



Family Life and Stewardship

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Love's Movement Is Always Outward

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Baptism

Marriage
Vocation

Family

Baptism



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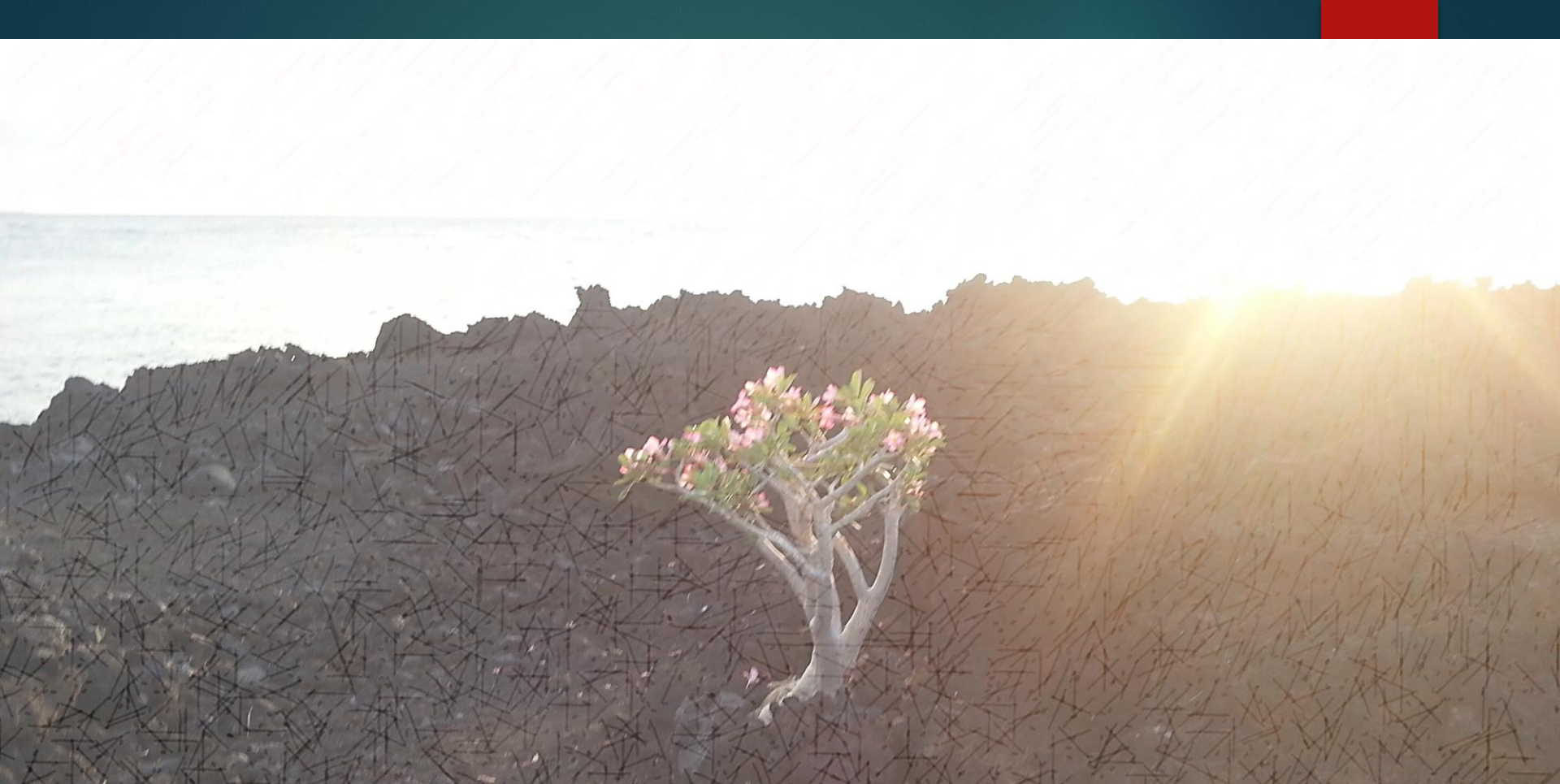
“Incorporated into Christ by baptism, the person baptized is configured into Christ.”

CCC 1272

Holiness

“It is therefore quite clear that all Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of love.” L.G. 40 p.2



A photograph of a small, gnarled tree with pink flowers growing on a dark, rocky landscape. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The background shows a dark, jagged rock formation and a glimpse of the ocean under a bright sky.

“Authentic married love is caught up into divine love and is directed and enriched by the redemptive power of Christ and the salvific action of the church, with the result that spouses are effectively led to God”

G.S. 48



Flows from Trinitarian love
Help each other grow in holiness
Transforms the world

“Marriage helps us to overcome self-absorption, egoism, pursuit of one’s own pleasure and to open oneself to the other, to mutual aid and self-giving.” CCC 1609

“Christian married couples help one another to attain holiness in their married life...”



When should we begin to catechize about marriage?

How do we catechize about marriage?

What are some ways you can imagine forming learners in your parish now?

Parish anniversary cards

Mock weddings

Parent/Grandparent
interviews

Taking apart the Rite of
Marriage

Writing vows

Role play challenges in
marriage

Intentional Vocation Committee

Family



“Children born into Christian families are born into the ‘domestic church,’ the fundamental cell of society and the place where both human and Christian (Catholic) culture is nourished.”

Sacraments of Initiation Guidelines Diocese of Pittsburgh




First and most basic
community

Domestic Church

God gathers us

Forms us

Guides us to act in the world



“It is imperative to give suitable and timely instruction to young people, above all in the heart of their own families...” L.G. 49

Four setting of Catechesis

Age appropriate

Individual

Intergenerational

Family

“First and best educators in
faith”

Incarnate love

Trust-> Intimacy-> Faith

Image of God

Image of self

Prayer

Ritual

Image of Self



Creator

Creature

Gift of love

Gift of appreciation

Has a plan

Discover the plan

Purpose of plan

Manifesting Kingdom

Stewardship



Servant Discipleship

Never say service project again!

Talents, gifts, passions

At service of the Kingdom










Simple Acts The Busy Families Guide to Giving Back

Natalie Silverstein MPH
www.gryphonhouse.com



“The majority of young people surveyed said that their parents are more concerned about achievement—academic or extracurricular—than about caring for others.”

Making Caring Common Project
Harvard Graduate School of Education



Greatest happiness comes
from making a sacrifice

“Volunteering together creates
warm family memories and
traditions, and it engenders
empathy and gratitude...”






What role do you play in deepening the understanding of stewardship in the families of your parish?

Has this presentation caused you to look at yourself through a different lens?

Building a Catholic Family Consciousness



Formation for Examination

Exodus Days: From Slavery to Freedom

Confronting; calendars

life style

assumptions

Reading Groups: Gathered, On-line

“Just say no!” support groups

Take Back Sundays



Family Meal

No work OR shopping

Apostolic Work

Prayer

Spiritual Reading

Parish Gift Shop

Catechists



Constant **communication**

Parent-child sessions

Help understand child's perceptions

Our family helps those in need when we....

In my family we pray when.....

I know that my Dad believes in God because...

Witness talks

Prayer buddies

Two by two

Catechetical Leaders

Evening Summer Family Camp

Parish Presentation Sundays

Sacrament Preparation:

One Size DOES NOT fit all

Evangelization

Catechesis

Mystagogia

Coaching Sessions



What ideas has this discussion sparked for you?

Name one or two things that you commit to do in this catechetical year.

What do you need to do so that you do not fall back into the thinking that forming Catholic families is finding the right program?

