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Catholic Parents OnLine is a half-hour catechetical local TV program that airs at 9:30 P.M. on Sundays on MCN, Channel 6. It may also be viewed on our website at: www.catholicparents.org/tv.html. In September CPO viewers will be enlightened as Colleen Perfect and Father Robert Altier probe into the realm of celestial persons. Angels are wildly misunderstood because many Catholics know little about them. This half-hour program is packed with catechetical teachings on everything from the Nine Choirs of Angels to the New Age concepts of angels. Other topics to look for in the '07 -'08 season are *The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit*; *Mass Confusion: A Clear Explanation on the Latin Liturgy* and a special Christmas program that will feature soprano Lori Vosepjka and friends, who will delight our ears and lift our spirits with beautiful Christmas music and much more!

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*Maintain the truth lovingly and
always love truthfully.*

John Paul II

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CPO TV Show on Divine Mercy - Paul Regan, Founder of Divine Mercy for the Sick & Dying Institute in America, Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, Director of the Assn. of Marian Helpers and Host Nancy Barrett



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CPO TV Programs on CD (2 shows per CD)

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5. The Sacrament of Holy Orders/The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
6. The Doctrines on the Blessed Virgin Mary/Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
7. Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving/The Christian Meaning of Suffering
8. Christmas 2003: Advent Family Traditions
Christmas 2004: The Passion of the Birth of Christ
9. Christmas 2005: International Customs/Christmas 2006: Works of Mercy
10. The Sanctity of Motherhood/The Sanctity of Fatherhood
11. Daily Prayer: The Rosary, Divine Office, and Adoration/Mental Prayer - Contemplative Prayer
12. The Dangers of Artificial Contraceptives & Sterilization/The Beauty of Natural Family Planning
13. "Our Taxes are Paying for Abortions!"/Post Abortion Syndrome: One Woman's Story
14. Profile of an Authentically Catholic School/Teacher's Guide for Faithful Catechesis
15. Practicing Abstinence: The Virtue of Chastity/Teens Discuss a "Sober, Chaste and Memorable Prom Experience"
16. The Doctrine on the Communion of Saints/The Doctrine on Purgatory
17. Authentically Catholic Bookstore: Leaflet Missal Company/Fr. Altier Answers Tough Questions Regarding the Catholic Faith
18. The Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope & Charity /The Cardinal Virtues: Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude & Justice
19. Moral Relativism & The Natural Law/The Dignity of the Elderly and End of Life Bio-Ethics
20. Mental Illness: Coping with Depression & MS Part I/ Part II
21. Blue Knights & Little Flowers: Groups for Catholic Children/Balancing Organized Athletics with Our Catholic Faith
22. The Evils of Pornography: Destruction of Marriage & Family/Modesty: A Powerful Fruit of The Holy Spirit
23. COURAGE: Catholic Men & Women Struggling with Same-Sex Attraction Part I/Part II
24. Church Teachings Regarding Homosexuality & Local COURAGE Group/Leaving the Lesbian Lifestyle: One Woman's Story
25. Father James Kubicki: The Apostleship of Prayer/The History & Devotion to The Sacred Heart of Jesus
26. The Gift of Consecrated Virginity to The Church: One Woman's Story
Missionary Priest in Africa & Young Catholic Missionaries in China
27. Corporal Works of Mercy: Priests Serving as Hospital, Military and Fire Chaplains/The Sacrament of Holy Orders
28. The Harmful Effects of "Sex Education" in the Classroom
The Harmful Effects of "Sex Education" Curriculum
29. Is Your Child at Risk? "Safe Environment" Programs
The Harmful Effects of "Sex Education" in the Classroom
30. All About Angels/The Harmful Effects of the Occult on the Soul
31. The Divine Mercy Message & Devotion Part I/ Part II
32. Sacramental Marriage vs. Same-Sex Legal Unions
Legalization of Same-Sex Unions Will Destroy the Fabric of Our Society



CPO TV Hosts Colleen Perfect and Nancy Barrett with Director Miguel Campbell holding 2006 trophy for Excellence in Community Television Award for Best Faith-Based Program
CPO's 5th Consecutive Annual Award



CPO TV Crew Miguel Campbell, Director and Joe Kolles, Volunteer Audio Technician

Theological Time Bomb

BY FR. ROBERT ALTIER, CPO SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

In every age God raises up Saints to defend the area of the Church that is being attacked. Our age is no different. The area most severely under attack is marriage in all of its aspects: the persons, the vows, the union, the family, the sexuality, etc. In the 2000 years of the Church's history, approximately one half of all of the Magisterial teaching regarding marriage has been written in the past 25-30 years, and this by one man: Pope John Paul II.

The great Pontiff's teaching was not merely a restatement of the truths regarding marriage that have been taught from the beginning, but an entirely new theology regarding this beautiful Sacrament. To say it is a new theology does not mean that the Church's teaching has changed, rather, it means that there is a deeper and richer understanding of Holy Matrimony in all of its aspects.

This new presentation of Pope John Paul regarding marriage has been called a "theological time bomb" because once it is understood and applied, it is going to make a huge difference in the lives of countless people. The explosion has only just begun from this teaching called the Theology of the Body.

There are several key points to understand in this system. The first, from the philosophical point of view, is called the "personalistic norm." This means that it focuses on the person, what is good for the person, what is not good for the person and why. In other words, rather than just looking objectively at marriage and sexuality, the Holy Father has made

everything subjective, applying the objective principles to the individual. In our "me" oriented society, Pope John Paul took the challenge to say, essentially "if you want to talk about you, then let's talk about you."

From here he is able to move into a theological point found on the first page of the Bible: that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God. This is the foundation for the Holy Father's teaching about human dignity. Because of the way we are made, we cannot simply do whatever we want to do, rather, if we want to find fulfillment, we have to act in a way that is in accordance with our dignity. He teaches us that there are only two ways to treat another person: to love the person or to use the person. Because of our dignity, to use a person is a violation of the person because it is selfish and lowers the person to the level of an object.

With this in mind, the Holy Father taught us that if we

want to act according to our own dignity, as well as the dignity of the other person, we have to love. This, of course, is what a couple promises on the day they get married. For this reason Pope John Paul is able to launch into the questions of what love is and how it is expressed, especially within the context of marriage. One aspect of this, of course, has to do with the sexual expression of the couple. The sexual union of the couple is not a true expression of the marriage if the two are using one another. Another way of saying this is that if the persons are being selfish, then they are failing to love. Love is expressed in giving and receiving, not in taking. The only true expression of the marriage, the only expression that is in keeping with what was vowed when the couple

was married, and the only one that is in keeping with the dignity of the persons is love, that is, two people who are both looking out for the good of the other.

In our day, when the body has become more important than the soul, Pope John Paul brings things into proper balance. In ancient times the Gnostics thought the body was evil and only the soul was of value. Now we have elevated the material over the spiritual, and the results are painfully and tragically evident. People do not recognize their own dignity and, since we are all equal, if one person does not have dignity, neither does anyone else. There are so many hurt and broken people today who have been used and violated. Pope John Paul presents a positive affirmation of the true dignity of the person and the glorious call of which we are not only capable but for which we have been created: love. This

all begins by recognizing our dignity as persons made in the image of God and then, in relation to others, acting according to our own dignity and the other person's dignity by acting in love: seeking what is truly best for the other person.

This very slight brush with the Theology of the Body I hope will provide you with a desire to learn more. There are some very good books and tapes being put out today by a number of people. Lives and marriages are being transformed as people begin to see for themselves the beauty of the Sacrament to which they have been called. I cannot recommend highly enough that you acquaint yourself with some of these materials and begin the transformation of your own life, your own marriage and your own family. Learn and put into practice what this great Saint of our own day has taught and be at ground zero as this theological time bomb begins to explode.



Transmitting the Catholic Faith

BY FREDERICK BLONIGEN

To teach the Catholic faith, on any level, is a calling from God, a calling that requires our generous response. To teach the Catholic faith is also a tremendous privilege for we are being asked to transmit to the students we teach the sublime truths revealed by God Himself, truths that define the very meaning of human life, truths that are necessary for man's salvation. In his critically important Apostolic Exhortation, *Catechesi Tradendae* (*Catechesis in Our Time*), Pope John Paul II reminds us that the primary and essential object of catechesis is

...to reveal in the Person of Christ the whole of God's eternal design reaching fulfillment in that Person. It is to seek to understand the meaning of Christ's actions and words and of the signs worked by Him, for they simultaneously hide and reveal His mystery. Accordingly, the definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only He can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity.

In other words, all authentic catechesis is Christocentric: whoever teaches the Catholic faith is not transmitting their own teaching or the teaching of some other master but the teaching of Jesus Christ Himself. Our Lord not only teaches the Truth His Father sent Him into the world to teach, He is the Truth sent by God for the salvation of the world. All catechists, therefore, have the grave responsibility to teach what Christ taught and to teach what the Incarnate Son of God continues to teach through the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

As a teacher of the Catholic faith to high school students, I have always taken as my motto the beautiful words of Our Lord in St. John's gospel: *If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free* (8:31-32). All human beings want freedom but authentic freedom is a gift from God and it can only be found in Christ Who is the Truth. This is the essential message of Jesus in the gospels. He has become man, He has taken on our human nature, in order to liberate us from sin and to give us the true freedom for which we were created: freedom found in communion with an infinitely loving God.

To be an effective teacher of the Catholic faith it is essential that the person have a comprehensive knowledge of the teachings of the Church and a desire to continue studying and more deeply understanding those teachings. The Church's deposit of faith is so immensely rich and vast that many lifetimes could be spent studying and reflecting upon it. A good teacher of any discipline is always a student of that

discipline, always working to know more about what he teaches. If that is true of secular disciplines how much more should this be true of the sacred science of theology. The most important discipline a person can study is theology because it is the study of God Himself. The profoundest and most challenging questions students ask are often of a theological nature. A competent teacher must be prepared, through proper study, to answer virtually any questions students may raise. The answers provided for those questions can sometimes have life-changing consequences for the students who ask them.

It should go without saying that any person who is called to the vocation of teaching the Catholic faith must always teach Church doctrine according to the mind of Christ and the Magisterium of the Church He has established. Anyone who

dissents from Catholic doctrine should have the intellectual honesty not to be teaching the faith. Loyalty to the Magisterium is an absolute necessity for any person on any level who teaches the Catholic faith. Parents should expect and demand that the religion taught at a Catholic school is always sound and orthodox. Anything less should never be tolerated.

A person called to teach the Catholic faith must also be steeped in prayer. What is needed in the Church today is what one prominent theologian called "a kneeling theology." It is not enough to know the faith well, essential as that is. One must be striving to live what one believes and that cannot be done unless one prays often and well. If participation at daily Mass is the single most important activity of any Catholic, this is especially true for the Catholic religion teacher. Next to the Mass, frequent, if not daily, visits to the Blessed Sacrament are indispensable. If a teacher is to teach Christ he must be deeply in love with the Person he teaches. Eucharistic adoration is an invaluable, spiritually powerful way to grow in the love of Christ. Our late beloved John Paul II used to say that even a few minutes in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is of more spiritual benefit than many prayers not prayed in the presence of the Real Presence.

Over the years, the teenage students to whom I have taught the Catholic faith have taught me many things. They have taught me that young people have a great hunger for the truth and that they are open to the beautiful truths taught by the Catholic Church. They have shown me that despite having lived their entire lives in a "culture of death," most young people have a profound reverence for the sanctity of human life and are courageous defenders of the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. Young people want to be challenged to live their Catholic faith. They have also demonstrated that they want to commit their lives to Someone who can give their lives permanent, indeed, eternal meaning.

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Most of all, these adolescents have shown me they want much more than “head knowledge” of Christ. They want to know Christ in the depths of their hearts. They seek the Face of God and find Him in the Face of Jesus.

Pope John Paul II, when he spoke to youth, often referred to the gospel story of the rich young man, a man who came to Jesus seeking to know how to gain eternal life. This gospel story is one nearly every young person can identify with. For they, too, are seeking the truth about life, they, too, want to know the way to experience eternal happiness. It is the responsibility of those who teach our young people their Catholic faith to show them the way to Jesus, to show them that, like the rich young man in the gospels, Jesus looks upon all of them with love and desires to give them the divine love that flows eternally from His Sacred Heart.

If there is one thing the Catholic religion teacher must never neglect to do, it is to pray daily for his students, especially those students most resistant or indifferent to the faith. The prayers said for those we teach most surely touch the Heart of God and bring forth His graces to those most in need of them.

I have often told my high school religion students that it is my vocation to teach them what the Catholic Church teaches and that I will be held accountable before God if I fail to teach them the fullness of the truth. However, I tell them, while my responsibility is to teach them the truth, they have the responsibility to live what they are taught. God will hold them responsible if, knowing the truth, they fail to live what they have received. The teacher of the Catholic faith must

consistently teach the eternal truth of the gospel, and teach with love. The rest is in the hands of God.

One of man's deepest needs is the need for identity: to know who we are. This is an especially important need for our young people. Perhaps the greatest truth religion teachers can convey to their students is that man's true and authentic identity can only be found in God. One of the wisest and profoundest spiritual writers of our time, Jacques Philippe, in his amazing book, *Interior Freedom*, summarizes in deeply moving words where all human persons will discover their true identity

Human beings are more than the sum of the good they can accomplish. They are children of God, whether they do good or cannot yet manage to do anything. Our Father in heaven does not love us because of the good we do. He loves us for ourselves, because he has adopted us as his children forever. This is why humility, spiritual poverty, is so precious: it locates our identity securely in the one place where it will be safe from all harm. If our treasure is in God, no one can take it from us. Humility is truth. I am what I am in God's eyes: a poor child who possesses absolutely nothing, who receives everything, infinitely loved and totally free. I have received everything in advance from the freely bestowed love of my Father, who said to me definitively: 'All that is mine is yours'.

Our treasure is not the kind that moths or worms can devour. It is in heaven in God's hands. It depends on God alone, his good will and unfailing goodness to us. Our identity has its source in the creative love of God, who made us in his own image and destines us to live with him forever.

ARTHUR A. HERKENHOFF AWARD

Do you know someone who shines in the areas of Faith, family, pro-life involvement, courage, charity and joy?

The Board of Directors of *Catholic Parents OnLine* seeks the names of individuals who would be worthy of nomination for the Third Annual Arthur A. Herkenhoff Award. The persons nominated should exhibit the same qualities, principles and values which characterized the life and person of Art Herkenhoff: **Faith, family, pro-life involvement, courage, charity and joy.** This year's award will be presented at the CPO Annual Fundraising Luncheon to be held on Saturday, October 27th. **Please submit your nomination by October 1st! You may complete the Online Nomination Form at: www.catholicparents.org/herkenhoff/index.html or contact us at 952-882-6704 and we'll be happy to mail you the form!**



At last year's annual CPO Luncheon & Fundraiser held at the Town & Country Club in St. Paul, Mr. Dan J. Rossini was the worthy recipient of the 2006 Arthur A. Herkenhoff Award. Sharing his joy in this honor, pictured from left to right in the photo are: Mrs. Laureen (Herkenhoff) Cornelius, Mrs. Katie (Herkenhoff) Wrobel, Mrs. Mary Jo Rossini, Mr. Dan J. Rossini, Mrs. Colleen Perfect, CPO President, Mrs. Arthur (Kathleen) Herkenhoff and Mrs. Ann (Herkenhoff) Olund.

The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes

BY MARILYN GRUTSCH

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2

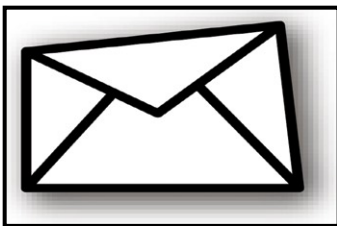
My mom taught this lesson well. She was a farm wife and mother of 9, but not a week went by that there weren't extra guests at our table (sometimes a multitude of extras), and every guest that left our house felt warmly welcomed and well-fed. So when CPO hosted our annual Retreat this Spring, I, along with Terese (an exceptional cook and gracious hostess), took on the duties of hospitality with a certain amount of confidence that we could handle the job. Nevertheless, I think that anyone who has ever had to plan for a dinner party or large gathering, no matter how skilled or experienced, encounters a bit of anxiety about having the right amount of food...not so much that there will be great waste but, more importantly, enough so that everyone gets to eat.

We planned our food according to the past year's attendance, adding here and there as our registrations grew approaching the date of the retreat. We were feeling rather confident, regarding our supply of food, on the morning of the retreat. After Mass, everyone began to file down to the Hall for a continental breakfast...and we were ready to serve with a smile. About half way through the line, Terese began to look a little worried, suggesting that we may not have enough. I wasn't concerned until I discovered that what I thought was the end of the line didn't end at the door. We had no idea how far back it went but people just kept coming. Finally, in quiet desperation and with an urgent prayer under our breath, we began to slice those big rolls and muffins in half. Whew! That should solve the problem! But still, the people

continued to pour in. We were getting down to the last few morsels and the end of the line was still not in sight. As our anxiety grew, we even resorted to cutting some of the halves in half so that at least everyone would get a small portion of breakfast. Then, just when we were ready to admit defeat, much to our surprise and delight, we discovered two more bags of Terese's homemade muffins that we had overlooked. What relief! We praised God for His gift of our own little "miracle of loaves and fishes."

And there's even a part II to God's faithful generosity. As our youth servers were helping us set up for lunch, we asked them to put baskets of the dinner rolls on each table. After carefully counting out the rolls for each place setting, we came up short by about a dozen. It was too late to run to the store...now what would we do? Aha! We remembered that, even after everyone ate of their fill at breakfast, there were still some of Terese's homemade muffins left...it turned out to be the exact number to fill our lunch table baskets. Now that's what I call an answer to prayer...even with our fleeting moments of panic. Is this what God meant when He said *O you of little faith, why did you doubt?* Matthew 14:31. *So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'what are we to drink?...' Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.* Matthew 6: 31-32.

The Retreat, of course, was not about our behind the scenes activity. We were the "Marthas" for the day. Our job was to serve the physical hunger, but the foremost reason for coming together was the commitment to our guests to feed their souls. As always, Father Altier, between the Holy Eucharist offered at Mass and his inspiring talks, made sure no one went home hungry. *This is the Bread that came down from Heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this Bread will live forever.* John 6:58. ❖



From the CPO Mailbag

A Happy and Holy New Year to all involved with this wonderful faith-filled project! God bless you all in your work.

Thank you so much for info on the "Touching Safety" classes.

We were able to get in contact w/ a wonderful alternative to this Unsafe program. I feel we, now, are truly Protecting God's Children. Thank you so much.

Just saw your website for the first time! Praised Be Jesus Christ!! A great Catholic website, masterfully put together and well done. Thanks for all your hard work and may God reward you.

My husband and I saw your TV show last night and absolutely loved it! Thank you so much for helping to clarify so many of the church's teachings. We feel so fortunate to still be able to benefit from the knowledge and wisdom that God has given us through Fr. Altier. Thank you and Father for all that you do for us parents who are trying so hard to grow in our faith and pass it on to our children. We would be lost without

you as resources!

It was very nice speaking to you this morning. After speaking with you, I felt positive that I wasn't wrong in the way I was feeling. I have prayed that the Holy Spirit be with me tomorrow morning when I go and speak to the principal and pastor of the Catholic school (re: the Virtus "Touching Safety" program). All your information has helped me a lot! Thank you for your time, and may God bless you.

I am impressed with your organization, and the website. I am collaborating with a small group of solid Catholics in (my state), who are interested in a similar type of organization... Our mission is the same as yours, but

we are not well structured yet... I am so impressed by what you have done and would love to understand how you got Catholic Parents OnLine to where it is now. God bless you and thank you for all you are doing.

Thank you so much!!!! I love reading your emails. I am not sure how I got on your email list but keep them coming. I wouldn't have known about this "safe environment" program otherwise. God bless your efforts in being faithful to Holy Mother Church.

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

We are very blessed to welcome Archbishop John C. Nienstedt as the new Coadjutor Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We applaud his courage and faithfulness and we echo his statement in the May 3, 2007 issue of the Catholic Spirit: *I believe what the Church believes. And unfortunately, in this day and age where there is such pluralism and individualism in our society, a person who believes in a creed, as we do as Catholics, is somehow considered hard-line or a fanatic-a zealot, if you will- because they believe what they believe, they believe what the Church believes.* We promise him our loyalty and our prayers.

Update on the "Safe Environment" programs in Archdiocese of St. Paul /Mpls: While we don't have a complete record of all the stats on programs the schools are using, it's very encouraging to see the large number of Catholic schools/parishes currently using the *Formation in Christian Chastity* (FICC) program:

Annunciation - Northfield
Blessed Sacrament - St. Paul
Holy Childhood - St. Paul
Holy Cross - Minneapolis
Holy Family - St. Louis Park
Holy Trinity - South St. Paul
Mary Queen of Peace - Rogers
Maternity of Mary - St. Paul
Nativity - Bloomington
Providence Academy - Plymouth
St. Mary - Stillwater
St. Michael - Stillwater
St. Agnes - St. Paul
St. Andrew - St. Paul
St. Anne - Hamel
St. Anne - Le Seuer
St. Augustine - South St. Paul
St. Bernard - St. Paul
St. Boniface - St. Bonifacius
St. Charles Borromeo - St. Anthony
St. Croix Catholic - Stillwater

St. George - Long Lake
St. John the Baptist - New Brighton
St. John the Baptist - Dayton
St. John - Excelsior
St. Joseph - Delano
St. Joseph - Miesville
St. Mary of Czestochowa - Delano
St. Mary - New Trier
St. Mathias - Hampton
St. Michael - West St. Paul
St. Michael - St. Michael
St. Paul - Ham Lake
St. Peter - North St. Paul
St. Peter - Delano
St. Peter - Forest Lake
St. Pius V - Cannon Falls
St. Pius X Holy Family - White Bear Lake
St. Raphael - Crystal
St. Timothy - Maple Lake
Visitation - Minneapolis

For more information on the programs other schools/parishes are using, including the secular, age inappropriate *Talking About Touching* (TAT) program, go to our website at:

<http://catholicparents.org/religiouseducation/schooltexts.html>.

You can also check out the new religion text reviews available on this page.

We continue our work on the dynamic CPO video production based on the beautiful Church document, *The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality*. This user-friendly, educational video will assist parents in teaching their own children these sensitive issues. Please keep this critically important project in your prayers!

If you cannot attend our Annual Fundraiser Luncheon next month (see enclosed flyer) please consider making a contribution to CPO in the enclosed envelope. A Holy Mass is offered every month of the year for the intentions of our benefactors.

*God bless you and yours,
Colleen Perfect*



Fr. Robert Altier, CPO Spiritual Director and Colleen Perfect, Ready to shoot!



CPO 2006-07 Board of Directors (l to r): Terese Jensen, Judy Shea, Fred Blonigen, Fr. Robert Altier, Dave Huizel, Richard Layer, John Trojack, (Pat Tatreau, visitor), Bob Tatreau. Not pictured: Marilyn Grutsch, Kurt Virnig and Colleen Perfect (taking photo).



John Trojack, Vice President, explaining CPO's major newspaper ad exposing dangers of TAT program.

CPO Statement of Vision

Pillars

CATHOLIC

As Catholics, we are devoted to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, the Pope and the Bishops in union with him.

PARENTS

As taught by the Church, we recognize parents' role as primary educators of their children, fully aware of the difficulties this presents in secular society.

ONLINE

It is our joy and obligation to uphold Catholic principles and standards; to work in an active and positive way to inform, support and collaborate with parents, teachers and leaders in the education of the children in the Archdiocese; and to ensure the growth and protection of high moral and ethical standards and the splendor of our Faith.

Purpose

CPO STANDS UNITED:

- with parents, in their sacred right and duty to direct and participate in the Catholic education of their children,
- with students, in their right to sound teaching of the Truth as handed down through Sacred Scripture and Tradition,
- with other educators and school administrators, in their right to receive good resources and proper training to carry out their service of faithfully assisting parents in the formation of students.

Mission

To build a network of faithful, dynamic, and informed parents, students, and alumni, committed to working with Catholic schools, other programs of education, and the community at large, to ensure the authentic teaching and protection of our Catholic Faith, and to address issues that undermine our Catholic Faith and Morals.