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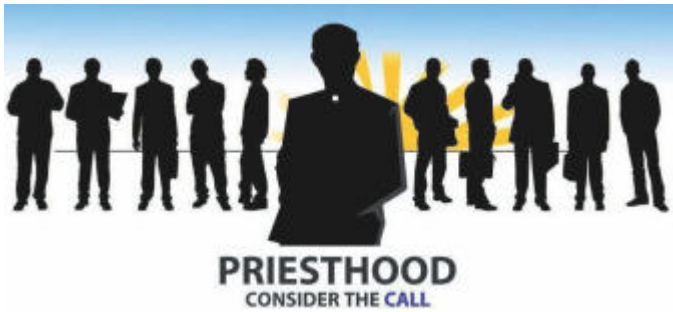
Fall Cemetery Clean Up: It's that time of year – time to gather what cemetery decorations you want to keep for future use. If you have

any items you want to keep, please gather them. Anything remaining after Nov. 15 will be considered discarded and we will remove them for you. Thank you for helping us keep our cemeteries beautiful and reverent resting places of our beloved dead.



Endowment Distribution Received: The FX Cemetery Endowment Fund produced an annual distribution of \$12,091.40 for maintenance and perpetual care.

It is administrated by the Independent Catholic Foundation in Altoona through its dedicated mission of serving parishes, schools, ministries and cemeteries in the diocese. To learn more about the Foundation, visit www.icfdaj.org, or call (814) 201-2080.

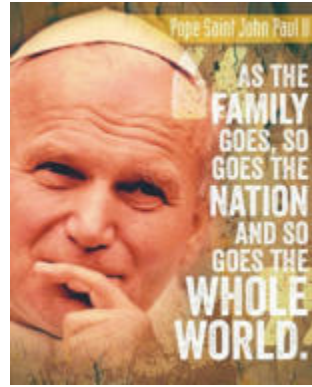


College and Young Adult Men: An opportunity to discern your vocation is available via the convenience of Zoom. Every Friday evening at 8:30 PM join others in an organized discussion about different aspects of prayer and vocational discernment. We use the book "To Save a Thousand Souls" which can be ordered for FREE by going to GoPriest.com and selecting "free resources." If you are interested, contact Fr. Peter Crowe at vocations@dioceseaj.org to receive the Zoom link. There is no commitment or pressure, just an opportunity to be with others, at least digitally, to gather in prayer, and have discussions that will be helpful for your discernment. We need good men to say yes to our Lord. Could that man be you? Come and see!



St. Francis Xavier, Take Out CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE DINNER, NOVEMBER 1, 11:00am--2:00pm or sold out. Chicken, 2 sides, roll and desert, \$10.00 a dinner. Pickup

will be in front of the entrance to the Social Hall. Drive down Powell Ave, Pay for Food and it will be brought out to you.



FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO

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

Jesus Christ, Bridegroom of the Church, and the Sacrament of Matrimony

13. The communion between God and His people finds its definitive fulfillment in Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom who loves and gives Himself as the Savior of humanity, uniting it to Himself as His body.

He reveals the original truth of marriage, the truth of the "beginning," and, freeing man from his hardness of heart, He makes man capable of realizing this truth in its entirety.

This revelation reaches its definitive fullness in the gift of love which the Word of God makes to humanity in assuming a human nature, and in the sacrifice which Jesus Christ makes of Himself on the Cross for His bride, the Church. In this sacrifice there is entirely revealed that plan which God has imprinted on the humanity of man and woman since their creation; the marriage of baptized persons thus becomes a real symbol of that new and eternal covenant sanctioned in the blood of Christ. The Spirit which the Lord pours forth gives a new heart, and renders man and woman capable of loving one another as Christ has loved us. Conjugal love reaches that fullness to which it is interiorly ordained, conjugal charity, which is the proper and specific way in which the spouses participate in and are called to live the very charity of Christ who gave Himself on the Cross. [...]

Receiving and meditating faithfully on the word of God, the Church has solemnly taught and continues to teach that the marriage of the baptized is one of the seven sacraments of the New Covenant. Indeed, by means of baptism, man and woman are definitively placed within the new and eternal covenant, in the spousal covenant of Christ with the Church. And it is because of this indestructible insertion that the intimate community of conjugal life and love, founded by the Creator, is elevated and assumed into the spousal charity of Christ, sustained and enriched by His redeeming power.

By virtue of the sacramentality of their marriage, spouses are bound to one another in the most profoundly indissoluble manner. Their belonging to each other is the real representation, by means of the sacramental sign, of the very relationship of Christ with the Church.

Spouses are therefore the permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross; they are for one another and for the children witnesses to the salvation in which the sacrament makes them sharers. Of this salvation event marriage, like every sacrament, is a memorial, actuation and prophecy: "As a memorial, the sacrament gives them the grace and duty of commemorating the great works of God and of bearing witness to them before their children. As actuation, it gives them the grace and duty of putting into practice in the present, towards each other and their children, the demands of a love which forgives and redeems. As prophecy, it gives them the grace and duty of living and bearing witness to the hope of the future encounter with Christ. [...]"