THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 23, 2011

The reason why we can heed these otherwise overwhelming words is: We all love the Lord, your God, with your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” — is because of a sacramental truth that we know as the sign of a marriage. God does not want anything from us that he has not himself first given us. The utterance of this Great Commandment is a recognition that God has first loved us in such a way that it is supremely possible for us to love him as he demands. The generosity of our charity toward others flows from our mindfulness that we “were once aliens,” but then God’s love came and claimed us. That is why we truly can become “imitators of the Lord.”

Returned to the Elements
God the Creator made Adam and Eve out of the dust of the earth, breathed into each of their noses the divine fire, the spark of life which we call the soul. It is fitting, then, when one of our loved ones has died, that we return the body to God through committing it to the ground or to the fire, or, in rare cases, to the sea. And we mark this momentous act with a rite, the third and last part of the Order of Christian Funerals. We commit the body to the tomb or to the fire, a wakeful act of presence and vigilance for sustaining the body through the travail of seeing the open grave would be too traumatic, or into his harvest. May the prayers of our participating Families ensure the body will be returned to the earth, whether by natural means or by the care of the Funeral Director. The ashes from the crematory are to be buried in a cemetery. Don’t abandon the body of your loved one because love compels us.

The Lord’s Prayer. This is a significant moment — love someone, we want to be with them. We want to do special things for them. We want to give to them without counting the cost. Do we show our love for God in the procession. A short verse from scripture is done to one of its infant members is to kill it.”?

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THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR Vocations (FPC): 9:00 AM Mass. Jesus told us to ask the Harvest Master to send laborers into his harvest. May the prayers of our participating Families bear fruit. We sincerely thank the KEITH ADAMS FAMILY for their love of God. We want to give to them without counting the cost. Do we show our love for God in the procession. A short verse from scripture is done to one of its infant members is to kill it.”?

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THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: Let Hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek always the face of the Lord. (Ps 104: 3-4).

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FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: In today’s Gospel the Pharisee was talking about accomplishments (something we are forced to obey by external pressure) and Jesus was talking about love (something we choose to do). Love comes from the heart, soul and mind to another. One demands allegiance, the other requires personal commitment. In our families we daily lay down our lives for each other not because we ‘gotta’ but because love compels us.

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION: Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, in accepting Planned Parenthood’s Margaret Sanger Award said she was “in awe” of Sanger. Commented Rep. Chris Smith, “Are you kidding? ‘in awe’ of Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger who said in 1922, ‘The most merciful thing that a family does to one of its infant members is to kill it.”?

STEWARDSHIP: “You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength.” Matthew 22:37. Love calls for action. When we love someone, we want to be with them. We want to do special things for them. We want to give to them without counting the cost. Do we show our love for God in these ways? LAST WEEK YOU CONTRIBUTED: Income: Sunday: $2,871.00; General Repair: $479; Expenses: $3,574.17. FOR CARolsING: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY — Your donation this week of all TYPES OF MEALS IN A BOX will enable the St. Vincent de Paul Society to aid the needy of our area. To volunteer your help to our SVDP Society Outreach and to God’s Bountiful Table, call Edward Butler at 544-2739.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish Center. EAT-IN: Adults $7.00; Children $4.00. TAKE-OUT: Adults $7.50; Children $4.50. Baked Goods and Desserts will also be available. Hope to see you and your family there!

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ST. RICHARD’S ANNUAL PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER: 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM, St. Richard’s, Barnesville. Advance orders only! Eat-in or take-out. Cost $6.50. Call the Rectory (467-2315).

CHINESE AUCTION: Doors open 11:00 AM, Auction begins at 2:00 PM, Forestville Fire House. Admission $5. (Browse-n-bid Saturday, October 22, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.) Call Theresa at 527-7035 for more information.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 — INSTRUCTIONS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH: None this week.