meaning of Life' lay ministry is pleased to announce that Mr. Christopher West will be in Toronto on October 16 - 17, 2009 (Friday-Saturday). Be certain to mark your calendars and plan to attend this exciting event!!

Stay tuned to our upcoming newsletters for more details including location, and cost.

## 40th Anniversary of 'Humanae Vitae' Conference

**Celebrating the Richness of Humanae Vitae: A Buried Treasure: The Church's Teaching on Sexuality and Marriage** will be held on Saturday November 15, 2008 at the University of St. Michael's College, Sam Sorbara Auditorium, Brennan Hall at 81 St. Mary St. Toronto.

It will be an exciting day with a number of great speakers including Archbishop Prendergast who will speak on Humanae Vitae giving a historical overview and explanation of what it means, Cale Clarke will speak on the Theology of the Body, Mark Mallett, a musician will give an inspiring testimonial mixed with inspirational music, Dr Maria Kraw will offer a medical perspective of the biological effects of medical contraception, and Fr. Tom Lynch will explain the relevance of Humanae Vitae in our time. There will also be some witness couples who follow Humanae Vitae. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Collins.

Registration starts at 8:00 am, and the cost is \$5.00. You can bring your own lunch, or pre-register for only \$8:00 by Thur. Nov. 6.

To register for this exciting event please e-mail [humanaevitae40@gmail.com](mailto:humanaevitae40@gmail.com).

## \*NEW\* Evening Study Group

We have recently started an evening Theology of the Body Study Group which meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month. The next meeting is scheduled at St. Bernadette's Parish Hall at 21 Bayly St. Ajax, on Nov. 10 from 7:00-9:00 PM.

The study group will use the text from Pope John Paul II's general audiences, using the new translation, '*Man and Woman He Created Them: Theology of the Body*' by John Paul II', which can be purchased at any Catholic Book Store or online at Amazon.ca for around \$20.00. The audiences can also be downloaded from <http://www.ewtn.com/library/PAPALDOC/JP2TBI/ND.HTM>

During the first session we looked at how & why John Paul came to write this great work.

We hope that you might consider attending this study group. If you miss an evening, the material will be on our website at: <http://godsexmeaningoflife.homestead.com/> or contact us at [gsmlministry@gmail.com](mailto:gsmlministry@gmail.com).

## Ministry Logo Contest

We are in need of a logo and are therefore hosting an art / computer graphics contest with a prize of up to \$100 to be awarded to the student who submits a suitable design and is selected as the winner by our panel of judges. The winning logo will be the one that best represents our ministry, of spreading Pope John Paul II's teachings of the '*Theology of The Body*'.

We have attached the Rules and Submission Requirements along with a short summary of the '*Theology of the Body*'. A copy of these rules, submission requirements and summary of the '*Theology of the Body*' will be posted on our website.

## God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Workshops

We are now booking into 2009. If your Parish is interested please call Susan or Tom Kennedy at 905-427-6137 or e-mail: [gsmlministry@gmail.com](mailto:gsmlministry@gmail.com)

## Couples for Christ Foundation for Family & Life Conference

The God, Sex and the Meaning of Life team were invited to be the feature presentors at the Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life Conference which was held on the Thanksgiving weekend. There were approximately 190 participants, and the feedback was very positive.

Through the grace of the Holy Spirit the important message about John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" is getting spread through out the Archdiocese.

## Points to Ponder

The Holy Father Pope John Paul II says the body is a theology and in and through the body we experience Christ (the sacraments).

Why do we struggle to believe the body is holy, and why did Adam and Eve use fig leaves (cover the body) if this is really true?

The entrance of fig leaves was not intended to hide the body because it's somehow 'bad'. The entrance of the fig leaves signifies the intrinsic goodness of the body. We cover the body to protect ourselves from the lust of others, because deep down we all know that lust can never replace love.

So why do we struggle with believing the body is so holy? Our culture 'teaches' us so many false messages about the body, including the ideal shape / size, and that message is all around us. It's easy to get confused, especially when the message of truth is contrary to what we see and hear every day in the mainstream media.



## THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

