



WORD OF LIFE

June 2010

June 6th THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

For all who suffer from chronic illness or disease
and for those who care for them:
that through the healing power of Christ's body and blood
they will be given strength and hope for a full recovery;
We pray to the Lord:

June 13th ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all priests as we approach the end of the Year for Priests:
that they will be guarded in truth and love by our Blessed Mother
and always have the strength to stand in the defense of life
from conception to natural death;
We pray to the Lord:

June 20th TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all families, and most especially, fathers:
that through the intercession of St. Joseph and the Holy Family
they will remain centered on Christ
and find in his love their source of joy and peace;
We pray to the Lord:

June 27th THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all health care professionals who conscientiously object
to moral evils advocated in our nation's laws:
that the Holy Spirit will be their guide and support for acting rightly
and that he will lead them to peace in trying times;
We pray to the Lord:

When Jesus speaks about eternal life, he is referring to real and true life, a life worthy of being lived. He is not simply speaking about life after death. He is talking about authentic life, a life fully alive and thus not subject to death, yet one which can already, and indeed must, begin in this world. ... We have heard Jesus' answer: this is eternal life, that they may know you – God – and the one whom you have sent, Jesus Christ. Much to our surprise, we are told that life is knowledge. This means first of all that life is relationship. No one has life from himself and only for himself. We have it from others and in a relationship with others. If it is a relationship in truth and love, a giving and receiving, it gives fullness to life and makes it beautiful.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, homily, Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 1, 2010

Modern medical science strives, if not exactly to exclude death, at least to eliminate as many as possible of its causes, to postpone it further and further, to prolong life more and more. ... The true cure for death must be different. It cannot lead simply to an indefinite prolongation of this current life. It would have to transform our lives from within. It would need to create a new life within us, truly fit for eternity.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, homily, Easter Vigil Mass, April 3, 2010

The Ten Commandments to which Jesus refers in his answer [to the rich young man] are only to clarify the commandment of love. They are, so to speak, rules of love, they indicate the way of love with these essential points; the family, as a foundation of society; life, to be respected as a gift of God; the order of sexuality, of relations between man and woman; the social order and, finally, truth. These essential elements describe the route of love, they explain how really to love and how to find the right route. Hence there is a fundamental will of God for us all, which is identical for us all. However its application is different in every life, for God has a specific project for each person.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Meeting with the Youth of Rome and Lazio Region, March 25, 2010

Wherever respect for life and human dignity are lacking, there is need of God's merciful love, in whose light we see the inexpressible value of every human being. Mercy is needed in order to ensure that every injustice in the world will come to an end in the splendour of truth.

~ Pope John Paul II, Homily, Dedication of the Shrine of Divine Mercy, Krakow, Aug. 17, 2002