

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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# Fatima Mirror

A weekly publication for the education and edification of parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Fatima Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D. is the diocesan bishop. Father J.D. Zatalava, M.Div. is the pastor. Parishioners worship in the church building named after Saint Leo the Great, 2000 12th Ave. 16601. 814-942-0371.

## Central Pennsylvania's Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference June 7, 2008

**"Answer The Call" 2008**—A Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference will be held on **Saturday, June 7, 2008**, at St. Francis University in Loretto, PA. It's prayerful, spirit-filled, and life changing! Registration begins at 8:00AM and concludes with Mass from 4:00PM - 5:00PM. Speakers include **Fr. Tim Harris**, an earthy manor storyteller who weaves the messages of the Gospel into his accounts of our everyday experiences; **Peter Herbeck**, whose lay mission teams are equipping Catholic lay people throughout the world to respond to the Holy Father's call for a new evangelization; and **Deacon Alex Jones**, a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Detroit, whose amazing conversion to Catholicism prompted fifty-four other people to join the Church. A reconciliation preparation message will be delivered by **Fr. David Peles**, Pastor at St. Mary's Parish in Nanty Glo. Mass will be celebrated at the conclusion of the conference by **Fr. Tony Legarski**. Ticket price is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students, including lunch. For more information or to purchase tickets call 800-326-9554. Pick-up a brochure and registration form in the back of church.



The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 13,000 councils and 1.7 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan. Our Lady of Fatima men contact: John Kasun or Mike O'Connor or Rick Summers or Don Suma.

What does the Catechism of the Catholic Church say about men / women?

## **"MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM"**

Equality and difference willed by God

**369** Man and woman have been created, which is to say, willed by God: on the one hand, in perfect equality as human persons; on the other, in their respective beings as man and woman. "Being man" or "being woman" is a reality which is good and willed by God: man and woman possess an inalienable dignity which comes to them immediately from God their Creator.<sup>240</sup> Man and woman are both with one and the same dignity "in the image of God". In their "being-man" and "being-woman", they reflect the Creator's wisdom and goodness.

**370** In no way is God in man's image. He is neither man nor woman. God is pure spirit in which there is no place for the difference between the sexes. But the respective "perfections" of man and woman reflect something of the infinite perfection of God: those of a mother and those of a father and husband.

"Each for the other" - "A unity in two"

**371** God created man and woman together and willed each for the other. The Word of God gives us to understand this through various features of the sacred text. "It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helper fit for him. "None of the animals can be man's partner. The woman God "fashions" from the man's rib and brings to him elicits on the man's part a cry of wonder, an exclamation of love and communion: "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." Man discovers woman as another "I", sharing the same humanity.

**372** Man and woman were made "for each other" - not that God left them half-made and incomplete: he created them to be a communion of persons, in which each can be "helpmate" to the other, for they are equal as persons ("bone of my bones. . .") and complementary as masculine and feminine. In marriage God unites them in such a way that, by forming "one flesh", they can transmit human life: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." By transmitting human life to their descendants, man and woman as spouses and parents cooperate in a unique way in the Creator's work.

**373** In God's plan man and woman have the vocation of "subduing" the earth as stewards of God. This sovereignty is not to be an arbitrary and destructive domination. God calls man and woman, made in the image of the Creator "who loves everything that exists", to share in his providence toward other creatures; hence their responsibility for the world God has entrusted to them.

(What does the Catechism of the Catholic Church say about Men/Men and Women/Women?) ... *see inside back page*

**MONEY MATTERS Fifth Sunday of Easter ( April 20)**

266 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. Contributing \$1,902.62 of which \$210.00 accounted for "loose" cash.

<b># Envelopes In Circulation</b>	<b>231</b>	<b># Used</b>	<b>104</b>	<b># Unused</b>	<b>127</b>
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As of Monday the following persons or families have made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Connie Andros

Vincett Burr

Thomas Gibbons

Rachael Hosgood

Joseph P. Ianniello

Steve Kasun

Genevieve Musto

Helen Pufka

Bernard Quinlan

David Riley

James R. Riley

Richard Rodkey

Jill Watters

Bernadette Weakland

Marguerite A. Weakland-Frederick

Eleanor Yeager

## Homosexuality

**2357** Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. **Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered."** They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.

**2358** The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition.

**2359** Homosexual persons are called to chastity. By the virtues of self-mastery that teach them inner freedom, at times by the support of disinterested friendship, by prayer and sacramental grace, they can and should gradually and resolutely approach Christian perfection.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR April 28 - May 4, 2008

Monday	4-28	08:00 AM	Debra Shuma, M/M Douglas Cruse & Family	<i>Louis Mary de Montfort, priest</i>
Tuesday	4-29	08:00 AM	Marcella Boslet, Sue Lawruk	<i>Catherine of Siena, virgin/doc</i>
Wednesday	4-30	08:00 AM	James D. Zatalava (B-day 5/1), Staff	<i>Pius V, Pope</i>
Thursday	5-1	08:00 AM	Sally Colledge, Wedding Anniv, Pete, Husband	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>
Friday	5-2	08:00 AM	Michael Zaczek, (B-day), Sister	<i>Athanasius, Bishop/doctor</i>
Saturday	5-3	04:30 PM	John A Prorok, Marie Prorok	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>
Sunday	5-4	09:00 AM	Wally Jorkasky, Lenny Watson	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>
Sunday	5-4	11:00 AM	Liv/Dec of Our Lady of Fatima Parish	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>