



Anchor Family Faith Formation

12/11/2024



Welcome! Please take this time to check in with the people at the table. How was their week/day? How are they doing?

Talking Point!-Fun Fact in Church History- THE FIRST GREAT POPE

Leo I enjoyed a 21 year pontificate (440-461 AD). Under his leadership, papal supremacy became the governing standard of the Church. Under him, the teaching of Jesus Christ having two natures (human and divine) became dogma. In 452, Attila the hun invaded Italy to the very walls of Rome. Pope Leo met with him outside the walls. History does not record what was said, but Attila packed up camp and departed without attacking. Pope Leo has been known to history as Pope St. Leo the Great!

Announcements

- Attendance Policy
- Magnifikids
- Anchor Class January 8th.
- Sacramental Prep Meetings-Sunday, January 12, 2025
 - 12:30-2:00 SPY1/OCIC1: Reconciliation-Readiness Assessments
 - 2:30-4:00 SPY2/OCIC2: Confirmation & Eucharist-Saint Posters
- Happy Advent/Christmas/New Year!





Authentic Fellowship

Why

Who

How

Opening Prayer/Scripture:

Divine Mercy Chaplet

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

Meditate on God's mercy, Jesus' Passion, and the salvation of souls



Divine Mercy Chaplet

Our Father; Hail Mary; Apostles Creed

On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray:

V. Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

R. in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray:

V. For the sake of his sorrowful Passion,

R. have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Conclusion (3x): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One
Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.

AUTHENTIC FELLOWSHIP

WHY?

And God said, Let Us make man in Our image,
according to Our likeness...

Gen. 1:26

The LORD God said,
"It is not good for
the man to be
alone."

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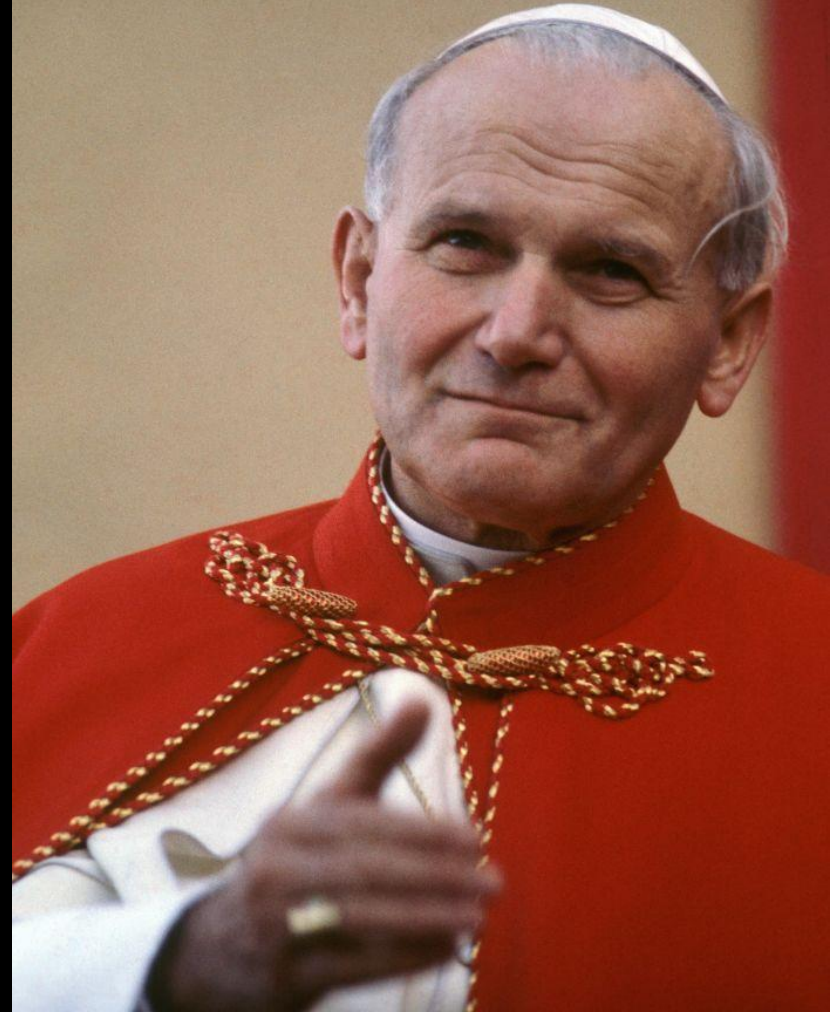
Genesis 2:18.



By the Communion of Persons Man Becomes the Image of God

"...we can then deduce that man became the "image and likeness" of God not only through his own humanity, but also through the **communion of persons** which man and woman form right from the beginning. The function of the image is to reflect the one who is the model, to reproduce its own prototype. Man becomes the image of God not so much in the moment of solitude as in the moment of communion. Right "from the beginning," he is not only an image in which the solitude of a person who rules the world is reflected, but also, and essentially, an image of an inscrutable divine **communion of persons**."

St. John Paul II
General Audience
Nov 14, 1979



For just as in one body we have many parts, and the parts do not all have the same function, so we, though many, make up one body in Christ, and individually we are all parts of one another.

Romans 12:4-5

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WHO?









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HOW?

“If it was easy, they’d call it basketball.”

Kevin Wood

High School Wrestling Coach



Authentic Fellowship Requires:

Availability
and
Vulnerability



Discussion Questions

Do you have fellowship that supports your vocation?

Who are you journeying towards heaven with?

How do you make yourself AVAILABLE for fellowship?

How do you balance time for fellowship amidst other responsibilities?

How do you make yourself VULNERABLE for fellowship?

What are the risks/rewards of vulnerability?

How has your experience of fellowship evolved over your life?



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12

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Catechism of the Catholic Church

- 805 The Church is the Body of Christ. Through the Spirit and his action in the sacraments, above all the Eucharist, Christ, who once was dead and is now risen, establishes the community of believers as his own Body.
- 806 In the unity of this Body, there is a diversity of members and functions. All members are linked to one another, especially to those who are suffering, to the poor and persecuted.
- 807 The Church is this Body of which Christ is the head: she lives from him, in him, and for him; he lives with her and in her.









“As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another.”

-Proverbs 27:17

**HE THAT WALKETH
WITH WISE MEN
SHALL BE WISE:
BUT A COMPANION
OF FOOLS SHALL
BE DESTROYED.**

PROVERBS 13:20



OPINION

Why Your Catholic Men's Group Will Eventually Fold

Many of the men who are in most need of Catholic male fellowship are in the worst position to make it happen: mid-career, young and growing family, demands on time to balance everything...anything that isn't work or family gets pushed to the back burner.



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