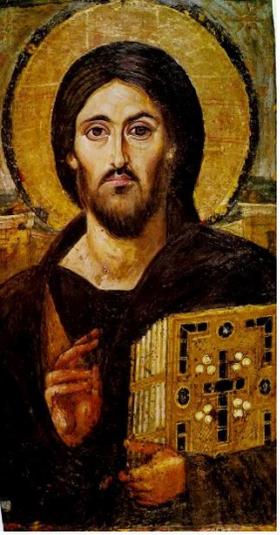


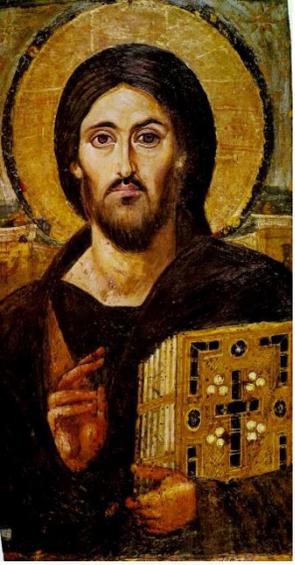
THE FAMILY AS THE DOMESTIC CHURCH





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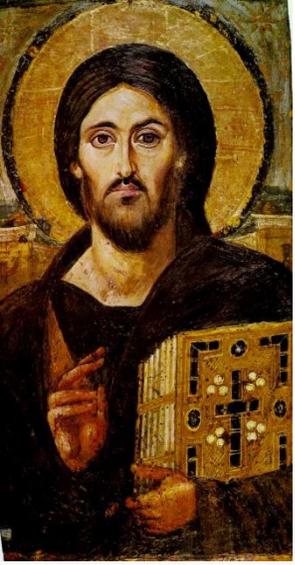
- The Challenge We Face (Impart Vision)
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THE CHALLENGE WE FACE

“The days of acceptable Christianity are over. The days of comfortable Catholicism are past.”

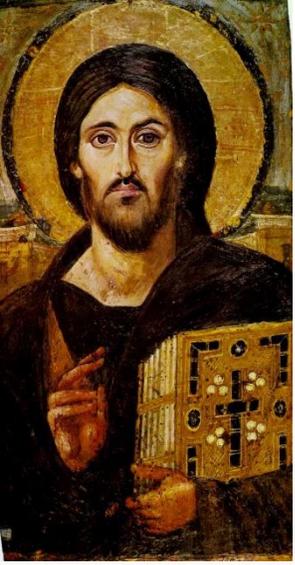
Robert George, Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University



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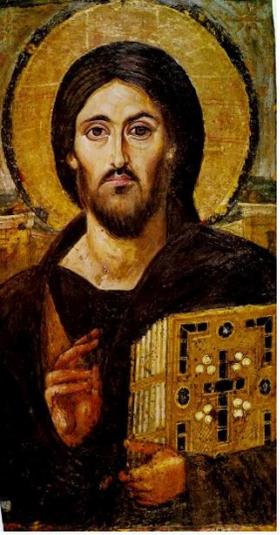
“We are at a moment of history in which the family is the object of numerous forces that seek to destroy it or in some way to deform it.....the Church perceives in a more urgent and compelling way her mission of proclaiming to all people the plan of God for marriage and the family”

St. John Paul II; Apostolic Exhortation Familiaris Consortio



**CHRISTIANITY IS A FIGHTING RELIGION.....
LIVING THE GOSPEL INVOLVES A VERY REAL
KIND OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE; A STRUGGLE
AGAINST THE EVIL IN OURSELVES AND IN THE
WORLD AROUND US.**

Archbishop Charles J Chaput



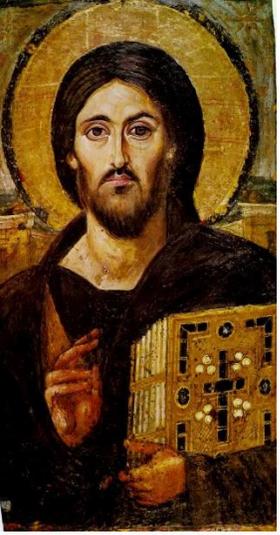
SISTER LUCIA DOS SANTOS-FATIMA VISIONARY

“The final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about Marriage and the Family. Don't be afraid, because whoever works for the sanctity of Marriage and the Family will always be fought against and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue. ...”

“Our Lady has already crushed his head.”

*Letter to Cardinal Carlo Caffarra, (President of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family)
from Sister Lucia*





DIVORCE

COHABITATION

HOMOSEXUALITY

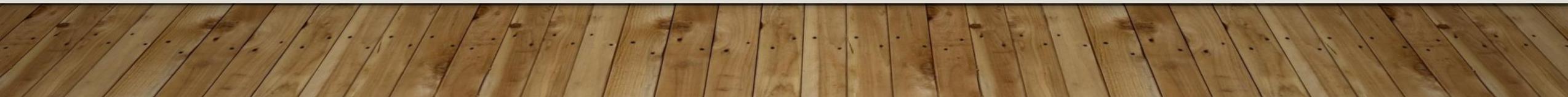
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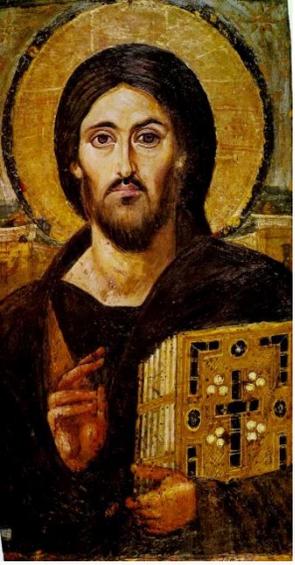
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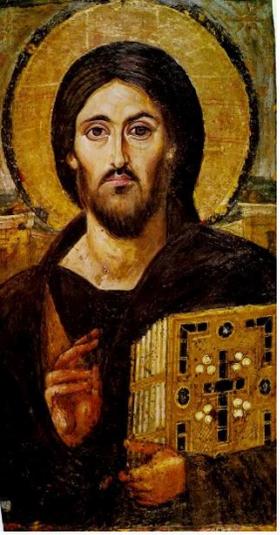
Lumen Gentium

THE RESPONSE: THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS

“Therefore in the Church, everyone whether belonging to the hierarchy, or being cared for by it, is called to holiness, according to the saying of the Apostle: ‘For this is the will of God, your sanctification’”. (39)

“Therefore, all the faithful of Christ are invited to strive for the holiness and perfection of their own proper state. Indeed they have an obligation to so strive.” (42)

“Married couples and Christian parents should follow their own proper path (to holiness) by faithful love. They should sustain one another in grace throughout the entire length of their lives. They should imbue their offspring, lovingly welcomed as God's gift, with Christian doctrine and the evangelical virtues.” (41)

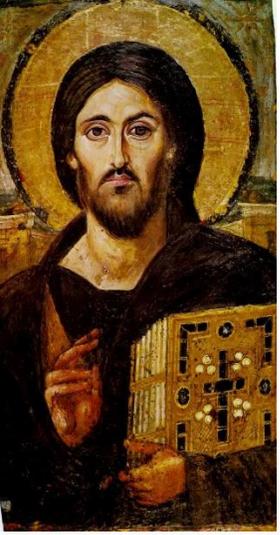


THE SHEMA

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. **Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.** Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

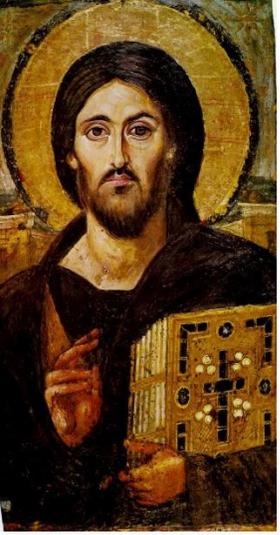
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

(Tefillin, mezuzah)



Marriage &
Parenting is a
Vocation!



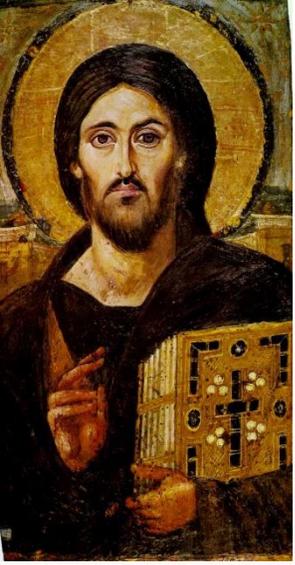


REMEMBER THIS FROM BAPTISM??

“You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him (her) up to keep God’s commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?”

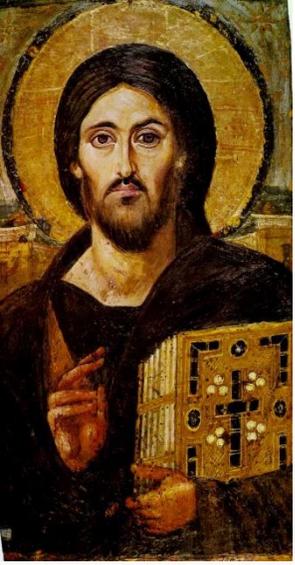
From the Rite of Baptism





PRACTICAL WAYS TO LIVE AS A DOMESTIC CHURCH



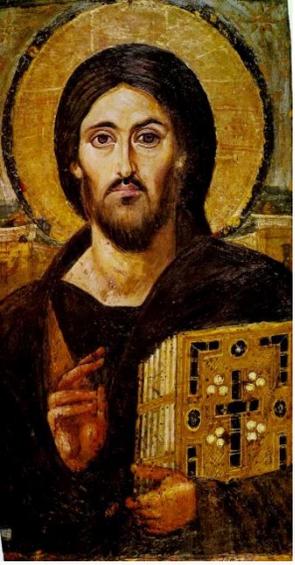


LIVING AS DOMESTIC CHURCH

The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason too it can and should be called "the domestic Church." CCC 2204

We must examine the many profound bonds linking the Church and the Christian family and establishing the family as a "Church in miniature" (Ecclesia domestica), in such a way that in its own way the family is a living image and historical representation of the mystery of the Church.

St. John Paul II Familiaris Consortio



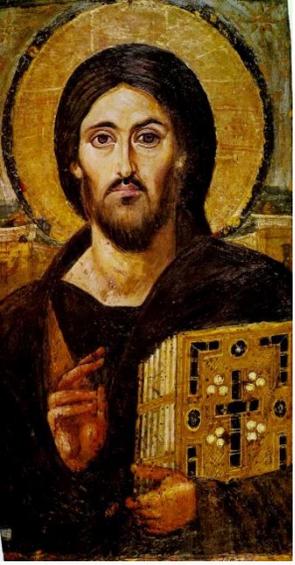
THE GRACE OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.

CCC897 That is, the faithful, who by Baptism are incorporated into Christ and integrated into the People of God, are made sharers in their particular way in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ, and have their own part to play in the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the World.”

Mom & Dad share these roles!!





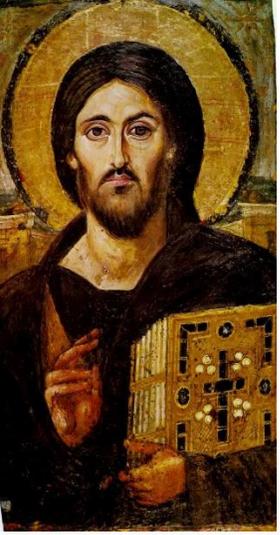
PRIEST

MEDIATES/PRAYS ON OUR BEHALF BEFORE GOD; READS/EXPLAINS THE SCRIPTURES, CATECHIZES, PRESIDES OVER THE LITURGY

- Pray EVERY DAY for your spouse and children
- Have a daily personal prayer time.

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- Pray with your spouse & children; Bless Them!

CCC 669 “Sacramentals derive from the baptismal priesthood: every baptized person is called to be a “blessing,” and to bless. Hence lay people may preside at certain blessings.”

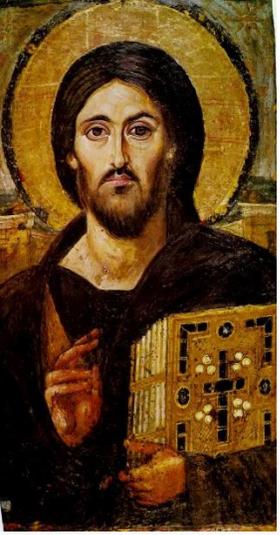


PRAYING AS A COUPLE & FAMILY

- Establish a pattern of time and place
 - Ritual prayers and spontaneous prayer
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- Involve the sacred scriptures
 - Focused more on intercessions; “asking God for things”

BENEFITS

- Often lead to intimate sharing
- It will strengthen your marriage & family life
- Create a legacy

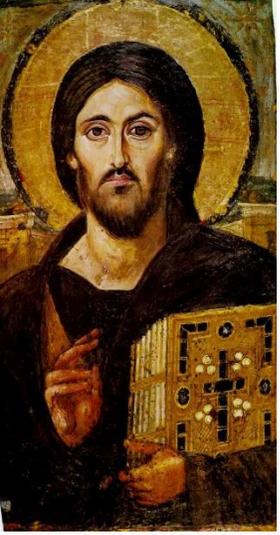


MEALS ARE THE FAMILY LITURGY

THE PERFECT TIME TO PRAY TOGETHER

Prepare your own meals & eat together with the TV off!

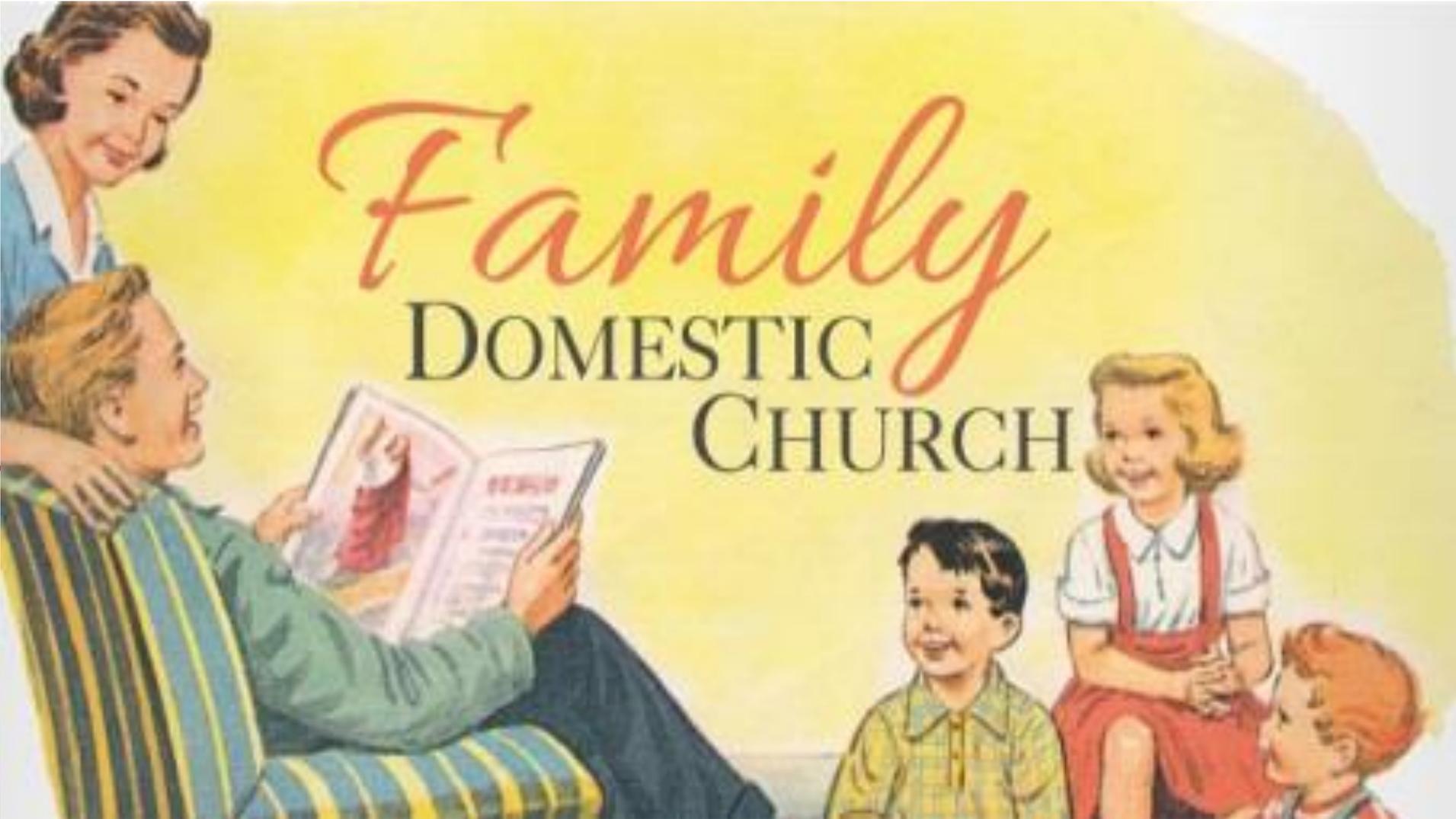
- *Multiple studies have shown that family meals:*
- Support language development in young children
- Enhance communication & relational skills
- Promote physical health (diet & body mass index)
- Reduce the risks of problematic behavior and conduct disorders
- Associated with greater academic achievement
- Promote improved psychological well-being
- Promote parent-child bonding, communication, and positive family interactions



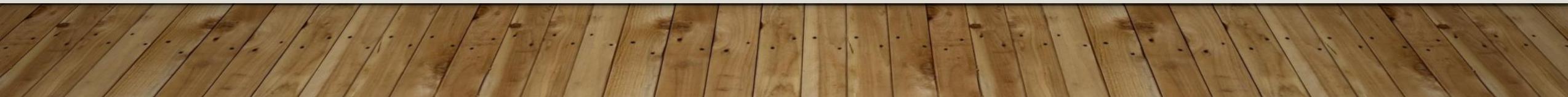
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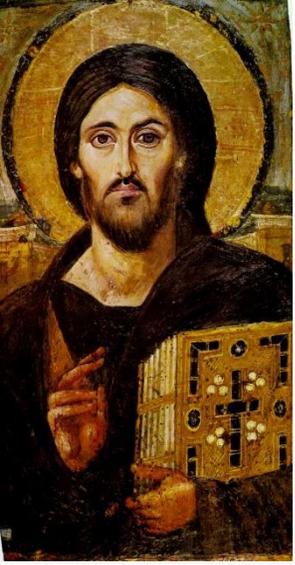
IDEAS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONAL TIMES AFTER DINNER

- Pray Together
- Read the Bible
- Prepare a Homily!
- Saint of the Day
- Explain Catholic teaching



Family
DOMESTIC
CHURCH





PROPHET

SPEAKS THE WORD OF GOD; TEACHES, CORRECTS, CONSOLES

- Times of consolation & encouragement
- Times of correction
- Times of discernment

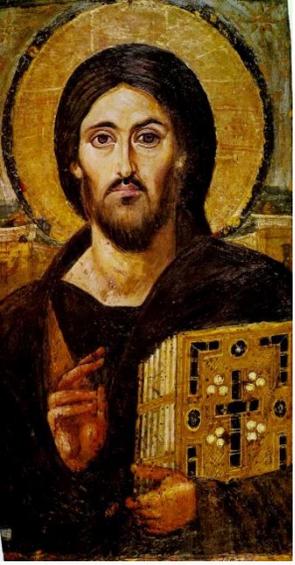
Practical Suggestions

Birthday Cards

Prayer for one another

Special dates

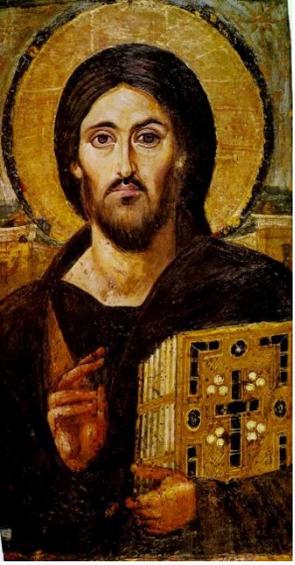
Emails & texts



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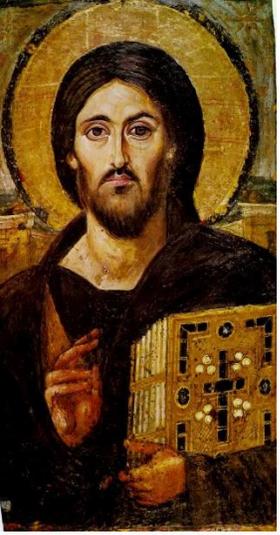
RULES AND PROTECTS

The fact that Jesus, from his very birth, had to face threats and dangers has a certain prophetic eloquence. There is also today a constant threat that the devil wishes to destroy your children. St. John Paul II Letter to Families



PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY

- TV, movies
 - Phone & internet
 - School involvement
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- Friends & relationships
 - College



WARNING

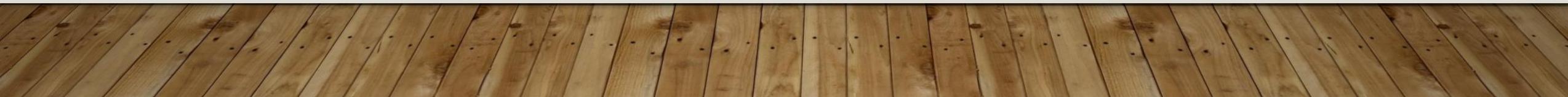
The Effects of Pornography on Individuals, Marriage, Family, and Community

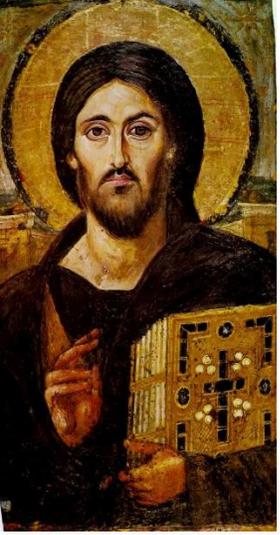
Patrick F. Fagan, Ph.D.¹

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Pornography, as a visual (mis)representation of sexuality, distorts an individual's concept of sexual relations by objectifying them, which, in turn, alters both

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Family and Community Policy at HHS under President George H.W. Bush.

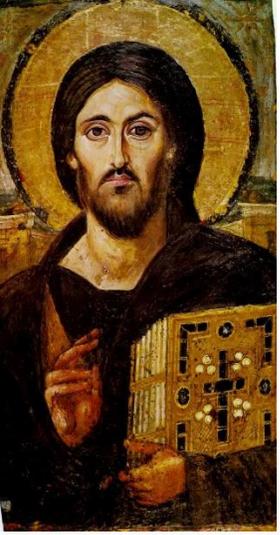




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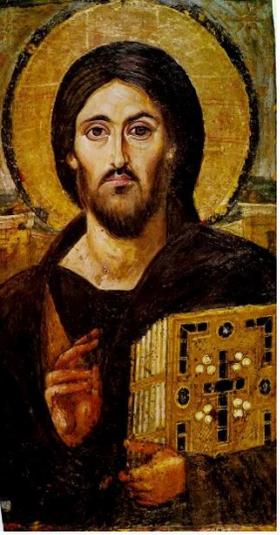
- Married men who are involved in pornography feel less satisfied with their conjugal relations and less emotionally attached to their wives. Wives notice and are upset by the difference.
- Pornography use is a pathway to infidelity and divorce, and is frequently a major factor in these family disasters.



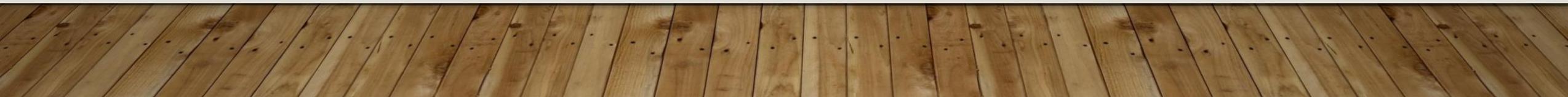


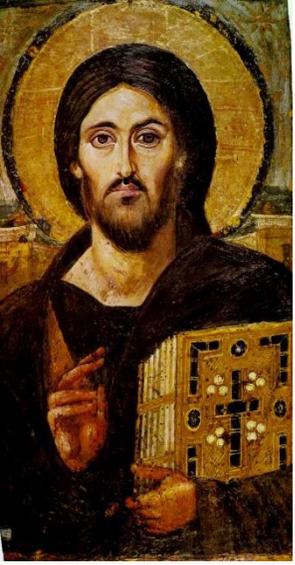
STUDY SUMMARY-2

- Pornography is addictive, and neuroscientists are beginning to map the biological substrate of this addiction.
- Prolonged consumption of pornography by men produces stronger notions of women as commodities or as "sex objects."



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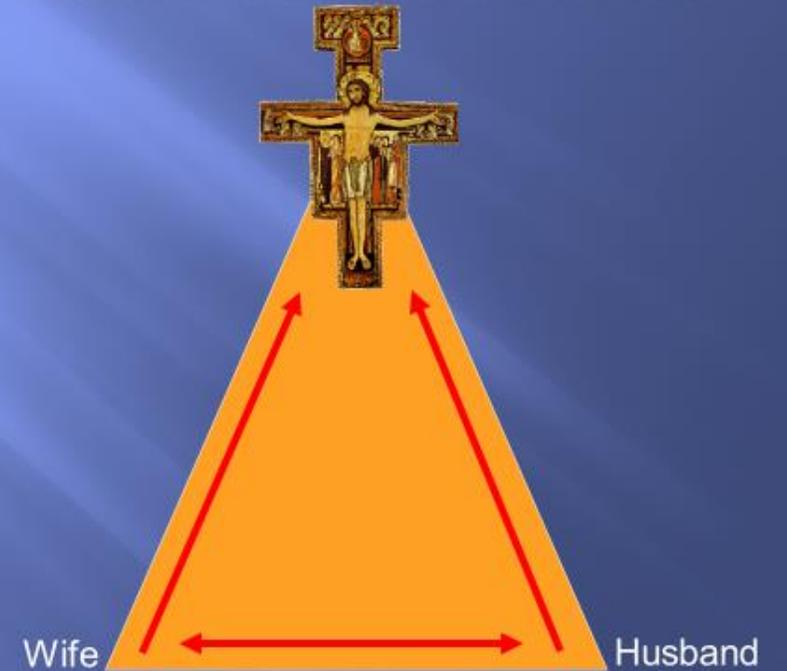


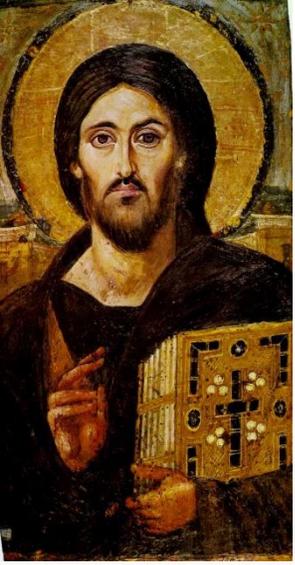


FAMILY AS THE SCHOOL OF LOVE

- Marriage is an icon
- Children will learn how to love by the example of parents.
 - Husband – Wife
 - Parents - children

Three To Get Married





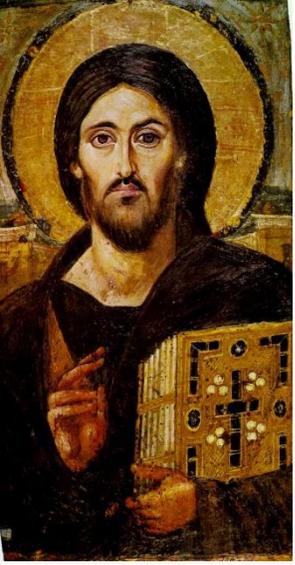
FAMILY AS THE SCHOOL OF MATURITY & RESPONSIBILITY

- Epidemic of “perpetual adolescence”
 - Parents must do their part in developing a work ethic in their children.
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“A 20-year-old man with adequate shelter, cheap food, computer games, weed, and a girlfriend is apt to be pretty content.”

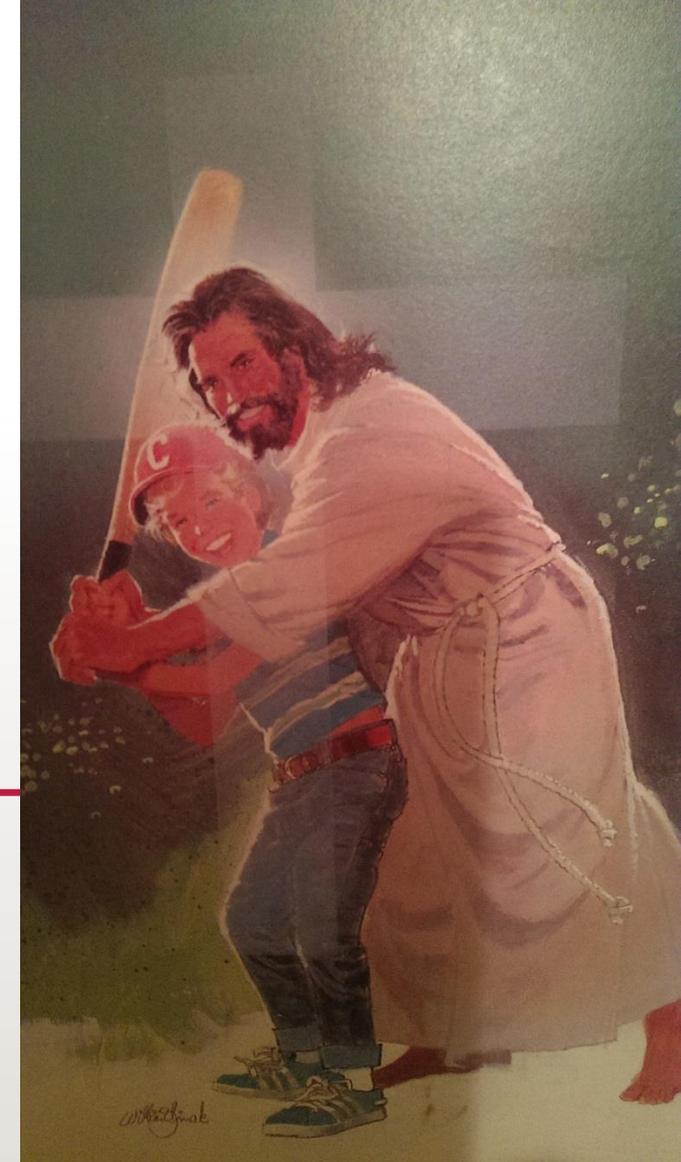
<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/445252/perpetual-adolescence-american-life-21st-century>





Do not be afraid of the risks! God's strength is always far more powerful than your difficulties! Immeasurably greater than the evil at work in the world is the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which the Fathers of the Church rightly called a "second Baptism". Much more influential than the corruption present in the world is the divine power of the Sacrament of Confirmation, which brings Baptism to its maturity. And incomparably greater than all is the power of the Eucharist.

Pope St. John Paul II, Letter to Families



“But the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.”

Daniel 11:32



THE END