



**From the Desk of  
Fr. Leo F. Arnone**

## **Festival Weekend!**

Come check out our Fancy Booth, Rummage Sale, Baked Goods, and Gift Baskets! Come enjoy some festival food: breakfast sandwiches, hot sausage, hamburgers, hot dogs, perogies, halushki, pulled pork, french fries, doughnuts, funnel cake, apple cobbler and ice cream! Come take a chance on our Barrel of Cheer, 50/50 every two hours, Money Board, Rip-off Tickets, and our **\$2,500 Grand Prize Raffle!**

**September Power House Subs:** Delivery and pick-up is Wed, Sept. 23 from 10:00 to Noon at SA hall. Thanks for supporting this effort benefitting this year's festival.

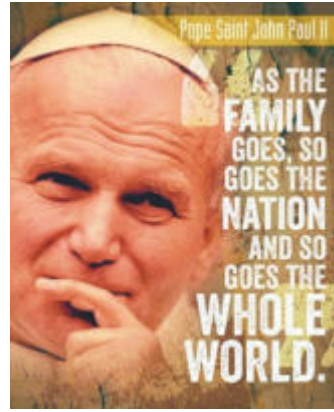


**Announcing the Start the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:** I'd like to begin this year's RCIA with an Introductory Session on Thur, Sept. 17 at SA Rectory at 5:45pm. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or wants to complete the Initiation Sacraments (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation), please contact me directly via my email address ([frleoarnone@gmail.com](mailto:frleoarnone@gmail.com)).

To receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil, the candidate must be single or validly married. If an annulment is needed or a civil union needs blessed, we can talk about that to see if it can be accomplished in time.

Sessions are generally once a week until Easter. Following an Adult Catechism, Sr. Nancy and I provide the instructions in an informal setting. While our primary focus is on the candidates for the Sacraments, I like to open these sessions to fully initiated Catholics who just want to refresh their Religious Education and to share their Catholic Faith journey with the group.

**Attention CCD Families:** You may register this year by printing the registration form from either of our websites. There is also a waiver that needs printed, signed and returned. You will also find there our 2020-2021 Calendar for Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation. *I am looking forward to seeing my CCD students both at Mass and in class beginning Sunday Sept. 20.*



### **FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO**

The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World

**Part. 1: BRIGHT SPOTS AND SHADOWS FOR THE FAMILY TODAY**

**Evangelical Discernment**

5. The discernment effected by the Church becomes the offering of an orientation in order that the entire truth and the full dignity of marriage and the family may be pre-

served and realized.

This discernment is accomplished through the sense of faith, which is a gift that the Spirit gives to all the faithful, and is therefore the work of the whole Church according to the diversity of the various gifts and charisms that, together with and according to the responsibility proper to each one, work together for a more profound understanding and activation of the word of God. The Church, therefore, does not accomplish this discernment only through the Pastors, who teach in the name and with the power of Christ but also through the laity: Christ "made them His witnesses and gave them understanding of the faith and the grace of speech (cf. Acts 2:17-18; Rv. 19:10), so that the power of the Gospel might shine forth in their daily social and family life." The laity, moreover, by reason of their particular vocation have the specific role of interpreting the history of the world in the light of Christ, in as much as they are called to illuminate and organize temporal realities according to the plan of God, Creator and Redeemer.

The "supernatural sense of faith" however does not consist solely or necessarily in the consensus of the faithful. Following Christ, the Church seeks the truth, which is not always the same as the majority opinion. She listens to conscience and not to power, and in this way, she defends the poor and the downtrodden. The Church values sociological and statistical research, when it proves helpful in understanding the historical context in which pastoral action has to be developed and when it leads to a better understanding of the truth. Such research alone, however, is not to be considered in itself an expression of the sense of faith.

Because it is the task of the apostolic ministry to ensure that the Church remains in the truth of Christ and to lead her ever more deeply into that truth, the Pastors must promote the sense of the faith in all the faithful, examine and authoritatively judge the genuineness of its expressions, and educate the faithful in an ever more mature evangelical discernment.

Christian spouses and parents can and should offer their unique and irreplaceable contribution to the elaboration of an authentic evangelical discernment in the various situations and cultures in which men and women live their marriage and their family life. They are qualified for this role by their charism or specific gift, the gift of the sacrament of matrimony.

**Reflection:** JP II appeals to our "sense of faith" calling the laity to join him in discerning what a Christian family ought to look like in our modern world. As you read all that follows, apply his teachings to what you believe and hold as Truth revealed by the Scriptures and inspired by the Holy Spirit, thus we can allow ourselves to be enlightened and challenged as needed.