

January 26, 2021

Dear Parishioners of Saint Petronille,

Thank you!

We had a beautiful Eucharistic procession from Saint Petronille to Saint James last Saturday. Special thanks to Annemarie Coman, our Knights of the Holy Temple, Knights of Columbus, all those who worked so hard on its execution and to Glen Ellyn's finest for blocking off Roosevelt Road for us. Let us keep praying for an increase in respect for the sanctity of every human life.

Create in me a clean heart

Although we have been battling a pandemic that gets a great deal of press and whose physical effects can be recognized immediately, there is another epidemic which affects people of every walk of life, gender and age group. Pornography has begun to affect not only the couple I prepare for marriage and couples experiencing troubles in their relationship but also affects many of our young people sometimes without the knowledge of their parents. This may not be something we like to talk about, but it has wreaked havoc in households throughout our nation, the world and our own community.

Beginning in February (watch for more information), our parish will be making available a three part video series intended to help those suffering from pornography addiction.

Who might benefit?

- Men, Women and Teens who struggle with porn addiction. As you will see, pornography is highly addictive.
- Parents of younger children who, if not already, will likely be exposed to pornography at some point. We want those parents to be armed with information so they can protect their child from exposure.
- Parents of children who suspect their child is watching or seeing pornographic images or videos but have no idea how to approach them and hope it will just "go away someday."
- Middle school, high school and college kids. Yes, parents are the primary educator, but when it comes to pornography, parents shy away from the topic and leave the child uneducated and unarmed and therefore becoming a victim of this industry. As our kids go "out into the world" whether it be high school or college or other, we discuss the importance and significance of staying away from premarital sex, drugs, alcohol abuse, walking alone after dark...how many parents talk to their kids about the dangers of pornography?

-The How: How the Program will work

- The program includes 3 separate videos each about 30 minutes long. It is intended for 7th grade and up. If you are concerned about the content of the videos, please parents, watch the videos first before watching with your child.
- The series focuses on how pornography can damage the brain, how it can hurt relationships and how it is directly connected to sex trafficking and other crimes. It includes stories from real people who have been deeply affected by pornography.

- In order to watch the videos you need to include your email and a password. Your name is not used and your email is not sold or given to any individual, organization, company, government entity, or the public. Once you have signed in and created a password, you are able to watch the videos at any time and multiple times, if you'd like.
- On Monday, February 22, we will wrap up. By then, hopefully you have completed all 3 videos. I will give you some excellent resources that may help you with questions you have after watching the videos. We will also give you a place to go where to leave your opinions and suggestions of this program.

May Almighty God bless you and keep you.

Prayers.

In Christ,

Fr. Thomas Milota