



## From the Desk of Fr. Leo F. Arnone

**All Souls Day:** This weekend we paid special tribute to All Saints whom the Church acknowledges as achieving Faith's reward,

that of Eternal Life with God in Heaven! On Monday we, the Church Militant, join with the Church Triumphant to pray for the Church Suffering, that is, for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. If you have not already done so, please submit the names of your beloved dead that we may place them at our altars in prayerful remembrance throughout the month of November.

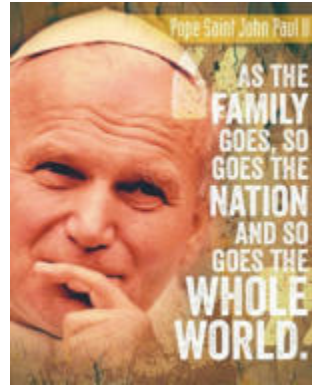
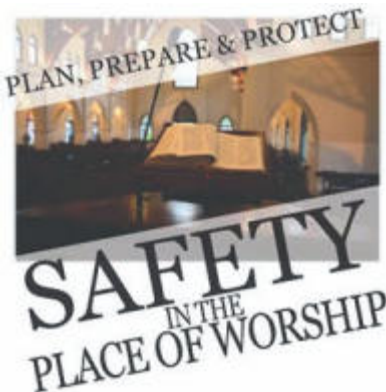
I will offer Mass for FX families at 8:00am at FX and another Mass for SA families at 9:00am at SA. While there are many prayers, alms and sacrifices we can offer up for the Poor Souls, the best we can offer is our prayerful attendance at Mass.



**Fall Cemetery Clean Up:** If you have any items at your loved one's plot that you want to keep, please gather them. Anything remaining after Nov. 15 will be considered discarded and we will remove them for you. Thank you for helping us keep our cemeteries beautiful and reverent resting places of our beloved dead.

**Gitting's Security Assessments:** You will recall that I began this project last year. Unfortunately, covid and a change of employees caused a major delay in its completion. Both parishes are done and now we begin the work of prioritizing and addressing the various areas in which we need improvement. Some areas can be done quickly with a little maintenance. Other areas will need comprehensive considerations and funding to complete.

Dan Yarner has stepped up to help me with this project for both parishes. He and I would like to gather a team for SA and a team for FX to review their assessment, prioritize jobs, consider funding options, and establish and train Ushers on how they will assist with safety matters before, during and after our liturgical gatherings. If you are interested and willing to be of service in this capacity, please contact your parish office and leave your name, number and email address. Once we get enough parishioners for both parishes, we will set a meeting day and time.



## FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO

The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World

### Part. 2: THE PLAN OF GOD FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY

#### *Children, the Precious Gift of Marriage*

14. According to the plan of God, marriage is the foundation of the wider community of the family, since the very institution of marriage and conjugal love are ordained to the procreation and education of children, in whom they find their crowning.

In its most profound reality, love is essentially a gift; and conjugal love, while leading the spouses to the reciprocal "knowledge" which makes them "one flesh," does not end with the couple, because it makes them capable of the greatest possible gift, the gift by which they become cooperators with God for giving life to a new human person. Thus, the couple, while giving themselves to one another, give not just themselves but also the reality of children, who are a living reflection of their love, a permanent sign of conjugal unity and a living and inseparable synthesis of their being a father and a mother.

When they become parents, spouses receive from God the gift of a new responsibility. Their parental love is called to become for the children the visible sign of the very love of God, "from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named."

It must not be forgotten however that, even when procreation is not possible, conjugal life does not for this reason lose its value. Physical sterility in fact can be for spouses the occasion for other important services to the life of the human person, for example, adoption, various forms of educational work, and assistance to other families and to poor or handicapped children.

#### *The Family, a Communion of Persons*

15. In matrimony and in the family a complex of interpersonal relationships is set up - married life, fatherhood and motherhood, filiation and fraternity - through which each human person is introduced into the "human family" and into the "family of God," which is the Church.

Christian marriage and the Christian family build up the Church: for in the family the human person is not only brought into being and progressively introduced by means of education into the human community, but by means of the rebirth of baptism and education in the faith the child is also introduced into God's family, which is the Church.

The human family, disunited by sin, is reconstituted in its unity by the redemptive power of the death and Resurrection of Christ. Christian marriage, by participating in the salvific efficacy of this event, constitutes the natural setting in which the human person is introduced into the great family of the Church.

The commandment to grow and multiply, given to man and woman in the beginning, in this way reaches its whole truth and full realization.

The Church thus finds in the family, born from the sacrament, the cradle and the setting in which she can enter the human generations, and where these in their turn can enter the Church