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Love and Life in the Divine Plan

By Theresa Notare

During their 2009 Fall assembly, the U. S. Catholic bishops approved their new pastoral letter, *Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan*. The letter represents a summary of Church teaching on marriage. It is the centerpiece of a wider effort initiated in 2004 called The National Pastoral Marriage Initiative (see www.usccb.org/laity/marriage/npim.shtml). The pastoral initiative represents a renewed effort in the Church to strengthen marriage. It is a multi-pronged work that includes a website called "ForYourMarriage.org." The website features popular articles and resources to help married couples in their life's journey.

The bishops have a deep concern for marriage and the family. After all, marriage affects everyone—it is the "little Church" where its members learn about loving God, each other, and their neighbors. Marriage and the family are the building blocks of society!

On a personal level, the Church must assist married couples to live their sacrament fully. The Church also bears the responsibility to prepare engaged couples for this special vocation. On a social scale, the Church has always defended marriage against those forces that would tear it apart. In today's world this is especially urgent.

Strengthening marriage is an urgent priority in today's world. Most of us can list the multitude of forces that tear at the fabric of marriage. We know that many people have an inadequate understanding of the nature of commitment causing many to wonder if life-long commitment can be attained. This fear is understandable when we consider the effects of generations of no-fault divorce. The irresponsible practice of one spouse opting out of a marriage for any reason has poked holes in marital permanence. With the increase in acceptance of couples living together without the benefit of marriage, society has also fostered a "test-drive" mentality regarding romantic relationships. If it ultimately doesn't "feel" right, one can get out of the driver's seat!

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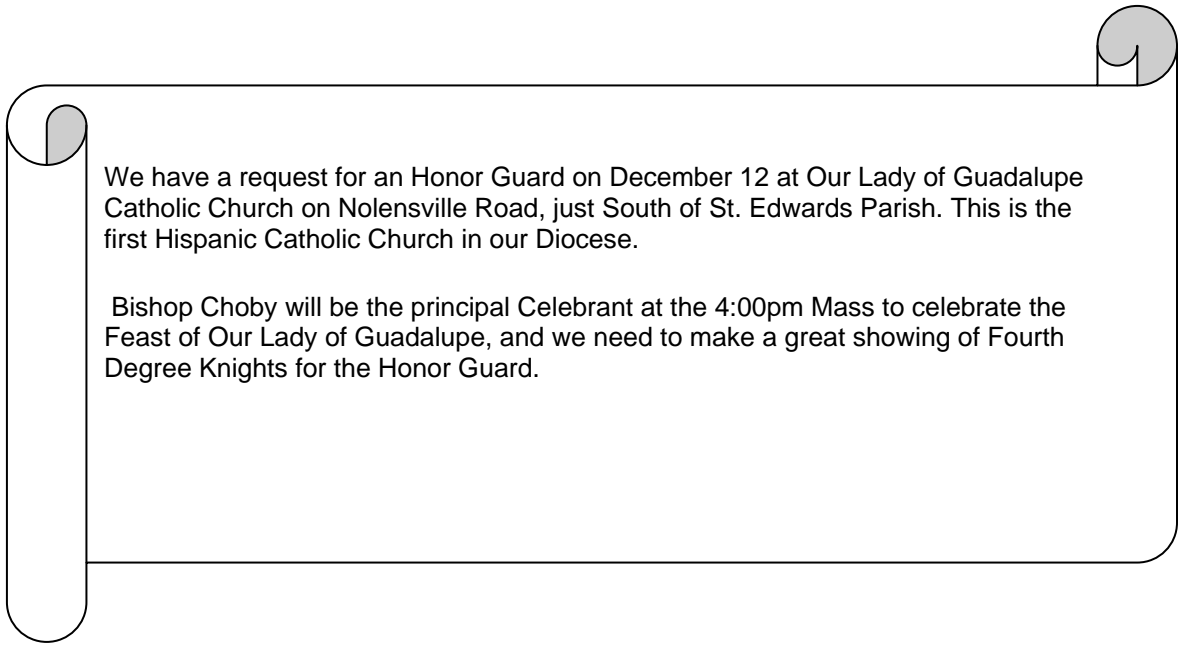
KNIGHT LIFE

Lost in our day is a sense of delaying our own personal satisfaction. As a society, we almost frantically grasp for whatever we think will make us happy. The idea of “self-sacrifice” for the love of someone else often stands in the shadows. It is, of course, not wrong to want various things—like to develop our individual talents and attain our goals—but when one is married, “we” must be considered before “me.”

Also forgotten in our day is the fact that the sexual relationship is wired for bonding *and* procreation. Sex is not only about personal fulfillment. Rather, sex is about moving out of the self to love the other person—loving that person so much that the gift of a child is the fruit. Life-long love, marital love, is the best environment for man and woman because it nourishes each of them and cares for the well-being of children.

The bishops’ pastoral letter is an invitation to Catholics and to all people of good will to rediscover the true meaning of marriage—something that is based not only on individual satisfaction and personal fulfillment but also on God’s desire for the good of His people.

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We have a request for an Honor Guard on December 12 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church on Nolensville Road, just South of St. Edwards Parish. This is the first Hispanic Catholic Church in our Diocese.

Bishop Choby will be the principal Celebrant at the 4:00pm Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and we need to make a great showing of Fourth Degree Knights for the Honor Guard.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2009

Dec 2: 4th Degree Assembly Christmas Party at Council 4972's Club House – 6 PM.

Dec 4: First Friday Adoration at 7 PM. Safe Haven Family Shelter (need volunteer).

**Dec 7: Council Business Meeting at 7 PM preceded by the Rosary at 6:30.
68th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day.**

Dec 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception. (Holy Day of Obligation). National Night of Prayer for Life from 8 PM to 1 AM (Dec 9 Feast of St. Juan Diego).

Dec 11: Poker Tournament at 6:30pm in the Holy Family Center

Dec 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Breakfast with Santa 9am in the Holy Family Center.

Dec 14: Social Meeting at 7 PM. Rosary at 6:30

Dec 18: St. Stephen Annual Christmas Party sponsored by Council 9282. (Cocktails at 7 PM followed by dinner at 8).

Dec 19: Delivery of Ladies of Charity Food Baskets 9am until done. Movie night at 6:30pm. (The Nativity Story)

Dec 24: Christmas Eve

Dec 25: Christmas Day

Dec 31: New Year's Eve

Free Movie Night at the Church

Movie tickets for 4 - \$40; Popcorn and soda for 4 - \$30; Movie night at St. Stephen – Priceless, literally! Please attend movie night on December 19th. We will be showing “The Nativity”. The movie is projected on a 10 foot screen and played with surround sound. There will be free soda, popcorn and snacks. Doors open at 6:30pm; movie starts at 7:00pm. See you there.

Paul and Amy Taylor

Council Activities

The following is for your information. I no longer coach the CYO team or teams at St. Stephen's. In years past, we (the Knights) have sponsored a boy's team and a girl's team. All games are played at Father Ryan on Sundays beginning at 12 Noon. We usually had to pay a \$75.00 entry fee for each team. This is to pay the referees.

Teams are made up of high school players who do not play for their school teams. I've done this for the past 7 or 8 years and it's a good way to meet the young people of your parish and other parishes around the diocese, plus their parents, coaches and the ref's.

If anyone would like to take my place as coach, contact me or Kevin Edwards below. (Kevin used to be one of my point guards when I coached at St. Bernard's)

John Norfleet

Hello friends and CYO Hoops Coaches!

The CYO Hoops season is here and we are excited to get started quickly. The first game is January 3 at Father Ryan High School and will begin at noon and the last game will start at 4pm. We will have TSSAA officials again this year, but it's always a challenge to keep our coaches and athletes truly honoring God's command to love one another.


We are requesting that 1 representative or youth be present at the mandatory Coaches meeting on Tuesday December 15 at the Cathedral Church. We will go over registration and also be planning for the 4 games with scheduling needs and demands as well.

Thanks again in advance for your help with the CYO Basketball season.

Sincerely,

Kevin Edwards
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DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 4 th Degree Meeting	3	4 Safe Haven & 1 st Friday Adoration	5 Grace Pregnancy Center
6	7 9282 Business Meeting	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception / (Holy Day)	9	10	11 Poker Night 6:30pm in the Holy Family Center	12 Breakfast with Santa 9am
13	14	15	16	17	18 Christmas Gala 7pm	19 Ladies of Charity Food Baskets / Movie Night
20	21 Social Meeting Rosary at 6:30PM *	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28 Officer's Meeting	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

*Rosary for the troops every Monday at 6:30 PM in the Chapel.

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CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM LADIES OF CHARITY

The Ladies of Charity will once again be providing Christmas Baskets for 700 families in the Nashville area. Our church receives baskets for persons in our area who need them. Each basket is valued at approximately \$42.00. That translates to about \$28,000.00 for this project. The ladies rely on contributions from their membership, donations from persons in our area churches and businesses in the area.

We receive food items from school children and churches, which conduct a Thanksgiving drive. What is needed in addition, we purchase from grocery stores from which we have received the best price. If you would like to make a donation to help the needy in our own area, please send a check to Ladies of Charity (Christmas basket program) 2216 State Street, Nashville, TN. 37203. This program is operated totally by volunteer workers.

TENNESSEE RIGHT TO LIFE

We ask you to join us in building a world where the lives of precious unborn children, and disabled, and elderly persons are not at risk merely because they are unborn, disabled or old. A gift from you will ensure the programs that save so many lives can continue throughout the year.

Programs that directly save lives depend on generous people who are willing to give the resources needed to continue the fight for life. Our grassroots development, legislative lobbying, and pregnancy counseling are prime examples of these programs.

Because Tennessee Right to Life works for the passage of protective legislation, donations to Tennessee Right to Life are not deductible for income tax purposes.



We regret that the federal government does not allow donations to Tennessee Right to Life to be tax deductible. If you prefer to make a tax-deductible donation, you can give to Tennessee Right to Life Education Fund, a 501 (c)(3) charity.

Please send your check to:

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