



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Last weekend, I had the honor of speaking at The **Clarity in a Confused World Conference** held at St. Peter's Parish in West Brandywine. The subject was the Transgender Phenomenon Influencing Our Culture. My presentation was on the Church's Teaching and Pastoral Response. It was a terrific day that introduced me to men and women who came to learn and fellow presenters, the best of Catholic scholars, psychologists and experts in the field. This week, I share some of the resources that I discovered. As awkward as this topic is, it's an issue affecting individuals, families, Church and schools. So it's important to know those experts and resources that respect good science, God and the dignity of each human person. Here are a few for your notice:

1) PersonandIdentity.com The mission of the Person and Identity Project (PIP) is to assist the Catholic Church in promoting the Catholic vision of the human person and responding to the challenges of gender ideology. Gender ideology has permeated the culture with stunning speed, influencing medicine, business, media, entertainment, government and education. Because it is sowing confusion and undermining the Church's mission of evangelization, the rise of gender ideology has created an urgent need for clarity, education, and compassionate guidance for Catholic families and young people. The Person and Identity Project is committed to assisting the Church in meeting these needs. PIP is a collaborative effort, coordinated by a leadership team that has decades of individual experiences in education, seminary formation, non-profit leadership, and apostolic service.

2) Ruahwoodsintstitute.org The Ruah Woods Institute serves the Catholic community, helping to apply Theology of the Body to our everyday lives—becoming more of the sons and daughters God, our Father, created us to be. It provides Theology of the Body curriculum, resources for our time and psychological services. We are a group of Catholic scholars, educators and psychologists here to help people find answers to the hard questions by offering a range of resources.

3) Couragerc.org Courage members are men and women who experience same-sex attractions and who have made a commitment to strive for chastity. They are inspired by the Gospel call to holiness and the Catholic Church's beautiful teachings about the goodness and inherent purpose of human sexuality. EnCourage members are parents, spouses, sibling and friends of people who identify as LGBTQ. They are looking for help to keep the faith and keep their family bonds intact.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SEMINARIAN AUGUSTINE

Greetings, it's been a great joy for me to come to St. Patrick's for these past few weeks. Some of my highlights have been going on Communion visits, meeting with different groups such as the Knights of Columbus and a men's group, and wearing my St. Louis Cardinals jersey to apostolate for a day. I certainly deserved all the taunting that I received! I have learned a lot from Fr. Rogers, and I have enjoyed getting to meet so many parishioners, especially one who shares my name. Shoutout to little Augie!

It's hard to believe that the semester is half over already, but I hope to have the

opportunity to meet more parishioners in the coming weeks. One great chance for that will be a class that I am teaching on the **Communion of Saints**. The saints have always had a special place in my spiritual life, and I would love to share my experience with you, especially with All Saints Day coming up on November 1. The saints are powerful intercessors for us, they are constantly present in all our lives, and their example can lead us to be like them so that we can join them in the eternal happiness of heaven. There will be **three classes from 7 to 8PM in the St. Joseph Room on October 27, November 10, and November 17.** During these classes, I will be giving a presentation and there will be time for discussion. I hope that this class will help all of us come to a deeper understanding of who the saints are, how they are active in our lives, and help us to grow in our relationship with them. I look forward to seeing you there!

Totus Tuus,

Augustine Reimers