Parent Talk: Evangelization, Our Baptismal Call

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Tonight in Confirmation Year 1: The Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony

We have been exploring the Sacraments for the past couple months, and tonight we will be completing them by delving into Holy Orders and Matrimony. To help us understand what these look like through lived experience, we will have several special guests with us in the classroom. We will be joined by a married couple, a consecrated virgin, and our own Father Dan, who will share their journeys to their vocations and answer questions.

Beginning next month, and taking us through our final Family Formation Night in May, we will be taking a very introductory look into the Theology of the Body (TOB). This is a framework derived from the teachings of Pope St. John Paul II that examines the reality and dignity of the human person, and in particular, how the human body is a visible sign that points us to invisible realities. We will be looking at three topics: *Who Am I? Discovering my True Identity* (March), *Sex, Love & Chastity* (April), and *Hope & Future: Daily Living Out the Language of the Body* (May). Although TOB can delve into dense and sensitive topics, please know that we will be approaching this material at a very high level, appropriate to this age group. Our intention is to help you in equipping your children with the core truths of what it means to be human in a society that regularly rejects those notions. If you have any questions at all, now or as we journey through this material, please do not hesitate to call or email Gordon Kangas (youth@ypsicatholic.org; 734-483-3360).

This Month's Challenges:

- Reading Scripture every week
- Looking into a Saint (and beginning to pray about potential Confirmation patron)
- Pray 15 minutes a day
- As we approach the beginning of Lent, make a commitment to seek out the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once before Easter.

Questions to Engage with Your Kids:

- Who were the special guests in your classroom tonight, and what did they share about?
- When and how did each of them decide on their vocation? Did this surprise you?
- Have you ever thought about what your vocation might be? How do you think you will make that decision?
- *Consider sharing your own process of discerning and choosing your vocation, and what you would have done differently or wanted to hear at an earlier age.*