For All Fathers

- Fr. C. John McCloskey III

St. John Paul II made it clear in his encyclical *Redemptor Hominis*, “Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it.”

It is precisely in the family that most of us learn how to love. “This is love,” says St. John in his Gospel, “Not that we have loved God but that he has first loved us,” and in the family this pattern is repeated as our parents demonstrate their love of us. In a healthy family, marriage and family life become the school of love, with each member of the family coming to honor the others for their own sake. As St. John goes on to say, however, there is no love without sacrifice.

The mentality that honors the woman more for her work outside the home than for her work within the family must be overcome because it denies this reality. It is very clear, however, that a father is also important to the family as an example of responsible masculinity. He is needed to support and encourage his God-given partner, his wife. When a man treats his wife as the number-one person in his life, when he honors and cherishes her, his children are prompted also to treat their mother with love and respect.

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Real men – who live as great husbands and fathers – have a unity of life, the welfare of their families, and therefore peace of mind throughout their lives. Their powers, their work accomplishments, their friendships with other men all come together to give their life meaning and profound happiness.

Unfortunately, men in our time are often encouraged by the culture to be little more than peripheral around the house – an older playmate to their children. Although the causes for the confusion of parental and gender roles are many and complex, it is clear that – in this area of life as in so many others – contraception, the weakening of moral values, and cohabitation have colluded to disconnect sex from procreation, thus “liberating” man from fatherhood, marriage, and responsibility.

For a society like ours, preoccupied with preserving Nature, encouraging the consumption of natural foods, and the like, we have become strangely deaf and blind to the God-implanted wisdom of natural sex roles and relationships.

For a family man to devote his powers to protect his wife from anyone who would threaten her seems built in to being fully masculine, however much societies have tried to ignore or even deny it. Men after all are usually larger and stronger than their wives, and usually more aggressive. That the archetypal male role should be one of protection naturally follows.

In fact, part of the father’s job is to defend his wife against their children’s rudeness or disobedience and even aggression. It is also the father’s mission to challenge and bring out the best in his children, helping form the powers that will help them to succeed in life.

A good father strengthens his children’s confidence. He helps his children to form healthy attitudes towards work along with instilling in them serious work habits. If he fails in these tasks, his children may never grow up and remain in permanent adolescence.

He teaches a proper respect for authority. He insists that his children respect him and their mother. By his own example at home he shows how adults respect each other and also assert their own prerogatives while maintaining that respect.

The presence of a father in the family offers something important and different than a mother to both sons and daughters. All of his children need his love and protection of course. But his sons in particular need him to model a manhood that is morally and psychologically healthy so they can eventually undertake their own adult roles: as workers, friends, and (for the majority of men through most of history) husbands and fathers. His daughters, on the other hand, need him to impart a sense of safety and security. They also learn from his example of protective and respectful love toward their mother what kind of treatment they have a right to expect from men as they grow up. And they will thereby develop the confidence to steer clear of mistreatment or disrespect from men.

A father corrects and encourages his children and helps them learn from their mistakes. In this way, children develop a realistic sense of their strengths and limitations. Eventually, a good father leads his children to mature decision-making and shrewd judgment, so that as adults they will be capable of thinking logically, foreseeing consequences, and assessing people’s character and their values.

We need strong fathers now more than ever. It would be good for us to pray today to St. John Paul II, the pope of the family, requesting him to help all fathers fulfill their mission on earth. As priest, bishop, and pope, St. John Paul was a wonderful model of spiritual fatherhood, who demonstrated in his own calm demeanor, resilient spirit, open heart, and trained mind how much he had benefitted from close association with his own good and holy father. The future Pope John Paul imbibed strength for the great struggles of his own life, as well as a strong and secure faith that he shared with the world when he famously told us, “Be not afraid.”
Parish Schedule and Weekly Information

**Baptism:** We celebrate Baptism at 2:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Please call the parish office at least two weeks in advance to see if a date is available.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the parish office to make arrangements for Anointing or to receive the Eucharist.

**Marriage:** Please schedule at least six months before you plan to be married and before you make arrangements for the reception, please call the parish office to make an appointment with the priest to begin the necessary preparations.

**Natural Family Planning Classes**
First and third Wednesday of every even month from 7:30 - 9:30 pm.

**Marriage Classes**
Marriage classes for the month of July will be offered on the first four Thursdays of the month from 7:00-10:00pm.

Starting in August, classes will be offered on the first four Thursdays of every even month from 7:00-10:00pm.

**Liturical Schedule**

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**Confession**

5-6 pm Wednesday
6-7 pm Sunday
(or by appointment)

**Financial Status**

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THE GOOD NEWS

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
June 21

Aloysius was born in Italy in 1568. His family was rich and very powerful. At age 9 Aloysius dedicated his life to God.

Aloysius lived among wealthy people but he gave up his inheritance.

I want my brother to have my inheritance.

He received his first holy communion from St. Charles Borromeo.

Corpus Domini Nostri Jesu Christi...

Alright, since you won’t stop asking...

When he was sick in bed, Aloysius read the lives of the saints.

After a long time his father finally allowed him to enter the seminary.

Aloysius kept his heart and mind pure even when he was surrounded by people talking about sin.

Did you hear what he did?

I’m not feeling very good...

When he was 23, Aloysius was helping look after people who had caught a plague. He also got sick and died from the plague on June 21, 1591.

Saint Aloysius is a great example to young people. He chose to become holy even though he was surrounded by sin and luxury. He said that without penance we drift away from God. We can imitate St. Aloysius by praying and doing penance when we feel tempted to sin.

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A Kingdom of God
Word-Find

"The KINGDOM of GOD is as if a MAN should SCATTER seed upon the GROUND, and should SLEEP and RISE NIGHT and DAY, and the SEED should SPROUT and GROW, he KNOWS not how. The EARTH PRODUCES of itself, first the BLADE, then the ear, then the full GRAIN in the ear. But when the grain is RIPE, at once he puts in the SICKLE, BECAUSE the HARVEST has come."

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Find the words in CAPITALS in this part of today’s Gospel reading in the puzzle.
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

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PART ONE
THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION TWO
I. THE CREEDS

CHAPTER THREE
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Article 11

"I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY"

988 The Christian Creed - the profession of our faith in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and in God's creative, saving, and sanctifying action - culminates in the proclamation of the resurrection of the dead on the last day and in life everlasting.

989 We firmly believe, and hence we hope that, just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and lives for ever, so after death the righteous will live for ever with the risen Christ and he will raise them up on the last day. Our resurrection, like his own, will be the work of the Most Holy Trinity:

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you. 533

990 The term "flesh" refers to man in his state of weakness and mortality. The "resurrection of the flesh" (the literal formulation of the Apostles' Creed) means not only that the immortal soul will live on after death, but that even our "mortal body" will come to life again. 535

991 Belief in the resurrection of the dead has been an essential element of the Christian faith from its beginnings. "The confidence of Christians is the resurrection of the dead; believing this we live." 536

How can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.... But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 537

I. Christ's Resurrection and Ours

The progressive revelation of the Resurrection

992 God revealed the resurrection of the dead to his people progressively. Hope in the bodily resurrection of the dead established itself as a consequence intrinsic to faith in God as creator of the whole man, soul and body. the creator of heaven and earth is also the one who faithfully maintains his covenant with Abraham and his posterity. It was in this double perspective that faith in the resurrection came to be expressed. In their trials, the Maccabean martyrs confessed:

The King of the universe will raise us up to an everlasting renewal of life, because we have died for his laws. One cannot but choose to die at the hands of men and to cherish the hope that God gives of being raised again by him. 539
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special blessing for all 2018 graduates (high school and above) on Sunday, June 24 during the 10:00 am mass

Burning Hearts Lives of the Saints with Fr. Patrick Setto will be on Thursday, June 28 at 7:00 pm

Holy Hour dedicated to Dcn. Fadie Gorgies & Dcn. John Jaddou on Friday, June 29 at 7:30 pm in preparation for their priestly ordination the next day Saturday, June 30 at 11:00 am at Mother of God

Mother of God church 7th Annual Golf Outing will be on Saturday, July 21 at Shenandoah country club

For registrations and sponsorship opportunities please visit: www.moggolfouting.com.
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“Honor the LORD with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce”
Proverbs 3:9

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