



God, Sex, and the Meaning of Life Newsletter

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What's New?

We're excited to 'show off' our new logo, as displayed at the top of the page!

“Theology of the Body: Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life”

On October 16-17, 2009 Christopher West will be presenting two conferences in Toronto.

Public Conference

The “Theology of the Body: Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life” featuring Christopher West begins Friday evening (October 16), and runs all day Saturday. (October 17)

The conference will be held at 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto. Admission is \$30 before July 1, 2009, and \$40 afterwards. The registration fee includes course material.

Archbishop Thomas Collins will celebrate Mass for the conference participants on Saturday October 17 at 8:30 AM.

Music will be hosted live by [Critical Mass](#) at various times throughout the day. Find out more about this awesome band at their website.

You won't want to miss out, so mark your calendar, and reserve your place by emailing stbreg@gmail.com. Our website is updated as new information becomes available.

Garage Sale!

We will be having a fundraiser garage sale for the “Theology of the Body: Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life” conference on Saturday June 27 from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM at St. Bernadette's Parish, 21 Bayly St. E. Ajax. Please support this worthwhile event!

Sponsorship Opportunities!

We are looking for business sponsors for the conference! This will provide both an excellent chance for your organization to demonstrate support for the Church's teachings, as well as a great marketing opportunity. Conference sponsors will be listed in the program and on the website. For more information please contact tom.kennedy@rogers.com.

Priest Event

On Friday afternoon (October 16) Christopher West will be presenting “Proclaiming the Theology of the Body for Priests”. In this presentation, Christopher West will offer an overview of Pope John Paul II's “*Theology of the Body*” and show how all the “tough issues” of Catholic teaching on marriage and sexuality can be proclaimed in a way that not only makes sense, but demonstrates the beauty of God's plan for sexuality and the joy of living it.

Lunch and all course material will be provided at no charge to all priests and interested seminarians.

This private event will be held at Blessed Trinity Parish (3220 Bayview Avenue, Toronto). More information, including an invitation will be mailed out to all parishes in the coming months.

Sponsor A Priest

To truly evangelize the “Theology of the Body” we need the support of our parish priests. In order to keep costs low, and encourage as many priests as possible to attend the conference, we're asking for your generosity to “Sponsor a Priest”. A tax receipt will be issued for donations. For more information please contact Susan or Tom Kennedy (905-427-6137) or stbreg@gmail.com.

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Proclaiming 'Theology of the Body'

To further promote the "Theology of the Body: Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life" conference within your parish, our Ministry is pleased to announce that we now offer a 1.5 hour introductory presentation to outline the agenda, as well as what Theology of the Body is, and why it's so important in today's society! This would be an excellent opportunity for people to have a brief introduction to the topic prior to the conference. For more information please contact Susan or Tom Kennedy (905-427-6137) or stbreg@gmail.com.

Study Groups

The Monday morning (9:30 AM – 11:30 AM) study group has finished its study of Christopher West's "Theology of the Body of Beginners" and will begin studying "Heaven's Song: Sexual Love as it was Meant to Be" by Christopher West. This new book is based on more mature talks from Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* which were not included in his weekly audiences. The text will guide us through the erotic poetry of the Song of Songs and the great spiritual contest surrounding the marriage of Tobias and Sarah. Also discover the "secret" of Mary in living an embodied spirituality. Please join us for a lively discussion and reflection on these interesting books from the Bible.

We also have an evening study group (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM) on the second and fourth Monday of every month that studies the Holy Father's General Audiences.

Both study groups meet in St. Bernadette's Parish Hall at 21 Bayly St. in Ajax. For more information please contact Susan and Tom Kennedy 905-427-6137 or stkennedy@rogers.com.

Additional information will be posted on our website when it's available.

Points to Ponder

During Lent, the Church unites with Christ on a journey towards the glory of His resurrection. We follow Christ to the mountain and, with the apostles, witness the Transfiguration. We stand among the crowds on the street, waiving palm branches joyfully welcoming him to the city, then later, standing by as he is arrested. Then, again we line the streets, this time as Jesus walks by carrying a cross on which he will be crucified and die for our salvation.

The "Theology of the Body" can also be a journey united with Christ if we let the words of John Paul II echo within the depths of our hearts. We see more clearly the consequences of the original fall; but, we learn that Jesus came to redeem us, to teach us God's original plan for life and love. Just as Jesus had a painful journey leading up to his resurrection, we too will experience pain and suffering in order to love as Christ loves.

Jesus's crucifixion models for us the deepest meaning of human relationships!

God, Sex and the Meaning of Life for Teens!

Each Friday, beginning Friday April 3 – May 29 (excluding Good Friday, April 10) from 7pm to 9:30pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish (640 Glenholme Avenue, Toronto) "*God, Sex and the Meaning of Life for Teens*" will use real life examples, activities, prayers and references to modern culture to answer the questions that teens have about their bodies. The teens will focus on issues such as sexual morality, and how they were uniquely created for greatness.

The registration fee is \$18.00, which includes the student workbook.

For more information call Jan Noonan 905-420-8696 or Rose Heron 905-683-9055 or stbreg@gmail.com

All Teens are invited! Bring a friend.