

Some Reflection Questions Following Encounter of February 12, 2009

Catechesis by Sister M. Timothy Prokes F.S.E.

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What is the difference between thinking 'I have a body' and 'I am my body'?

What does it mean that I am created in the image and likeness of God?

St. Augustine said, "You have made us for yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you O Lord." Can it be said that our being is never truly complete until God's desires are our desires?

Sr. Timothy said, "...every person's fundamental vocation is to image bodily the Divine Persons, who are forever united in loving mutual self-gift." How can I respond and live this out in my vocation as a Christian?

In what ways do I recognize the sacredness of my body? How does this affect the way I live and pray?

How does my gender influence my understanding of who I am and what God wants me to be?

What does it mean to say that human love and sexuality is a mutual gift of self? How can this idea lead me to making my marriage and relationships more loving?

How can Natural Family Planning and generosity in accepting God's will for us in sexuality and procreation deepen my love for my spouse and for God?

What is meant by spousal living?



Witness Presentation by Mike and Terese Ferri

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Where do I see God's graciousness in my life?

In what ways do the roles of spouse and parent support each other?

Mike Ferri said that he and Terese based their marriage on two pillars: 1. fidelity, and 2. openness to life. Why are these two pillars so important to have a happy and successful marriage?

What are the "great mysteries" and gifts from God in my life for which I am grateful?

How do Mike and Terese try to live their marriage as a Covenantal Marriage? How is a Covenantal Marriage different from a contract?

Where have I encountered challenges in giving myself to others? How has the love I have received from others and God sustained me in times when I have met my own frailties?

Do I firmly believe that purity is possible even for me? Am I convinced that God is greater than my weaknesses and sins?

Pray together 1 Cor. 13, 1-13. How is the love that St. Paul speaks of reflected in my life?

By virtue of our Baptism, each one of us is called to holiness. How can I in my vocation be a Christ bearer and bring Christ to others?

Do I see the Church's teachings on marriage and sexuality as a set of rules that hold me back or, rather, as a set of wings that will carry me to heights of peace and joy I can scarcely imagine?

How do the Ferris as a couple see their Sacrament of Matrimony?

Each person is someone who bears the divine image and likeness of God, and is destined like us for eternal life. What would our world and society be like if we all fully realized this?

