

MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA

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It's not often that mothers and daughters are able to spend an afternoon away enjoying delicious treats and each other's company, but that is exactly what they did at this year's Mother Daughter Tea. Throughout the day, moms and daughters prayed and explored key elements of growing into holy adult womanhood, including communication, virtues, personal dignity, and the physical and emotional changes that come with adolescence. Some new activities illustrated main points and got everyone involved. "I wish I had known all that this day was really about," one Mom commented. "I would have told all of my friends to bring their daughters. I'm pretty comfortable talking about the physical changes, but there was



so much that was good to hear about what it

means to be a good, kind woman and how to grow in all facets of your life—content that it was good for me to hear again, too!" Other moms were grateful that the Tea introduced some of the conversations about physical changes so that they could continue the conversation at home.

If you have a daughter who will be aged 10-12 next year, mark your calendar for the Teas, which will be scheduled for early May.



Special thanks to Lyons Photography for pictures of the Erie Tea.

Kersey Tea photos from Kate Whiteford

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **NFP Awareness Week Mass and Luncheon** will be held on Sunday, July 22. Mass with the bishop begins at 11:00 am in St. Peter Cathedral and the luncheon will follow. Please join us and invite your friends!
- **Family Campout and Picnic** will be held in at Custaloga Town from September 7-9, 2018. Camping is available all weekend, and Sunday Mass will be at 1:00 pm with picnic and hike to follow.



What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family. ~Mother Theresa

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HUMANAE VITAE: EMBRACING GOD'S VISION FOR MARRIAGE, LOVE, AND LIFE

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In honor of its 50th Anniversary, the Catholic University of America, USCCB, John Paul II Institute, Dominican House of Studies, Marquette University, and National Catholic Bioethics Center co-sponsored an academic symposium, hosted by the Catholic University of America, celebrating and exploring the truths of *Humanae vitae*. Both Cathy Dornisch and I were able to attend, due to the generosity of donors from the Catholic Foundation, and we were joined in our journey by Kathy Whittaker. We were also able to meet up for a time with Kathy Elenchin, which made for a strong Diocese of Erie representation at the conference.

The agenda each day was packed, and

Kathy, Cathy, and I were left discussing, sometimes far too late into the night, how we might bring the excellent content back to the lived reality of people around us. The conference was the kind of experience that you wanted to share, and the kind of news that gave you the itch to go try your hand at street preaching (which is really saying something for this introvert who cringes at public attention). Some of it, we knew, would need to be reworded for the people that we would meet in day-to-day life. However, more than once, we each thought of a specific person who "should hear this talk" as it was.

Cue the furtive glance back to the videographer from the media relations table.

He was key. In the weeks following the conference, Catholic University uploaded largely unedited video footage of almost all of the lectures from the conference for anyone to watch. I would highly encourage you to take a look at the list of topics and talks and watch one or two. To whet your appetite, the rest of this edition of the newsletter contains summaries of some of the lectures. Below, the video links are listed, with lecture titles in bold underneath. Since several lectures were often combined into one video, the number behind the title tells you at what hour/minute point the introduction for that lecture begins. These links are also on the chastity education website (www.eriecd.org/chastity.htm), if you would like to avoid typing in complicated URLs. Enjoy!

HUMANAE VITAE: CONFERENCE LECTURES AND LINKS

Video link: <https://livestream.com/CatholicUniversity/events/8141842/videos/172797066>

Welcome

John Garvey, J.D. (16:25)

Healing the Wounds in Human Sexuality and Marriage by Embracing God's Vision for Love and Marriage: Humanae vitae Fifty Years Later

Most Rev. Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. (28:30)

Video Link: <https://livestream.com/CatholicUniversity/events/8141842/videos/172817171>

The Legacy of Dissent from Humanae vitae

Donald Critchlow, PhD (39:00)

The Vindication of Humanae vitae, Continued

Mary Eberstadt (1:21:50)

Humanae vitae and the Technological Conquest of The Human Person

Michael Hanby, Ph.D. (2:20:02)

Video link: <https://livestream.com/CatholicUniversity/events/8141842/videos/172845488>

Against Ideological Colonization: The Teaching of Humanae vitae and A Humanely Adequate Global Ethic

Teresa S. Collett, J.D. (5:05)

Video link: <https://livestream.com/CatholicUniversity/events/8141842/videos/172865175>

A Historical Review of The Catholic Scientists Who Answered The Call of Humanae vitae

Richard Fehring, Ph.D., R.N. (31:55)

The Current State of Natural Family Planning Science

Joseph Stanford, M.D. (1:10:17)

Natural Family Planning and Ethical Women's Healthcare

Kathleen Raviele, M.D. (1:37:15)

Medical Schools and Natural Family Planning Education

Marguerite Duane, M.D. (2:21:25)

"A medical perspective"

Deacon William V. Williams, M.D. (2:41:42)

"A psychological perspective"

Suzanne N. Hollman, Psy.D., M.Sc. (3:01:45)

"A legal perspective"

Helen Alvaré, J.D., M.A. (3:23:20)

Video link: <https://livestream.com/CatholicUniversity/events/8141842/videos/172882181>

Humanae vitae and the Un-engendering of Gender

Margaret McCarthy (6:20)

Humanae vitae and the Cross of Infertility

Elizabeth Kirk, J.D. (38:55)

Married Love, God's Plan, and The Lived Reality

Christopher Kaczor, Ph.D. (1:10:10)

Video link: <https://livestream.com/CatholicUniversity/events/8141842/videos/172889231>

Theology

John Grabowski, Ph.D. (0:00)

Healthcare and Science

Richard Fehring, Ph.D., R.N. (13:15)

Pastoral Programming

Theresa Notare, Ph.D. (25:15)

New Approaches to Humanae Vitae—A Critique Catholic Teaching on the Regulation of Birth and The Role of Gradualness of the Law, Discernment, and Reception

Janet Smith, Ph.D.

PowerPoint available at https://engage.catholic.edu/s/817/16/interior.aspx?sid=817&pgid=4164&no_cookie=1

MOST REV. CHARLES CHAPUT: HEALING THE WOUNDS IN HUMAN SEXUALITY AND MARRIAGE BY EMBRACING GOD'S VISION FOR LOVE AND MARRIAGE

Archbishop Chaput opened the conference with reflections on *Humanae vitae*. Truth, goodness, and beauty, he told the attendees, go together. Men and women fall in love with each other because they see a reflection of God in the other. *Humanae vitae* taps into this authentic understanding of goodness: first by revealing a deep wound in the Church about how persons were understanding human sexuality and marriage, then by responding with the beauty of who we are and what God desires for us.

Archbishop Chaput placed the Church's teaching regarding human sexuality and marriage in its historical context by referring back to early Roman Christianity. In an era where the vulnerable were often taken advantage of and unwanted life was easily discarded,

Christians stood apart in recognizing that "every person was valued and wanted" and that "every body was consecrated space."

No person's body was to be used for the pleasure of another because each person had dignity and value in his or her own right. This was a universal understanding for Christians until the Anglican Lambeth Conference of the 1930s, which permitted the use of contraception in rare cases. Lambeth attempted to take away just part of the restriction on artificial contraception. But in reality, by isolating the concept of contraception from its context in human personhood, it opened the door to many moral values and questions which were now individual issues to be settled separately.

In the face of this controversy and the sexual revolution, Paul VI wrote *Humanae vitae*. "*Humanae vitae* is remembered for the great 'No' that Paul the VI uttered, but we often forget that his 'No' came only after an even more powerful 'Yes' to the beauty of marital love."

It was this beauty that Paul VI was protecting as he made *Humanae vitae*'s now-signature predictions, in an attempt to urge all persons to choose the harder, but more worthwhile path.

It is that same beauty that Archbishop Chaput encouraged conference attendees to share with those they meet. Our job is to give the Gospel with the greatest joy, because, he said, joy will change hearts and so many young people have yet to hear the message.



The Crypt Church at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception before Mass with Archbishop Chaput



A view from outside during the Conference

MARY EBERSTADT: THE VINDICATION OF HUMANAЕ VITAE, CONTINUED

In a conference full of theologians, researchers, doctors and religious, writer Mary Eberstadt took the podium to make the claim that *Humanae vitae* is a document that "remains true in ways that all reasonable people can discern" if they have pertinent evidence. It does not take a particularly religious person, she holds, to see that the claims of the document are true.

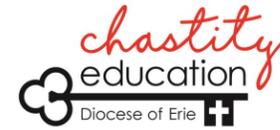
In fact, *Humanae vitae*'s predictions have been validated in a way that few documents have enjoyed: "In ways that its au-

thors could not possibly have foreseen, including by information that didn't exist when the document was written, by scholars and others with no interest whatever in Church teaching, and even inadvertently by proud public adversaries of the Catholic Church."

Throughout the course of her lecture, Mary brings in evidence from the social sciences, law, history, and contemporary literature to provide the evidence she referenced at the beginning of her

talk. Using several secular sources, she links contraception to the rising rates of abortion, the loneliness epidemic faced in Asia and Europe, coercive family planning laws and policies, sex scandals and sexual exploitation, and different forms of sexual expression.

Mary's research contained a compelling factual record that clearly outlined secular evidence for believing the predictions made in Paul VI's contested encyclical and augmented by reason what we know by faith.



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Let us keep in our prayers all NFP families, especially the following women who are with child:

Let us celebrate the birth of Lawrence Christopher to Matt and Madeline Wagner on May 29 and Daniel Joseph to Paul and Monica Nistler on April 3.

Prayer Corner

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."



Prayers of thanks for:

- The new priests of our diocese: Fr. Ian and Fr. Andrew

Please pray for:

- Greater appreciation for *Humanae Vitae* in its 50th Anniversary
- NFP Appreciation Week and renewal for the Mass and Luncheon
- The priests and faithful of the Diocese of Erie

"We cannot underestimate the power of prayer and the difference it will make in our world." St. Mother Theresa

NFP Prayer Warriors

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| 1 Beth Kuzma | 11 Mary Neville | 22 Slifko Family |
| 2 Angie Amburn | 12 Andy Messineo | 23 PJ Piccirillo |
| 3 Brian Amburn | 13 Grace Messineo | 24 S & J Wagner |
| 4 Margie Frezza | 14 Jean Wingard | 25 Steve Habursky |
| 5 Peter Burkett | 15 Mandy Kelly | 26 Jon Edwards |
| 6 Mary Burkett | 16 Brian Kelly | 27 Carlee Yochim |
| 7 Kathy Robbinson | 17 Kerry Prichard | 28 Joe Yochim |
| 8 Ed & Barb Burkett | 18 Manssur Family | 29 Jen Habursky |
| 9 Jaynes Family | 19 Amy Edwards | 30 Jenny Lamb |
| 10 Annette Ahrens | 20 Steve Frezza | 31 Cathy Dornisch |
| | 21 Elizabeth Gill | |

Even though the days are filled, we still welcome your prayers! Call or email us if you'd like to have your name added to our list!

NEW CLASS SCHEDULE! JULY-DECEMBER 2018

Meadville:

July 18, August 22, September 26, 7:30 pm
Method: Sympto-thermal or Family of the Americas
In person or online at St. Agatha Parish
Contact Peter & Mary Burkett (814) 232-0521

St. Marys:

September 9, October 7, November 4, 6:00-8:00 pm
Method: Sympto-thermal, diocesan accreditation
In person or online at Sacred Heart Parish Center
Contact Cathy & Andy Dornisch, (814) 512-0818

Erie:

October 5, November 2, November 30, 7:00-9:00 pm
Method: Sympto-thermal, diocesan accreditation
In person at the instructor's home
Contact Mike & Annette Ahrens (814) 392-5271

By appointment:

- Dan & Nelsa Armour, Grove City, (724) 967-4420, STM
- Jeff & Linda Burch, Erie, (814) 250-0822, STM
- Kathryn Elenchin, BSN, Coudersport, learnmmnfp@gmail.com, MM
- Barb & Ed Burkett, Corry, (814) 337-7302, STM
- Megan & Jordan Hoover, DuBois, (814) 591-7681, MM
- Sheri Lang, DuBois, sherilynnlang@gmail.com, CFC
- Paul & Gretchen Lorei, Erie, (814) 881-5121 STM
- Miguel & Xhonane Olivas, Clarion, (814) 226-0647, Spanish available

Methods available:

- Sympto-thermal method (STM)
- Marquette method (MM)
- Creighton Model FertilityCare (CFC)
- Family of the Americas (FAM)

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By Appointment

For medical consult questions regarding fertility and women's health call or email:

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Dr. Gloria Zibilich (814) 558-6322

NFP Awareness Mass and Luncheon Sunday, July 22, 2018



NFP Awareness Week Mass with Bishop Persico: 11:00 am at St. Peter Cathedral

Luncheon: Immediately following Mass at Mother Theresa Academy Cafeteria
Enjoy a lunch buffet, meet other NFP families, and applaud NFP volunteers

Family Beach Day: Following the luncheon, Presque Isle State Park
Decide the beach destination with other families at the Luncheon. Learn more about beaches: <http://www.presqueisle.org>. FYI: Presque Isle Beach 11 is a guarded beach with adequate parking, concessions, bath-house, picnic area and playground.

Need some inspiration on the go?

USCCB Catholic Podcasts— Made for Love



Visit <http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/category/made-for-love-podcast/> for podcast archives.

Featured Episode: Episode Six—Reality of Marriage v. the Ideal
"The Murphys, Dawsons, and Stouts all thought that because they studied theology, they would be really good at this marriage thing. But knowing the Theology of the Body, while that knowledge is certainly a gift, does not mean your marriage will be easy. The messiness and difficulty of marriage is part of the vocation; it doesn't mean that you are failing. Listen to these stories of real marriage and



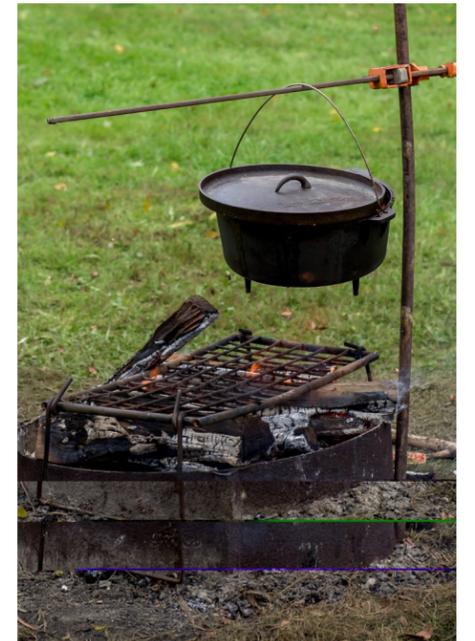
Family friendly camping is available all weekend: Grounds are open after 5:00 pm on Friday, Sept. 7 until late afternoon on Sunday, Sept 9.

Family Mass and Picnic—Sunday Sept. 9

- 1:00 pm Mass,
- Family picnic and traditional hike follows Mass

Please RSVP to Doug and Amy Mosbacher: 814-724-6104 or mosbachera@windstream.net
Details or questions? Call Doug and Amy: 814-724-6104 or Kate: 814-824-1259

Custaloga Town Scout Reservation is located at 7 Boy Scout Ln, Carlton, PA 16311



- Picnic Notes:
A fire will be available to cook your hot dogs & burgers.
Please bring your own:
- ◆ Picnic foods, drinks, and table service
 - ◆ A large dish to share
 - ◆ Lawn chairs
 - ◆ Balls and games