



Proclaiming the Splendor
of Truth with Love

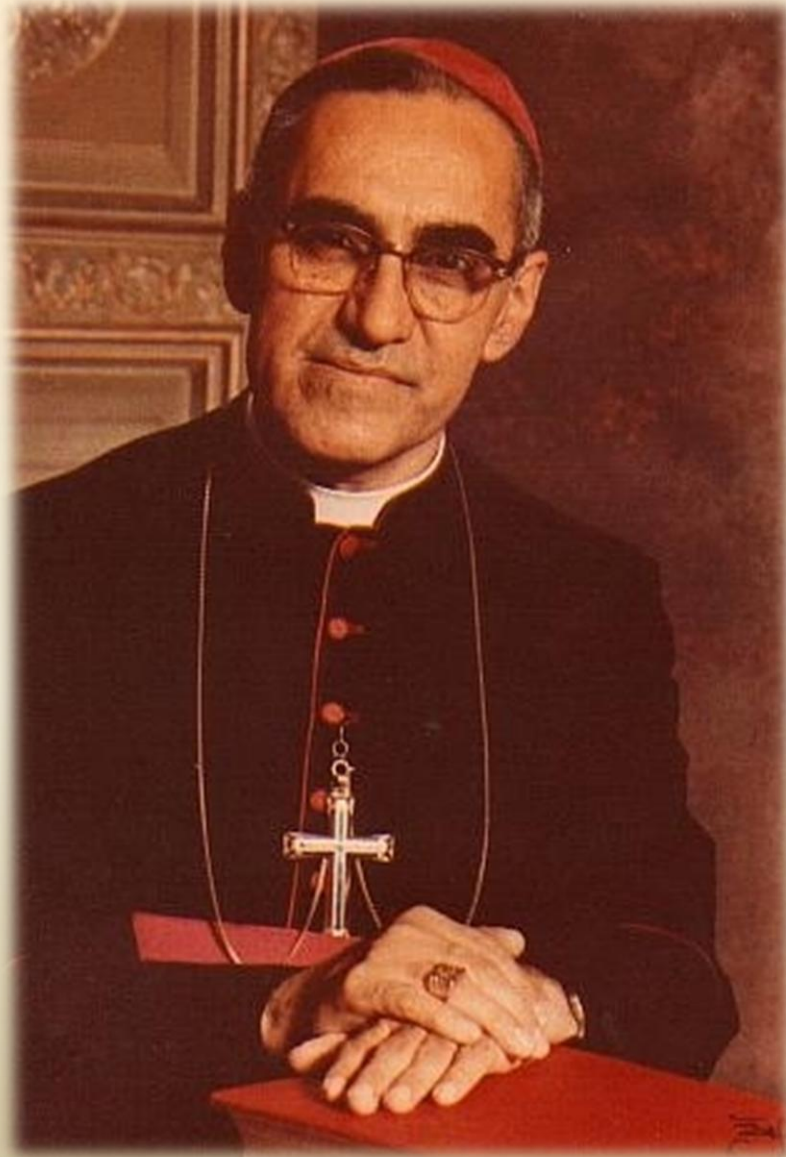


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**“You are not alone, You are not abandoned, you are
not rejected.” All Communication with Courage is
Confidential**

San Oscar Romero Prayer

A Step Long the Away



“Guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit....” (2 Timothy 1:14)
No Truth...No Freedom.

Session I: Wednesday, September 4

- Role of a Catechist/Parent/Catholic: (L)ove, (L)isten, (E)ncourage. (Accompaniment)
- I. Moral Values: Part Three CCC: Life in Christ.
- The Dignity Of The Human Person
- The Morality Of Human Acts.
- Chastity vs. Lust.
- Sex Outside of the Sacrament of Marriage.
- Modesty.
- Pornography.

Session II: Wednesday, September 11

- Homosexuality:
- Same-Sex Attraction, and Gay Theory.
- Transgender.



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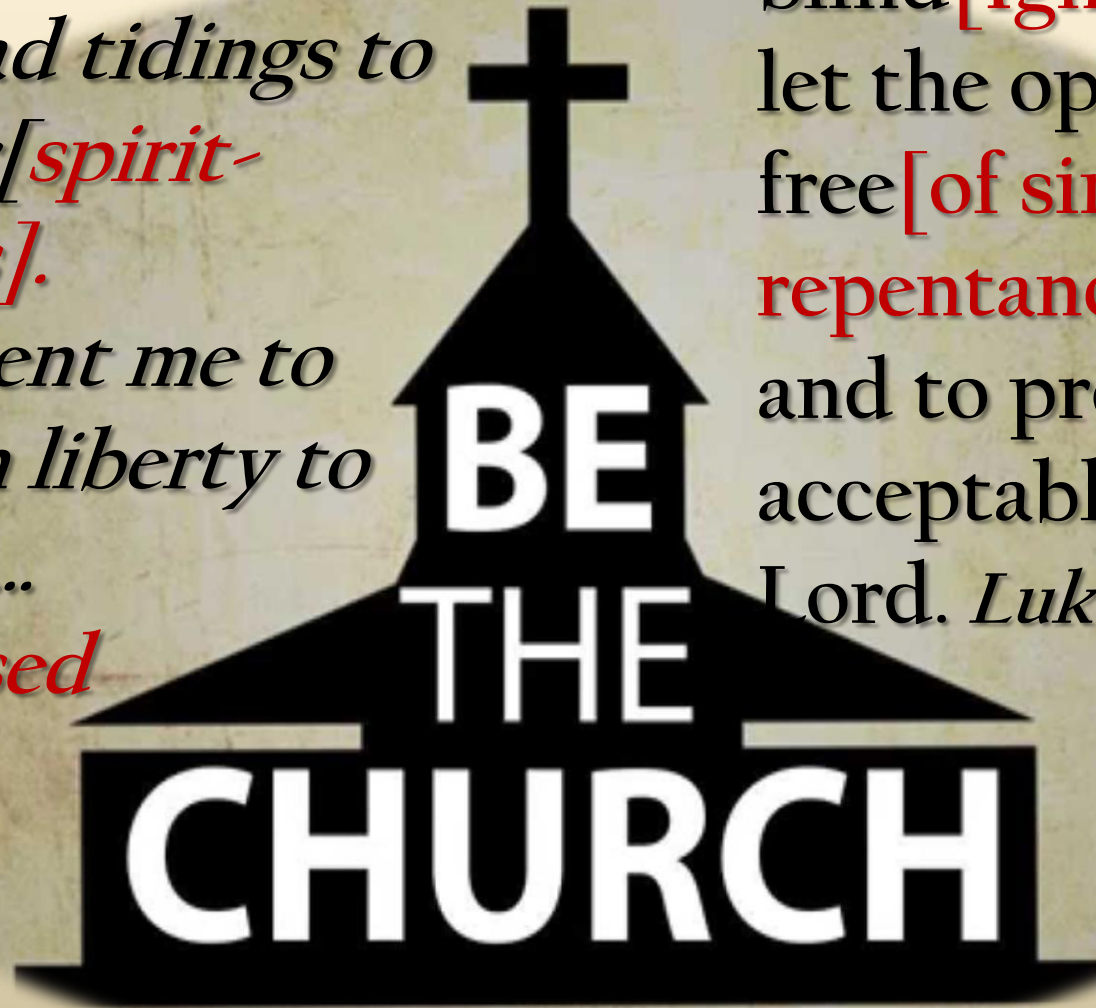
The mission of the Church is to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people and to minister to all people in his name. In our time and culture, special challenges are faced by those Church members who carry out this mission among persons who experience same-sex attraction.



*The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me, because
he has anointed me to
bring glad tidings to
the poor[**spirit-
hopeless**].*

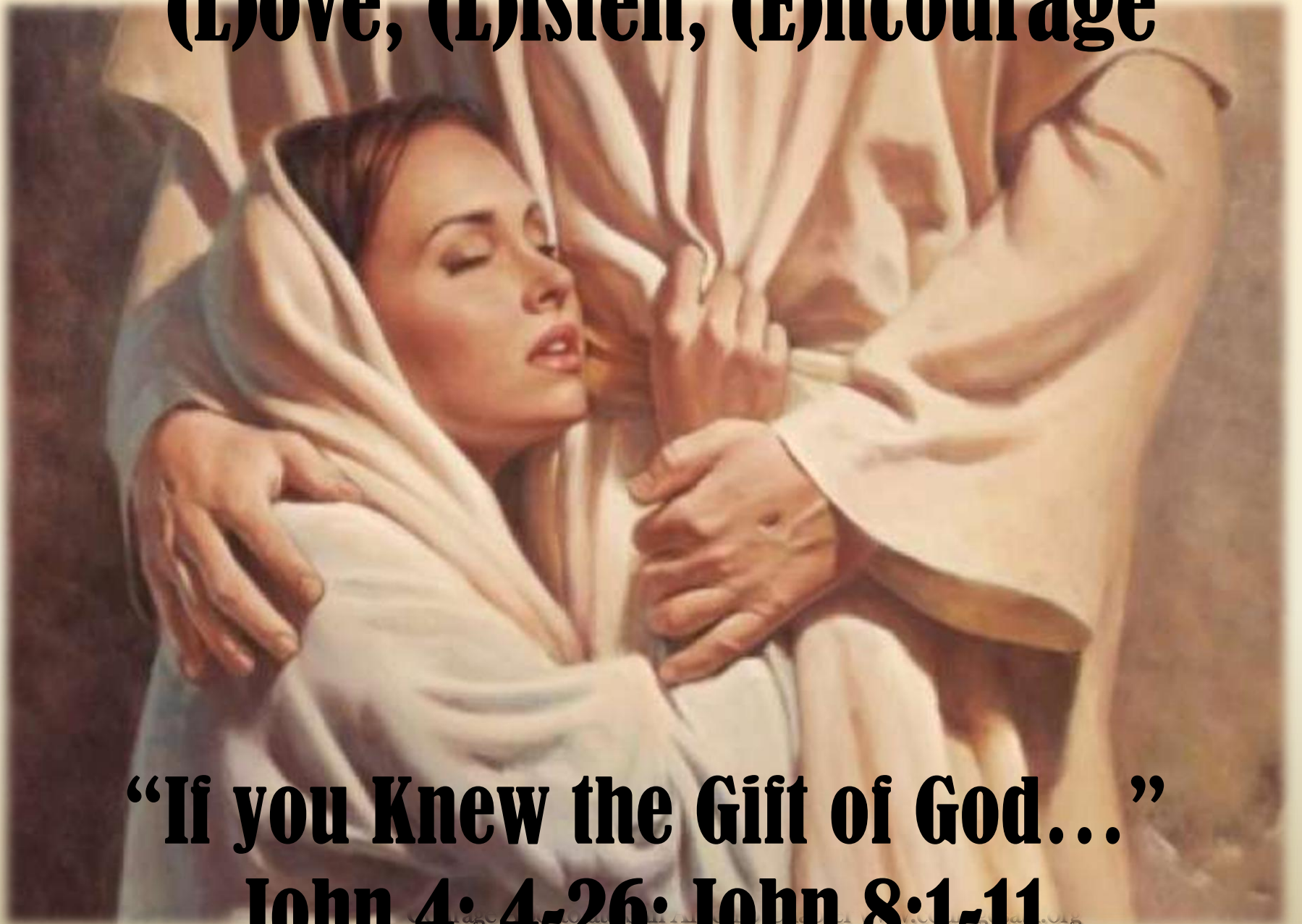
*He has sent me to
proclaim liberty to
captives...
[**oppressed
by sin**]*

And recovery of sight
to the
blind[**Ignorance**], to
let the oppressed go
free[**of sin /
repentance**],
and to proclaim a year
acceptable to the
Lord. *Luke 4:18*



(L)ove, (L)isten, (E)ncourage

**“If you Knew the Gift of God...”
John 4: 4-26; John 8:1-11**



A CRITICAL MOMENT, A TIME OF GRACE



SEXUALITY

Reconciling God's Truth *with* Today's World

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

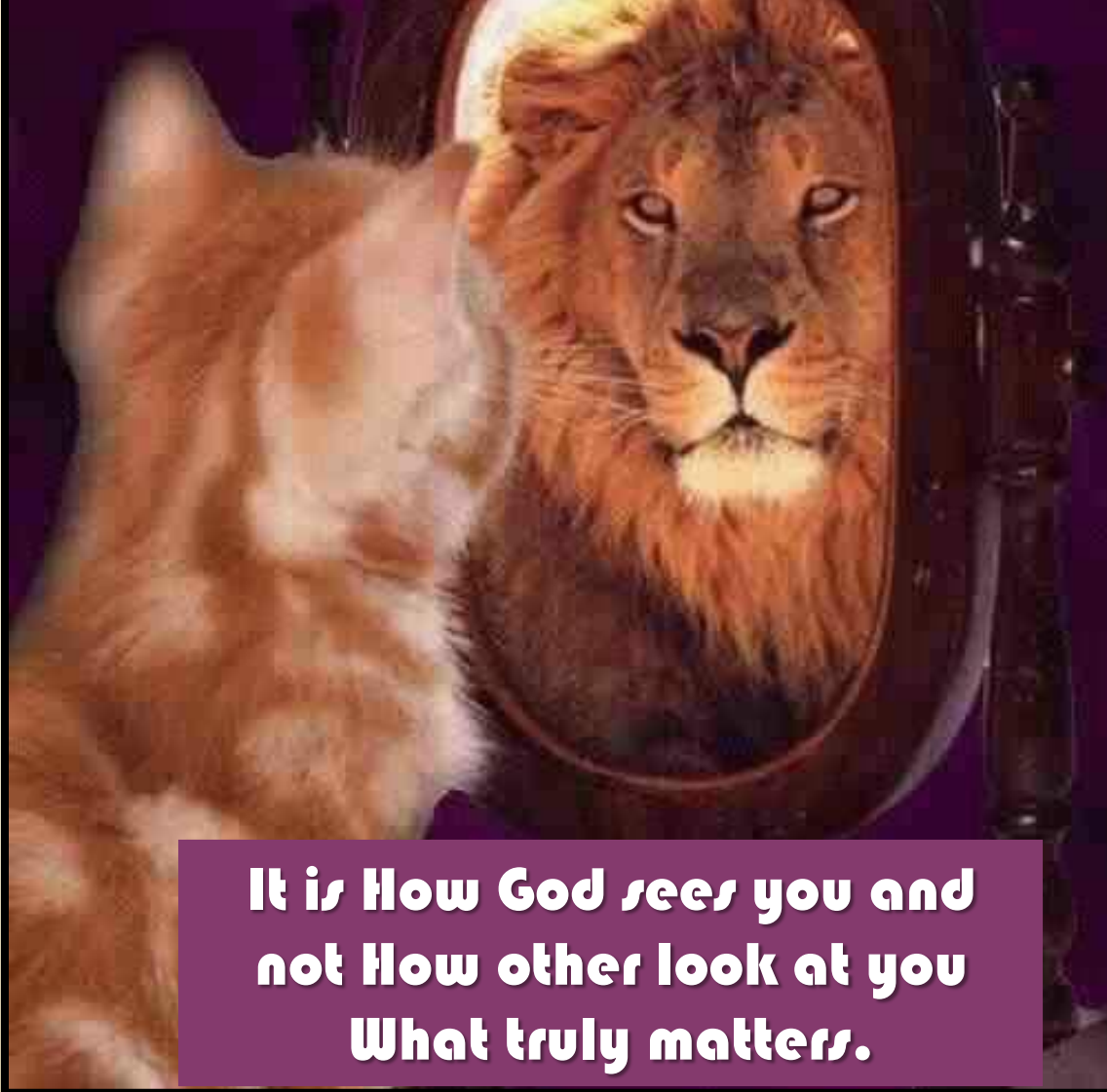
John 15:11

"Les he dicho esto para que tengan mi alegría y así su alegría sea completa."

Juan 15:11



**Who do People say
that I am?**



**It is How God sees you and
not How other look at you
What truly matters.**

IDENTITY

- How Do I know if I am living my life well?
- What is the purpose of my life?
- What does it mean to be fulfilled and at peace?





You were created
in the image
and likeness
of God.
So you share
the Divine
qualities of love,
abundance, health,
beauty, and goodness.
We all do.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Sexual Identity


Created in the Image and Likeness of God

(No. 2333) “Everyone, man and woman, should acknowledge and accept his sexual identity. Physical, moral, and spiritual difference and complementarity are oriented toward the goods of marriage and the flourishing of family life. The harmony of the couple and of society depends in part on the way in which the complementarity, needs, and mutual support between the sexes are lived out.”

(No. 2393) “By creating the human being man and woman, God gives personal dignity equally to the one and the other. Each of them, man and woman, should acknowledge and accept his sexual identity.”

Body and Soul

(No. 364) “The human body shares in the dignity of “the image of God”: it is a human body precisely because it is animated by a spiritual soul, and it is the whole human person that is intended to become, in the body of Christ, a temple of the Spirit:



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1 Th. 4:2-7

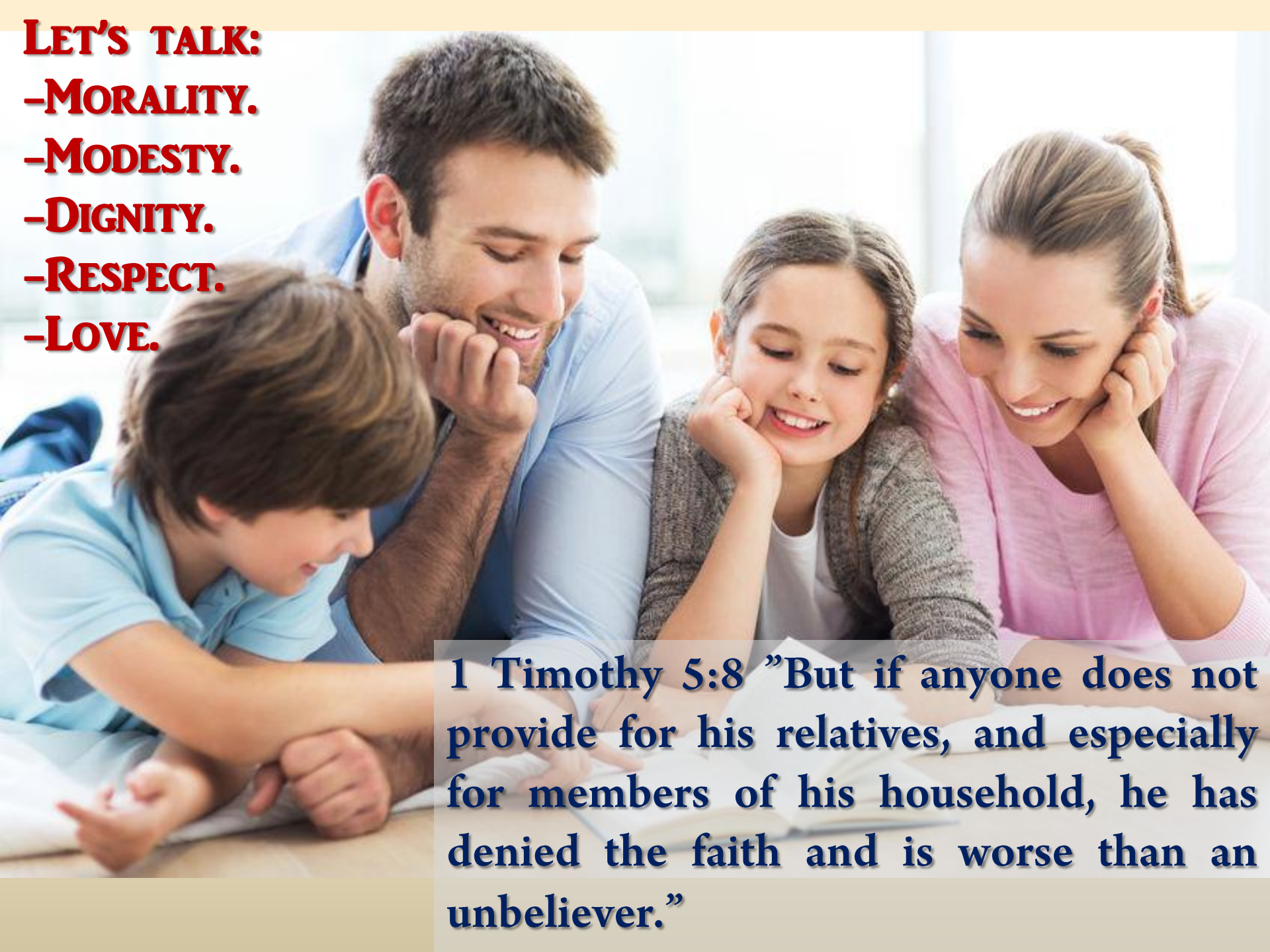
Eph. 1:3-4

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**Why Every
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About SEX
EARLY**

LET'S TALK:
-MORALITY.
-MODESTY.
-DIGNITY.
-RESPECT.
-LOVE.

A photograph of a family of four, including a father, a mother, and two children, gathered around a table. They are all smiling and looking at an open book, suggesting a family reading time. The father is on the left, leaning over the book. The mother is on the right, also leaning over. A young girl is in the center, and a young boy is on the far left, pointing at the book. The background is bright and out of focus.

1 Timothy 5:8 "But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

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CATECHISTS' ROLE.



- Catechists are considered to be irreplaceable evangelizers.
- Vocation and Identity**.
- The need for a spirituality proper to catechists springs from their **vocation and mission**. It includes, therefore, a new and special motivation, **a call to sanctity**. St. Pope John Paul II's saying: "*The true missionary is the saint*", can be applied without hesitation to the catechist.

Catechesis/Catholic Education

- Catechesis ought to reflect the fullness of the Church's teaching on human sexuality in general, and homosexuality in particular. ... In tone, catechesis ought to be welcoming yet challenging, charitable but firm in the truth. **CHASTITY**
- The work of catechesis is exercised first in the family by parents of children. The Church should assist parents as the first teachers of their children regarding sexual and affective development as well as their children's understanding of divine and natural law in matters of human sexuality.
- Individuals who do not support Church teaching should not serve in this ministry [of catechesis].



United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
*Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination:
Guidelines for Pastoral Care (2006)*



The Vocation to Chastity:

Chastity means the successful integration of sexuality within the person and thus the inner unity of man in his bodily and spiritual being.

(CCC 2337)

According to the Dictionary: Chastity is the virtue that moderates the desire for sexual pleasure according to the principles of faith and right reason.

Lust is a psychological force producing intense wanting or longing for an object, person or circumstance fulfilling the emotion. Lust can take any form such as the lust for sexuality, love, money or power. (Merriam Webster Dictionary)

When a person seeks sex for pleasure, he or she is sinning with lust. Lust is best defined by its specific attribute of rape, adultery, wet dreams, seduction, unnatural vice, and simple fornication.

Reflection on St. Thomas Aquinas 153 and 154 of his Summa Theologica

CCC: Part Three CCC:

Life in Christ. 6th Command.

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Lust:

Masturbation

Fornication

Homosexuality

Pornography

Prostitution

Rape



Chastity

Temperance

Good habits

Prayer

Modesty

Moral Purity

Respect

Chastity is not about saying “no” to sex.

Chastity is about saying “yes”
to God’s plan for our sexuality

CCC: Part Three CCC: Life in Christ. 6th Command

• Formation in the Virtue of Chastity

- Education for authentic love.
 - Understanding sexuality as a gift.
 - Cultivation of all the virtues, especially charity.
 - The practice of prayer and the virtue of temperance. (Will Power)
 - Respect for human dignity in oneself and in others.
- The practice of decency and modesty in behavior, dress, and speech.
- Respect for one's own body and for others as temples of the Holy Spirit.
 - Self-control.

The Benefits of Chastity:

- The integrity of life and love placed in the person .
- The gift of authentic friendship.
- Fidelity in marriage, which leads to strong family life.
- Development to authentic maturity.
- Capacity to respect and foster the “nuptial meaning” of the body. (one flesh)
- A life of self-giving love.
- Freedom from all forms of self-centeredness. (Pride)
- The capacity for compassion, tolerance, generosity, and a spirit of sacrifice.
- Avoidance of occasions of sin.

Sex Outside of Sacrament of Marriage

Sex Outside of Marriage

a brief thrill
some momentary pleasure

**SHORT-TERM
PLEASURE**

not knowing real love
not knowing God's best
hurt self-esteem
life-long guilt
disappointing
risky
a shattered life
big problems
marrying the wrong person
a ruined marriage

**LONG-TERM
SORROW**

WEIGH THE CONSEQUENCES

Sex Outside of Sacrament of Marriage

BILLIONS of people have
had sex.

I don't know how many
have actually
made love.

- Sheila Wray Gregoire,
The Good Girl's Guide to Great Sex

MARRIAGE MATTERS!

...to Love.
HONOR

**“Only the Chaste
man and the
Chaste Woman
are Capable of
Real Love.”**

St. John Paul II

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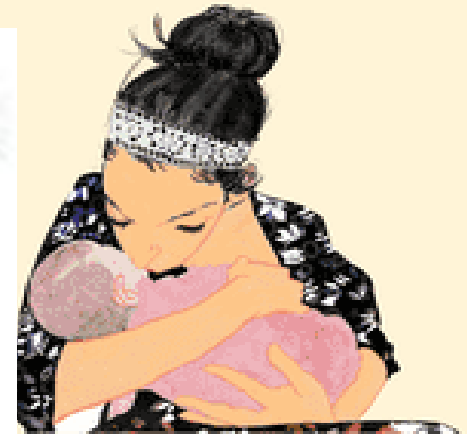
The Four Types of Love in the Bible



Eros

sensual or romantic love

Compassionate
Caring
Kind
Faithful
Patient
Sacrificial
Enduring
Unconditional



Storge

familial love



Philia

brotherly love that unites believers



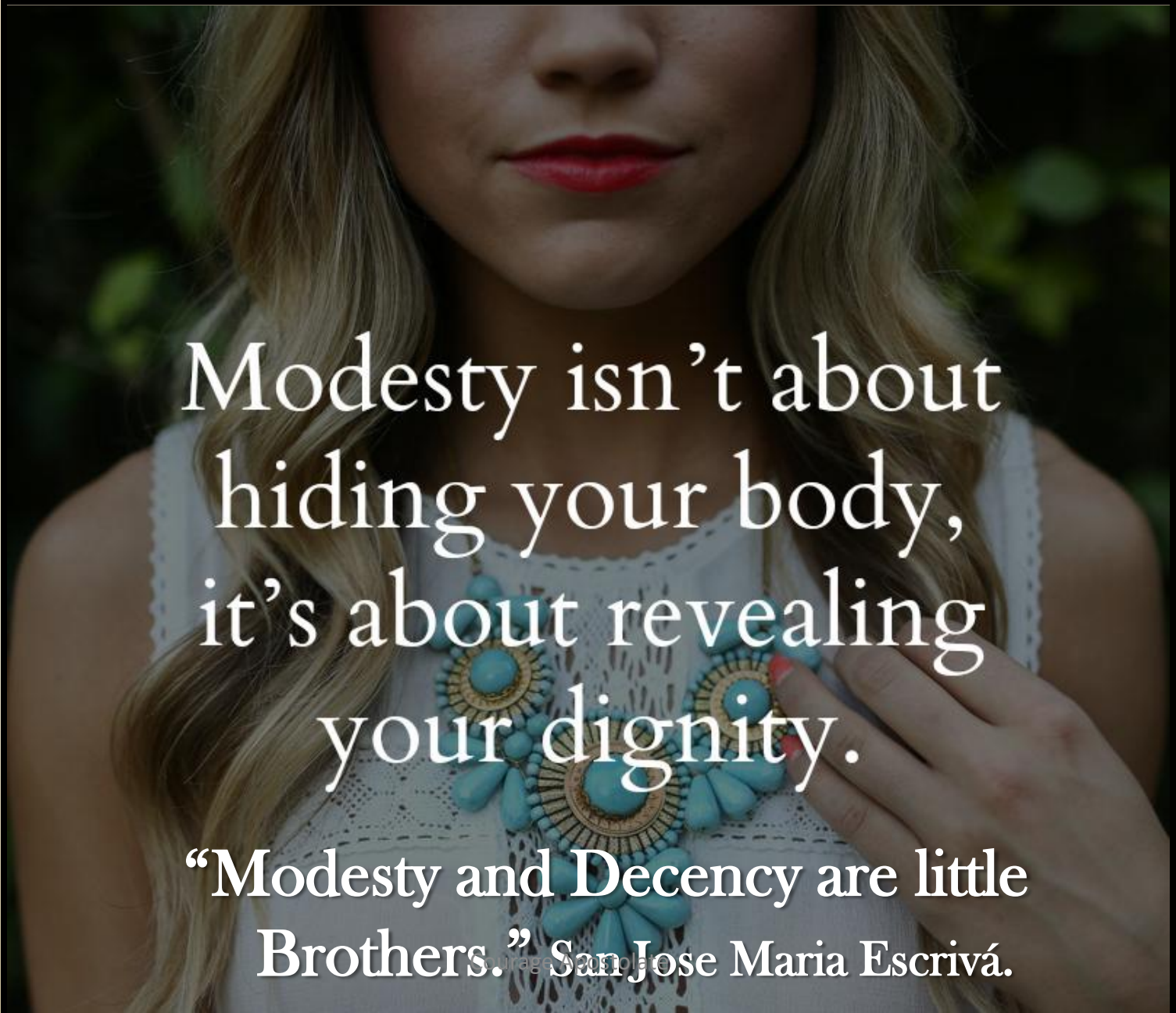
Agape

God's love for humankind

Effects of Original Sin

	Fallen Nature	Antidotes of Grace
Intellect	Ignorance; acquiring knowledge requires effort	Faith (binds us to God and His Truth)
Will	Inclined to sin (concupiscence)	Spiritual combat & Charity
Passions	Weak / disordered	Spiritual combat & Charity
Body	Suffering / death (Physical and Spiritual)	Hope in the resurrection

Modesty and Decency

A close-up photograph of a woman with long, wavy blonde hair. She is wearing a white lace-trimmed top and a large, ornate turquoise necklace with gold-colored accents. Her right hand is visible, resting near her chest. The background is dark and out of focus. Overlaid on the image is the text: "Modesty isn't about hiding your body, it's about revealing your dignity."

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“Modesty and Decency are little
Brothers.” San Jose Maria Escrivá.

Immodest behavior, Dress, or Speech: CCC

9th Command. 2514-2527

- Misuse of the Internet creating easy access to virtual and anonymous behaviors for viewing pornography, for writing explicitly through blogs and instant messaging, and for posting inappropriate, sexually explicit, or suggestive photos, messages, rumors, etc. on popular social networking Web sites.
- Pornography.

Immodest behavior, Dress, or Speech: CCC

- Viewing pornography and indecent entertainment / Masturbation.
- Use of contraceptives.
- Use of illicit reproductive technologies.
- All forms of premarital sex, including oral/anal sex
- Cohabitation.
- Homo-sexual activity.
- Adultery • Polygamy • Prostitution.
- Rape • Incest • Sexual abuse

Lust

Mt 5:27-28 Rom 8:5-10, 12-13; Eph 5:3-7; Gal 5:13, 17-21; 6:7-10


CCC. 2351-2359, 2380-2381, 2389, 2400 NDC, §45

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Porn Addiction



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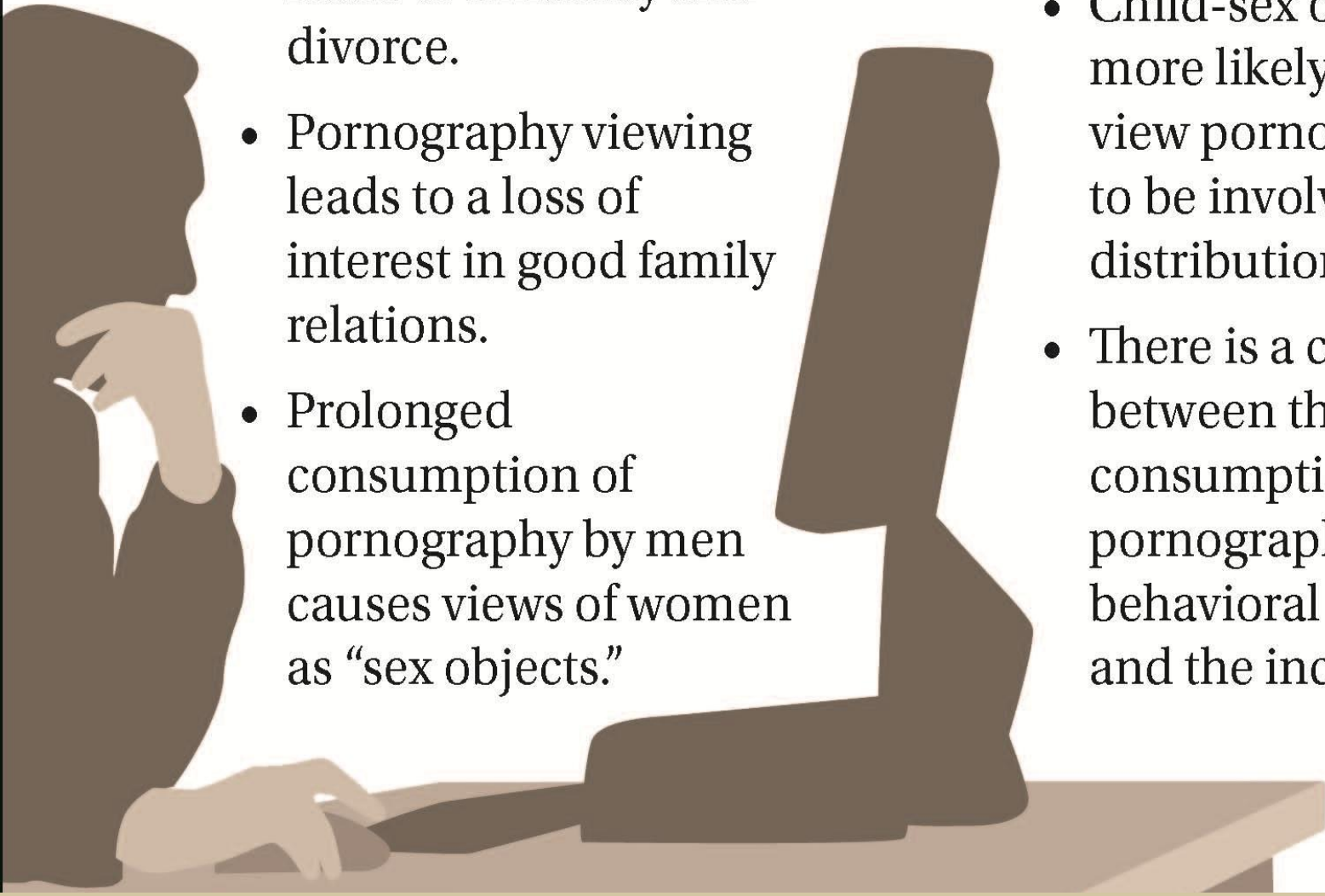
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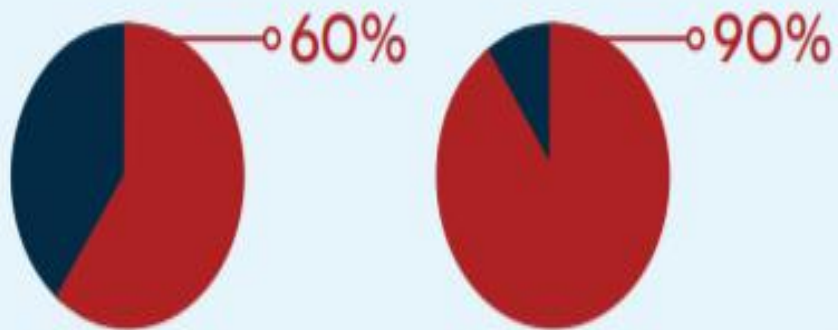
- **Pornography** Any efforts to portray real or simulated sexual acts in order to display them to others uses persons as objects and betrays the meaning of sexuality.
- Pornography defames the intimacy of the marital act and injures the dignity of viewers and participants.
- CCC 2354

Effects of Pornography

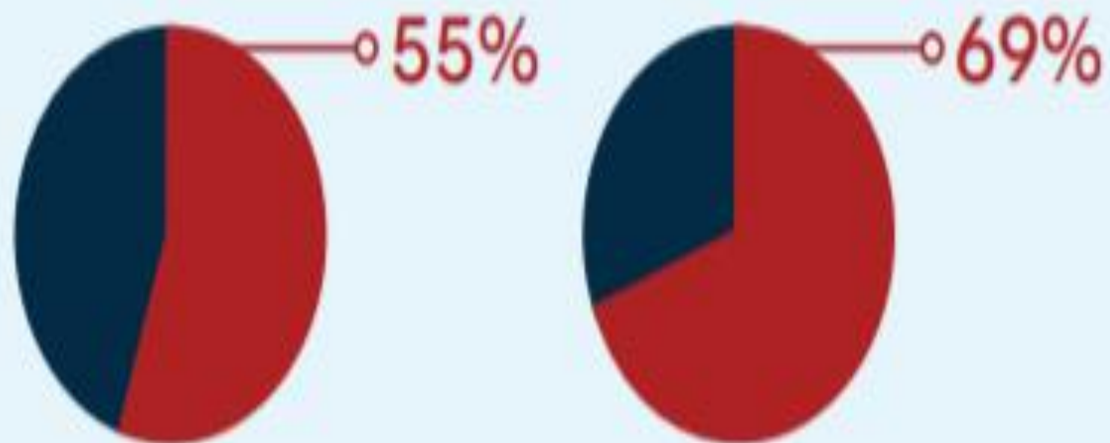
- Pornography use leads to infidelity and divorce.
- Pornography viewing leads to a loss of interest in good family relations.
- Prolonged consumption of pornography by men causes views of women as “sex objects.”
- Pornography is addictive
- Child-sex offenders are more likely to regularly view pornography or to be involved in its distribution.
- There is a connection between the consumption of violent pornography with behavioral aggression and the incidence of rape



PORN ADDICTION STARTS AT A YOUNG AGE⁵



By age 18, 90% of boys and 60% of girls are exposed to Internet pornography.



55% of girls and 69% of boys have seen porn showing same-sex intercourse.

Next Wednesday!!!

Courage and EnCourage Apostolate

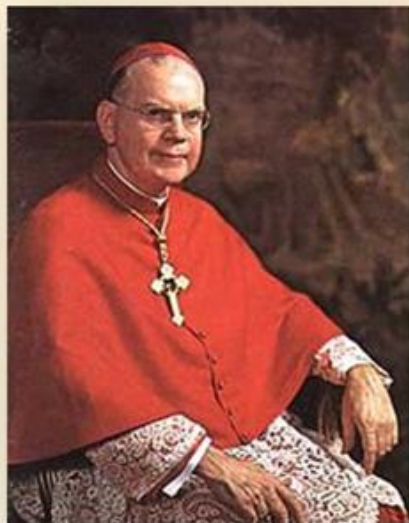
Questions for discussion:

- How did your parents talk with you about puberty and human sexuality when you were a child? What do you wish had been different?
- What are some contemporary challenges that make this conversation difficult today?



What advice do you have about “Where,” “When,” and “How” best to start conversations with your child about puberty, intercourse and human reproduction?

Foundational of Courage and EnCourage



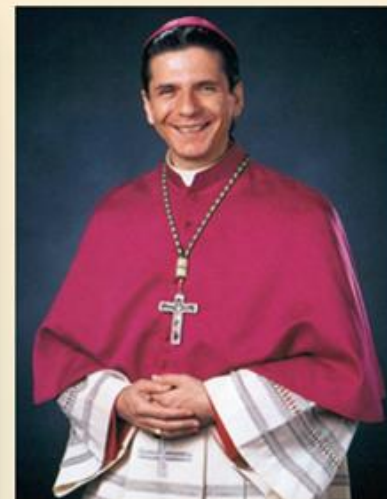
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