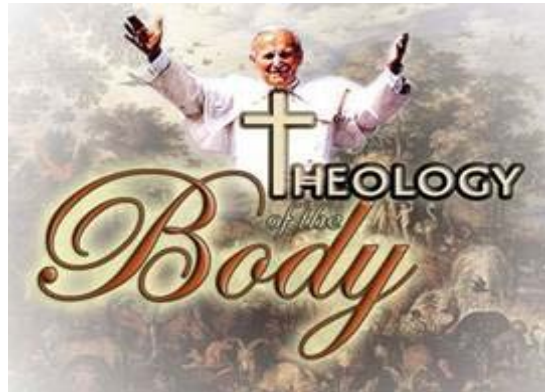


“The Body Reveals the Person”



A Five-Part Seminar Based on Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*
Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Conclusion of the Servant of God
Pope John Paul II's Catechesis on the Redemption of Human Love

Presentations by Father Joseph Rogers

7:30PM – 8:30PM -Thursday Evenings

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Oct. 15th	“In the beginning . . .” – God’s Original Plan for Man and Woman
Oct. 22nd	The “Original Experiences” Still Written in Our Hearts – Part 1
Oct. 29th	The “Original Experiences” Still Written in Our Hearts – Part 2
Nov. 5^t	The Spousal Meaning of the Body – Love, Gender, and Human Person
Nov. 12th	An Integral Vision of the Person, Marriage, and the Family

In today’s climate the Church’s teaching on the dignity of the human person, marriage, and family is controversial. It is also essential to the true good of society and culture. This seminar will guide participants through a biblical reflection on the “original unity” of man and woman, the splendor of human love and sexuality, and what Pope John Paul II referred to as the “spousal meaning of the body.” The body is not extrinsic to the person: the body *reveals* the person. Gender – understood as the embodied-spiritual identity of the human person – discloses the relational path of healing, self-giving, and fruitfulness that every human heart is called to discover. To discover this path means to encounter Christ and to follow him. It means to walk before the face of God and to be complete (cf. Gn 17:1). The Church’s vision of married love and human sexuality does not restrict our freedom or reduce our happiness. It sets us free (cf. Jn 8:32; 14:6) and opens our hearts from within (cf. Jn 7:38) so that we too, in time, can confess with the whole Church: “We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love” (1 Jn 4:16).

To confirm participation in any (not necessarily all) of the seminar sessions, please call the Rectory Office: (301) 924-2284. Participants should bring a Bible. All are welcome.