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A Note from Katie...

Happy Fall Y'all! It was great getting to visit some of you at school this past week and I look forward to seeing more of you soon!

Our online small groups from last Lent were so successful, we decided to bring them back for a three week session! This time, they will help prepare you for Advent. Consider signing up for ANIMA, a FORMED small group program, and getting (back) in touch with some of your friends from College Ministry! I am praying for you.

“Anima”: 3 Week Online Small Group via Google Hang Out

“That’s where faith comes in.

Either God exists or he doesn’t.

Either life has a fundamental meaning
or we’re just living here in chaos.”

-Anima



6-7pm



Sundays,

Oct 29, Nov 5, Nov 12



Sign up BEFORE October 27

<http://www.stlouisparish.org/collegesmallgroups/>



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#METOO:**How the Culture of Life Informs the Way we Uphold Ourselves, Others, & Sex**

Defenders of the Vulnerable. October is Respect Life Month. The “Culture of Life” is one that upholds and defends the dignity of all human persons, particularly the vulnerable. ALL persons— you included!!- are worthy.

Who is vulnerable? The Harvey Weintin sexual assault accusations have opened up this conversation in a powerful way. Alyssa Milano used twitter to encourage women who have experienced sexual harassment or assault to post **#metoo** on various social media platforms to raise awareness of the size of the community of victims.

#MeToo



This is a BIG conversation. By no means, can I cover the scope of this issue on a one page newsletter, so I ask that you forgive my limitations. However, please allow me to share some quick thoughts as it relates to the Culture of Life.

⇒ **Sexuality is under attack.** Sexuality was one of the first things God created- “male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27)- and He declared it “good”. After “the Fall”- man’s first sin against God– brokenness entered the world. Doesn’t it make sense that in a broken world, our ideas of sexuality are broken, too? If our ideas of sexuality are broken, they need to be healed.

⇒ **Exposure vs. exploitation:** Exposure implies vulnerability. In terms of our sexuality, exposure is not always a bad thing. In fact, it is appropriate to varying degrees within committed, trusting relationships. Exploitation is always a bad thing. It is a violent act that forces exposure– vulnerable condition– upon another person.

- ⇒ **Ourselves:** The Culture of Life encourages us to uphold our own dignity by viewing ourselves as worthy of respect and demanding that others treat us respectfully. We can demonstrate our self-worth and confidence by not exposing ourselves– through dress, emotion, or behavior– to those who are using us without caring for us personally.
- ⇒ **Others:** The Culture of Life encourages us to uphold the dignity of others by viewing them as human beings that are not to be viewed, experienced, used, or spoken to as if they are simply objects for sexual pleasure.
- ⇒ **Sex:** The Culture of Life encourages us to take a deeper look at sex and find a meaning within it that goes beyond pleasure. Why does the Catholic Church think sex is meant to be so special if people have it so casually? Pornography has become a primary educator in our society’s view of sex. Visit fightthenewdrug.org to learn more about porn’s effect on your brain, your heart, and our society.



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