

(Synod: "Family breakdown not a crisis in truth, but methodology")

(Vatican Radio) The breakdown in marriage and family life, particularly in Western culture is not the result of "a crisis of truth, but rather as a crisis of methodology" and the "pastoral programs that attempt to address the negative issues impacting marriage and family life" fail to meet "the magnitude of the cultural challenges facing us today."

This is according to Jeffery and Alice Heinzen who are from the diocese of LaCrosse, Wisconsin USA, were asked to address the second part of the Synod's working document, *the Instrumentum Laboris*, namely, "The Pastoral Program for the Family in Light of New Challenges."...

My husband and I have asked ourselves this question: "How did our parents live their lives as a married couple that has led us to where we are today as faith-filled married Catholics?"

In our reflection we realized that the witness of our parents, revealed in their daily actions God's plan for marriage and family life. I have fond memories of participating in neighborhood Corpus Christi processions and my father leaving early for work to attend daily Mass. During the month of May, I remember our family praying the rosary. I remember the frequent tender kisses my parents readily gave each other. We knelt beside our beds each night in prayer to ask for protection and blessings on our family. Every Sunday, we attended Mass as a family, then went from Church to visit our relatives. To all this we can add our mothers who reminded us to always love our siblings, to use our best manners with others, and to save our pennies to help those less fortunate. Our homes were schools of love and virtue and our parents were the primary educators.

Our parents bore faithful witness to the joy and beauty of God's plan for love and life. Unfortunately, not only in our evaluation of current culture, but also due to our pastoral experience, we know that many young people do not see the witness of married love that we experienced. So many youth grow up in homes broken by divorce or with no experience of married parents due to out-of-wedlock pregnancies. We have entered, as some social scientists have described, the age of the diminished family structure. This is more than a crisis. To quote Saint John Paul II, "{T}he role of parents as educators is so decisive that scarcely anything can compensate for their failure in it." Sociological research testifies to this problem and information in the *Instrumentum Laboris* confirms it. Children raised without the blessing of married parents, who have created a home animated by love and faith, will likely struggle to trust in God and their neighbors. How can they create life-long marriages?

Our diocese in the United States is not unlike those around the world. We have seen the number of marriages decline each year and the rate of cohabitation increase. We have seen a steady drop in the number of baptisms. We have watched our youth fall prey to the confusion of a hedonistic culture. We know countless divorced adults who have joined other faith communities because they do not feel welcomed in the Catholic Church. And, our hearts ache for single parents who struggle to care for their children. Like you, we strive to find simpler, more effective ways, to better share the blessings of God's plan for marriage and family.

The *Instrumentum* documents pastoral programs that attempt to address the negative issues impacting marriage and family life. Sadly, these efforts are not meeting the magnitude of the cultural challenges facing us today. We must develop more robust and creative methods to share the fundamental truth that marriage is a divine gift from God, rather than merely a man-made institution. This will require us to examine the methods by which we teach our children about the nature of human sexuality and the vocation of marriage. When speaking of the call by God to serve, marriage should be included in all programs designed to explore vocations. And, it should compel us to ask how we provide for the aftercare of marriage that can help couples deepen their relationship. We therefore see the issue before us not as a crisis of truth, but rather as a crisis of methodology. How do we as a Church, effectively share what we know to be true in practical, simple and convincing ways, so that all men and women are challenged and supported to live life-long marriages and build homes that reflect the domestic Church?

In all of our pastoral planning, we must remember that "nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37). Solutions to the identified crisis can be found. This Synod has the ability to provide aid to husbands, wives and families. Let us open our minds and hearts to the Holy Spirit so that God's will may be accomplished.

As you are doing your estate planning, please remember the needs of Sacred Heart Church.



Daily Mass Schedule October 13-19

Mon: 5:30 p.m. +Catherine Parker
 Tues: 9:00 a.m. +Don Anderson
 Wed: 9:00 a.m. +Jeffrey Aarness
 Thurs: 9:00 a.m. No Mass—Father at Youth Rally
 Fri: 7:30 a.m. Ill in the Parish
 Sat: 5:30 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving
 Sun: 8:30 a.m. Pro Popolo

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Mass Times

Monday 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday-Thursday
 9:00 am
 Friday 7:30 AM
 (Care Center)
 Saturday 5:30 pm
 Sunday 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:30PM

ADORATION:

Tuesdays: 9:30AM-6 PM

We will pray the rosary during October starting 25 minutes before each of the weekend Masses.

Knights of Columbus are having a scrap iron drive with proceeds going to the window and maintenance funds. Contact Dave Riewer (218.841.2425) Dave Pawlitschek (218.841.2180) or Dallas Flynn (218.841.6380) if you have scrap iron to donate to the parish.

*Members of our Parish have donated "Understanding the Mass" booklets. These are in each of the pews. Please use them to become more familiar with the Mass and its parts and why the Priest and we do what we do. Replace them in the holders when you are finished, and do not take out of the Church.

Thank you

October is Pro-Life Month. The Christian Mothers will be giving out Pro-Life material today.

Marriage Banns:

You will notice that the insert in today's bulletin explains the diocesan policy on **Marriage Banns** and their purpose. For all future marriages at Sacred Heart, we will publish the Marriage Banns in three consecutive bulletins at some point in the marriage preparation process.



Parishioners' Prayer Requests

Parish families have asked us to keep in our prayers their loved ones who are ill

Please pray for:
 -Bonnie Wallace -Emily Martin
 -Luella Baumgart -Betty Cook
 -Casey Courneya -Arlene Schreiner
 -Dave Goebel -Clem Neisen
 -Ken Jacobson -Roger Wolden
 -Norman Buseth -Paula Stegeman
 -Lisa Flynn -Connie Ulschmid

Collections Oct 5, 2014

Collection Basket	Attendance
Adult \$ 4,719.00	326
Loose 287.02	
Children 6.00	
Total: \$ 5,012.02	

Other Budgeted Income

Vigil Lights	\$ 11.60
Building Fund	1,692.00
Steeple Fund	150.00
Window Fund	50.00
Cemetery Fund	460.00
ARISE book	20.00
Assumption Church	735.42
Total	\$ 3,119.02

Other Parish Fund Raisers: Scholarship Fund—\$75
Non-Parish Collections: Propagation of the Faith—\$25

Needed per Week to Reach Budget: \$5,642.00—This figure includes all sources of parish income (i.e., funerals, flower collections, fall dinner, Building, Steeple, and Window Funds, etc), not just the Sunday collections.

This week's Total:
 \$ 5,012.02
 3,119.02
 75.00
\$ 8,206.04

UPCOMING:

Oct 11: Reasons to Believe (video, light supper, and discussion) after 5:30 pm Mass
Oct 14: Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 @ Church
Oct 20: KC Officers' Meeting 7:00 @ Church
Oct 25: Marriage Retreat

Ministry Schedule for Oct 19, 2014

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
FCC—	Christine Daggett and Kristi Roers	
Ministers	Ruth Ann Lehmann	Marlys Jacobson
Of Holy	Kristi Roers	Dale Sattler
Communion	Jeanne Riley	Tammy Sattler
		Roxie Riewer
		Mark Byer
Lectors	Keith Adams	Kay Furey
Ushers	Bruce Hofer	Bud Hensel
	Kyle Wothe	Dan Giefer
Servers	Autumn Moe	Braylee Riewer
	Scott Seim	Ricky Roforth
	Abigail Wothe	Zach Roforth
		Rachel Kasowski

*Note to ministers: This schedule does not reflect any recent changes or substitutions you may have made.

Circle 2 is in charge of donuts in October
 Circle 3 is in charge of donuts in November

October-2nd Collections: -12th—FACC; -19th—World Mission (Propagation of the Faith)

October 12, 2014

*****Youth*****

*High School Youth Rally Grades 9-12: October 16, 2014, Greenbush: Please register as soon as possible so transportation can be arranged.

*If you have not registered your children for RE yet, please do so as soon as possible.

*Forms for each of these can be found in the kiosk and the entrance of Church: Questions? Contact Cheryl

RE classes:

- Grades 4-6, 1-1:50PM
- Grades 1-3, 1:50-2:45PM.
- Grades 7-11, 6:30-7:30PM

October RE schedule:

- Afternoon, regular class: 15, 22 and 29
- Evening classes, regular

Couples: Married, Engaged, Dating...Here is a retreat for you

Blessed are the Married: The Beatitudes as a guide for Christian Marriage

- Presented by Dr. Mark and Julie Krejci
- Sacred Heart, Frazee
- Saturday October 25, 2014

8:15 AM, Ending with Mass At 5:30PM (See Poster, Schedule and Sign Up in Back and Entrance of Church)

Register before October 22, 2014

