



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The Person and Identity Project provides formation, resources, and pastoral guidance on issues of faith, “gender,” and sexual identity. Under “What You Need to Know” you will find 22 FAQs about pertinent terminology and concepts. The Projects provides sections for 1) Parents, 2) Teachers and Schools, and 3) Parishes and Ministries. Each section has its own FAQs, Resources for teacher training and additional resources. You will also find Posts from Project Staff, Guests and current News. I urge parents and teachers to visit personandidentity.com for more info.



Reconciliation Opportunities: We have been instructed not to hold Lenten Penance Services in the parishes this season. So, to accommodate as many as possible before Easter, I will provide an opportunity for Confession on Thursdays

after the 7:00pm Holy Hour at SA, on Fridays after Stations of the Cross (alternating between the parishes), and on Saturdays from 11:00am until done at FX. I am begging you *not* to wait until the last minute to present yourselves and your children for Confession. Like Christmas, the best gift you can offer our Risen Lord is your own soul free of all mortal sin.

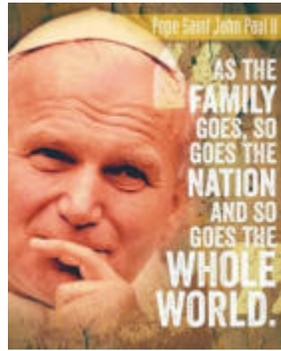
Stations of the Cross: All Saints Catholic School leads children’s Stations on Fridays 1:40pm at FX. Evening Stations are at 7:00pm FX this week. Those concerned about attending in-person are encouraged to pray the Stations at home as a Family.



SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS by Leah Klett: 2. *You will be with Me in Paradise (Lk 23:43).*

Here, Jesus is speaking while nailed to a cross between two criminals, both guilty and deserving of death. However, while one criminal blasphemed Christ, the other experienced a change of heart and confessed their just condemnation and Jesus' innocence: *this Man has done nothing wrong* (v. 41). He also expressed faith that Christ would rule over God's coming Kingdom: *Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom* (v. 42).

Jesus replied by giving him the promise of Heaven - a reward given to those who, like the thief on the cross, repent of their sins and put their faith in Him. Jesus, who through his death and eventual resurrection received the ultimate in authority, is able to forgive sins, and provide us with the assurance of eternal life. This 11th hour salvation is a reminder that it's never too late to bow before the Lord and ask for forgiveness.



FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO II - SERVING LIFE

1. *The Transmission of Life* **The Moral Progress of Married People**

34. It is important to have a right notion of the moral order, its values and norms; and the importance is all the greater when the difficulties in the way of respecting them become more numerous and serious.

Since the moral order reveals and sets forth the plan of God the Creator, for this very reason it cannot be something that harms man, something impersonal. On the contrary, by responding to the deepest demands of the human being created by God, it places itself at the service of that person's full humanity with the delicate and binding love whereby God Himself inspires, sustains and guides every creature towards its happiness.

But man, who has been called to live God's wise and loving design in a responsible manner, is an historical being who day by day builds himself up through his many free decisions; and so he knows, loves and accomplishes moral good by stages of growth.

Married people too are called upon to progress unceasingly in their moral life, with the support of a sincere and active desire to gain ever better knowledge of the values enshrined in and fostered by the law of God. They must be supported by an upright and generous willingness to embody these values in their concrete decisions. They cannot look on the law as merely an ideal to be achieved in the future: they must consider it as a command of Christ the Lord to overcome difficulties with constancy. "And so what is known as 'the law of gradualness' or step-by-step advance cannot be identified with 'gradualness of the law,' as if there were different degrees or forms of precept in God's law for different individuals and situations. In God's plan, all husbands and wives are called in marriage to holiness, and this lofty vocation is fulfilled to the extent that the human person is able to respond to God's command with serene confidence in God's grace and in his or her own will." On the same lines, it is part of the Church's pedagogy that husbands and wives should first of all recognize clearly the teaching of *Humanae vitae* as indicating the norm for the exercise of their sexuality, and that they should endeavor to establish the conditions necessary for observing that norm.

This pedagogy embraces the whole of married life. Accordingly, the function of transmitting life must be integrated into the overall mission of Christian life as a whole, which without the Cross cannot reach the Resurrection. In such a context it is understandable that sacrifice cannot be removed from family life, but must be wholeheartedly accepted if the love between husband and wife is to be deepened and become a source of intimate joy.

This shared progress demands reflection, instruction and suitable education on the part of the priests, religious and lay people engaged in family pastoral work: they will all be able to assist married people in their human and spiritual progress, a progress that demands awareness of sin, a sincere commitment to observe the moral law, and the ministry of reconciliation. It must also be kept in mind that conjugal intimacy involves the wills of two persons, who are however called to harmonize their mentality and behavior: this requires much patience, understanding and time.