



From the Desk of Fr. Leo F. Arnone

End of a Career: On Sat, Jan. 23, I made my last trip to the Navy Reserve Center to turn in my military I.D. Card. As it appears in my last Fitness Report: “RELUCTANT SEPARATION – CDR Arnone would have preferred to stay involved in the Navy Reserves, but the combined civilian and Navy administrative work load has become untenable.” While the Navy wanted me to stay onboard, my military service ended because of our priestly vocation shortage due to fewer young men answering the call and the removal of several priests from active ministry because of accusations against them. If there were more priests in service to this diocese, I could have stayed on. So, while I am disappointed that circumstances worked against me, I remain proud and thankful for the 13 years and three deployments I was able to give the Navy Reserves to be of service for the Marines and my fellow shipmates.

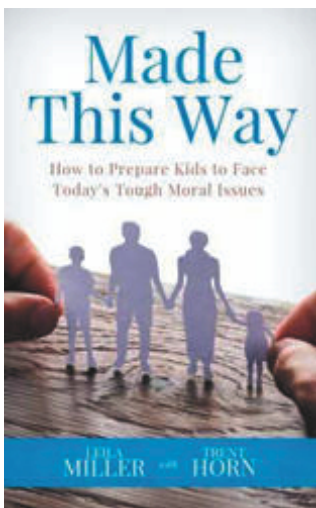
Catholic Schools Week: “A Catholic Education should be the preferred option of all Catholic families.” I call your attention to ASCS section of the bulletin for info of how we will observe it this year under covid restriction.

SA Monthly Fundraising Effort: Beginning February, SA will host a monthly **Power House Sub** sale. Orders and payment for Feb. need to be placed by the 8th for delivery on the 24th.

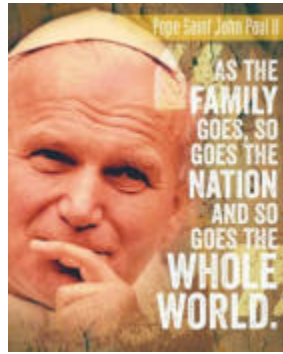


I imagine most of us will have something for lunch on Wed. Feb. 24 – we might as well have a sub – and maybe an apple dumpling! Order forms are available in the vestibules and on the parish websites.

Festival Committee Meeting is set for Tues, Feb. 2 at 7:00pm at SA hall. All those having a leadership role are asked to be present.



Made This Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Tough Moral Issues. After presenting the Church's teaching on the topics of sex outside marriage, same-sex marriage, divorce, contraception, abortion, reproduction technology, modesty, pornography, transgendered identity and homosexuality, the author gives practical advice for little kids and big kids. A reader was so impressed they donated 20 copies to make available to others. Come see me if you'd like a copy.



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II - SERVING LIFE

1 The Transmission of Life

That God's Design May Be Ever More Completely Fulfilled

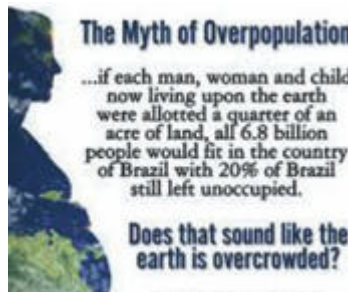
31. The Church is certainly aware of the many complex problems which couples in many countries face today in their task of transmitting life in a responsible way. She also recognizes the serious problem of population growth in the form it has taken in many parts of the world and its moral implications.

However, she holds that consideration in depth of all the aspects of these problems offers a new and stronger confirmation of the importance of the authentic teaching on birth regulation proposed in the Second Vatican Council and in the Encyclical *Humanae vitae*.

For this reason, together with the Synod Fathers I feel it is my duty to extend a pressing invitation to theologians, asking them to unite their efforts in order to collaborate with the hierarchical Magisterium and to commit themselves to the task of illustrating ever more clearly the biblical foundations, the ethical grounds and the personalistic reasons behind this doctrine. Thus, it will be possible, in the context of an organic exposition, to render the teaching of the Church on this fundamental question truly accessible to all people of good will, fostering a daily more enlightened and profound understanding of it: in this way God's plan will be ever more completely fulfilled for the salvation of humanity and for the glory of the Creator.

A united effort by theologians in this regard, inspired by a convinced adherence to the Magisterium, which is the one authentic guide for the People of God, is particularly urgent for reasons that include the close link between Catholic teaching on this matter and the view of the human person that the Church proposes: doubt or error in the field of marriage or the family involves obscuring to a serious extent the integral truth about the human person, in a cultural situation that is already so often confused and contradictory. In fulfillment of their specific role, theologians are called upon to provide enlightenment and a deeper understanding, and their contribution is of incomparable value and represents a unique and highly meritorious service to the family and humanity.

Reflection: JP II comments



on population growth without addressing the “myth of overpopulation.” Those who argue that birth control and abortions ought to be practiced, especially in third-world countries that appear unable to provide for their own, often appeal to this myth. Search

that topic and you will find many articles by reputable source who refute it. It is more a matter of “those who have” learning to share with “those who have not.” Any organization that goes into regions with intentions of imposing birth control and abortion commits a grave offence against the dignity of those people.