

The First Society

And God Said...

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1. Let there be light
2. Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters
3. Let the waters under the heavens be gathered
4. Let there be lights in the firmament
5. Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures
6. Let the earth bring forth living creatures

- Genesis 1

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Creation of Man: Male and Female

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Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea” ... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

- Genesis 1:26-27

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The Son of Adam

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[Adam] became the father of a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

- Genesis 5:3

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In Today's Society

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In today's society, materialism is idolized, immorality is glamorized, truth is minimized, sin is normalized, divorce is rationalized, abortion is legalized, the courts are paralyzed, and our politics are polarized.

- Rick Warren

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In the Media

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On the Internet, TV and movies, crime is legitimized, drug use is minimized, comedy is vulgarized, sex is trivialized, the Bible is fictionalized, churches are satirized, while God is marginalized, and Christians are demonized.

- Rick Warren

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In Our Families

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Even in our families, our manners are uncivilized, our speech is vulgarized, our faith is secularized, so that everything is commercialized.

- Rick Warren

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In Our Faith

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Unfortunately Christians, you and I are often disorganized, our pastors are demoralized, our faith is compartmentalized, and so our witness is compromised.

- Rick Warren

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What do we need?

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We need our worship to be revitalized, our differences to be minimized, our members to be mobilized, the lost to be evangelized, and our families and our marriages to be re-energized. To be re-evangelized.

- Rick Warren

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Marriage is a Gospel in Itself

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The theme of marriage ... deserves special attention ... matrimony is a Gospel in itself, a Good News for the world of today, especially the dechristianized world.

- Pope Benedict XVI

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A Profound Crisis

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The union of a man and a woman, their becoming “one flesh” in charity, in fruitful and indissoluble love, is a sign that speaks of God with a force and an eloquence which in our days has become greater because unfortunately, for various reasons, marriage ... is going through a profound crisis. And it is not by chance.

- Pope Benedict XVI

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A Subject of the New Evangelization

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Marriage is linked to faith ... is based upon the grace that comes from ... Christ loved us with a faithful love, even to the Cross ... There is a clear link between the crisis in faith and the crisis in marriage ... marriage is called to be not only an object but a subject of the new evangelization.

- Pope Benedict XVI

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Sanctity is Possible

The Sacraments don't make sanctity easy,
they make it possible.

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Life and Death

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But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it
you shall die.

- Genesis 2:17

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Mortal Sin

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All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin which is not mortal.

- 1 John 5:17

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Take Up Your Cross Daily

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And he said to all, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

- Luke 9:23

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The New Evangelization

The need to re-evangelize the de-Christianized,
the secularized.

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Living the Marriage Covenant

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If Catholic married couples simply lived the grace of matrimony for one generation, the result would be a transformed culture, a Christian society.

- Fr. Donald Keefe

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The Conversion of the Family

3.7%

If the child is the first in the family to become a Christian.

17%

If the mother is the first in the family to become a Christian.

93%

If the father is the first in the family to become a Christian.

Probability of Conversion of the Family.

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Session 19

- **What can you do differently when you get home? Find one concrete and tangible thing that you can do for your bride that no one will see?**
- **What can you do as a husband and a father to show devotion to your children's mother? What can you do that your children will see?**