



From the Desk of Fr. Leo F. Arnone

Welcome Back All Saints Catholic School! I am so very thankful and excited to have our Faculty, Staff and Students back in our buildings, especially in

our church for Mass! Although masked and distanced, this is the first step in our return to normal – or our new normal. *I am looking forward to seeing the rest of my students in our CCD program beginning on Sunday Sept. 20.* Finally, I'd like to see these same students and with their families back in our churches so I can then say...

Welcome Back to the Sacraments! While some folks with preexisting health conditions need to be extra cautious about returning to regular Mass attendance, all others who do not have health issues should be making their way back to regular attendance. Those who do not feel safe to return must still do something “to keep holy the Sabbath day,” namely, you should be watching the Catholic Mass on TV or online.

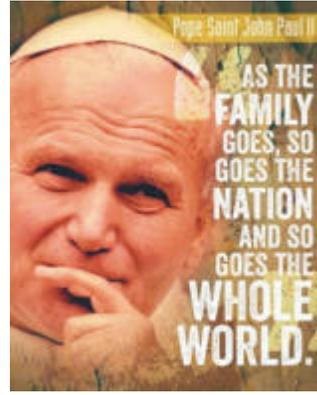
The Bishops have the authority to dispense from the obligation to attend weekend Mass, but they cannot dispense us from the Third Commandment – we are always obliged to do something to demonstrate the holiness of the Lord's Day. Failing to do so would require an encounter with Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

September Power House Subs: Order forms are available on our web sites and church vestibules. Orders and payment are due Friday, Sept. 11. Delivery and pick-up will be on Wed. Sept. 23 from 10:00 to Noon at SA hall. Thanks for supporting this effort benefitting this year's festival.

 **\$2,500 Grand Prize Raffle:** Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00. *Kindly return all unsold tickets to the parish* so I can make them available to others – please & thank you!

Festival Donations Needed: gift baskets, rummage sale and fancy booth items, gift baskets, items that can be chanced or auctioned off, gift baskets, barrel of cheer items like wines, wine coolers, liquors, rums, whiskeys, beers, etc., baked goods (when we get closer to Sept. 13th), powdered sugar and sprinkles for the doughnuts, oh, and did I mention GIFT BASKETS!

Introducing Pope St. John Paul II's Familiaris Consortio. This Apostolic Exhortation was presented to the world in 1981, the fourth year of his pontificate. Although nearly 40 years old, I felt the topic needs emphasized once again. It seems the “Traditional Catholic Family” is under assault from multiple directions – divorce, absent parent, same sex unions, gender confusion, cohabitation, abuse, etc. This is not the family life God had in mind and JPII will help us return to our Catholic roots concerning the Christian family in the modern world.



FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World **POPE JOHN PAUL II (1981)**

The Church at the Service of the Family

1. The family in the modern world, as much as and perhaps more than any other institution, has been beset by the many profound and rapid changes that have affected society and culture. Many families are living

this situation in fidelity to those values that constitute the foundation of the institution of the family. Others have become uncertain and bewildered over their role or even doubtful and almost unaware of the ultimate meaning and truth of conjugal and family life. Finally, there are others who are hindered by various situations of injustice in the realization of their fundamental rights.

Knowing that marriage and the family constitute one of the most precious of human values, the Church wishes to speak and offer her help to those who are already aware of the value of marriage and the family and seek to live it faithfully, to those who are uncertain and anxious and searching for the truth, and to those who are unjustly impeded from living freely their family lives. Supporting the first, illuminating the second and assisting the others, the Church offers her services to every person who wonders about the destiny of marriage and the family.

In a particular way the Church addresses the young, who are beginning their journey towards marriage and family life, for the purpose of presenting them with new horizons, helping them to discover the beauty and grandeur of the vocation to love and the service of life.

The Precious Value of Marriage and of the Family

3. Illuminated by the faith that gives her an understanding of all the truth concerning the great value of marriage and the family and their deepest meaning, the Church feels the pressing need to proclaim the Gospel to all people without exception, in particular to all those who are called to marriage and are preparing for it, to all married couples and parents in the world.

The Church is deeply convinced that only by the acceptance of the Gospel are the hopes that man legitimately places in marriage and in the family capable of being fulfilled.

Willed by God in the very act of creation, marriage and the family are interiorly ordained to fulfillment in Christ and have need of His graces in order to be healed from the wounds of sin and restored to their beginning, that is, to full understanding and the full realization of God's plan.

At a moment of history in which the family is the object of numerous forces that seek to destroy it or in some way to deform it, and aware that the well-being of society and her own good are intimately tied to the good of the family, the Church perceives in a more urgent and compelling way her mission of proclaiming to all people the plan of God for marriage and the family, ensuring their full vitality and human and Christian development, and thus contributing to the renewal of society and of the People of God.

Reflection: I hope that all my families will take these lessons to heart and strive to always improve our lives according to the Holy Father's inspirational guidance.