

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus teaches today that "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relation-ship. Without acceptance a home is only a house and a family is just a group of house mates.

Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat of healing and reconciliation for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. The next retreat will be held May 29 to 31 at Carondelet Hospitality Center in Latham: discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. Cost: \$190* (private room, meals, and retreat materials).

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* Some financial assistance available.

Meet Our Seminarians

Our vocations office has unveiled a new website where you have the opportunity to meet our seminarians and read their biographies and their descriptions of seminary life. Please take time to peruse their new website: www.albanyvocations.org. Keep our seminarians in your prayers as they progress toward their ordination.

World Meeting of Families

Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive

Since its inception by Saint John Paul II in 1994, the World Meeting of Families has strengthened the sacred bonds of families across the globe. Held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families.

Each World Meeting of Families has a theme that energizes and enlivens the event while adding great depth of meaning to our understanding of families. The theme of the September World Meeting of Families ~ Philadelphia 2015 is "*Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive*" emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society.

There is speculation that the Holy Father will be at the Meeting for the closing events! We look forward to welcoming Pope Francis, not only to Philadelphia for the first time, but to the United States!

Registration/information: worldmeeting2015.org

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

First Fight: This might not be a happy memory, but hopefully you are not still fighting over the same issue. Focus on one disagreement that you have resolved satisfactorily. May it give you insight for the future.

Retreat

Rosa Mystica, Edmeston, NY 800.720.9858

May 1 - 3: *The Eucharistic Faith of Mary*~ Longing for inner peace and joy? This retreat is for you: daily Mass, reconciliation, Eucharist Adoration, conferences, ... Fr. Bill McCarthy and Olive Dawson. Cost: \$175.