



From the Desk of Fr. Leo F. Arnone

Fatima Devotions:

Tues, Oct. 13 at 6:30pm will be the last day this year for our prayerful gatherings. Weathering allowing, we will meet in front of St. Ann

shrine, otherwise, we'll gathering in FX church. So, grab your beads and your family and join us in offering the Rosary on behalf of America and all our other intentions.

In keeping with its mission, PCC has published its **Presidential Candidate Comparison** and is included with this week's bulletin.



Read for yourself where they stand on the important life and social issues so as to make an informed conscientious vote for our President.

FX Pastoral Council is scheduled to meet on Wed, Oct. 14 at 7:00pm in Centennial Hall.

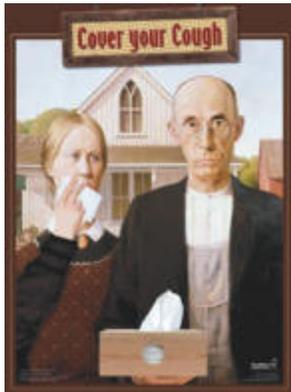
SA Pastoral Council is scheduled to meet on Wed, Oct. 28 at 7:00pm in the Blessed Mother Room.



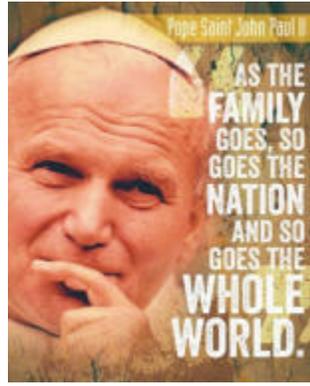
Fall Highway Clean-Up: Our two parishes have partnered to adopt a section of US 22 from the Gallitzin exit to the Summit exit.

We will gather on Sat, Oct. 17 in SA parking lot at 8:00am. New volunteers welcomed (and this is acceptable for Service Hours for our high school students). For more info call Paul Dillon at 886-4978.

Cover that Cough & Sneeze! We are entering into cold and flu season and bound to experience coughs and sneezes more often. I don't want to add to the Covid-19 paranoia, but it taught us the necessity to cover our mouth when we feel a cough or sneeze coming on. If we are not wearing masks we should have a handkerchief on the ready – at the very least to burry that cough or sneeze into the crook of our arm. Don't spray it into the air! And thank you for that!



Rummage Sale Remnants: While a lot of items did move during our festival, a lot still remains. We will open the Sale again on Sunday, Oct. 11, from 11:00am to 1:00pm and invite you all to visit SA church basement to see what treasures you may find. To our young families: there is still a lot of children's clothing available!



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The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World
Part. 2: THE PLAN OF GOD FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Man, the Image of the God Who Is Love

11. God created man in His own image and likeness: calling him to existence through love, He called him at the same time for love.

God is love and in Himself He lives a mystery of personal loving communion. Creating the human race in His own image and continually keeping it in being, God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation, and thus the capacity and responsibility, of love and communion. Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.

As an incarnate spirit, that is a soul which expresses itself in a body and a body informed by an immortal spirit, man is called to love in his unified totality. Love includes the human body, and the body is made a sharer in spiritual love.

Christian revelation recognizes two specific ways of realizing the vocation of the human person in its entirety, to love: marriage and virginity or celibacy. Either one is, in its own proper form, an actuation of the most profound truth of man, of his being "created in the image of God."

Consequently, sexuality, by means of which man and woman give themselves to one another through the acts which are proper and exclusive to spouses, is by no means something purely biological, but concerns the innermost being of the human person as such. It is realized in a truly human way only if it is an integral part of the love by which a man and a woman commit themselves totally to one another until death. The total physical self-giving would be a lie if it were not the sign and fruit of a total personal self-giving, in which the whole person, including the temporal dimension, is present: if the person were to withhold something or reserve the possibility of deciding otherwise in the future, by this very fact he or she would not be giving totally.

This totality which is required by conjugal love also corresponds to the demands of responsible fertility. This fertility is directed to the generation of a human being, and so by its nature it surpasses the purely biological order and involves a whole series of personal values. For the harmonious growth of these values a persevering and unified contribution by both parents is necessary.

The only "place" in which this self-giving in its whole truth is made possible is marriage, the covenant of conjugal love freely and consciously chosen, whereby man and woman accept the intimate community of life and love willed by God Himself which only in this light manifests its true meaning. The institution of marriage is not an undue interference by society or authority, nor the extrinsic imposition of a form. Rather it is an interior requirement of the covenant of conjugal love which is publicly affirmed as unique and exclusive, in order to live in complete fidelity to the plan of God, the Creator. A person's freedom, far from being restricted by this fidelity, is secured against every form of subjectivism or relativism and is made a sharer in creative Wisdom.