



As Received

A Reader Counters *Mothers' Watch's* Attack on Bishop Wuerl

Re: The Catholic Vision of Love

To put it bluntly and clearly, I was appalled by your headline about Bishop Wuerl, which I see today has been changed from its initial phrasing. I am positive that you received a significant amount of flak on that. Nevertheless, you keep the link to *Mothers' Watch*, which, in my opinion is a fringe group in the Catholic Church that has nothing better to do than create innuendo out of gossamer. I have discussed your page and its contents with you prior to this because I find that your links, and particularly your "headlines" do a disservice to the Church at times I believe border on the grave sin of calumny.

I have been certified to teach the *Catholic Vision of Love* in the Pittsburgh Diocese. I teach the 7th grade. Having done so for the past 4 or 5 years, I found nothing of truth in the ranting of *Mothers' Watch*, which you apparently posted without sufficient research. I shall describe briefly the content of the four-hour course,

1. *Vocation God's Call*: In which we examine the four general vocations sent by God to all; Marriage, Priesthood, Religious Life, Single Life in Christ. Each is described and discussed. Under the heading *Vocation and Sexuality*, the point is made that regardless of our vocation we are called and committed to exercise our vocation in "freedom and self-control in chastity".

2. *Modesty-A Strong and Thoughtful Virtue*: [1] Modesty, life virtue, is a thoughtful and generous virtue. Modesty of heart and mind will lead to modesty in life. [2] Modest persons recognize the need for proper and pure talk about sexuality. [3] Modest persons see that the kinds of clothes they wear reflect respect for self and body. [4] Modest persons are guided by their faith in selection of media, style of dance and physical signs of affection. Each of these is discussed.

3. *Reconciliation in Our Years of Growing up*: Here we deal with the issues of reconciliation and sexuality, the importance of this sacrament in our growing up years, how to confess sins against chastity. It is also stressed that students growing up in their teens might be confused about what is right or wrong and they are encouraged to discuss these matters with their confessor. Also discussed are the benefits of frequent confession, the primary one being that this sacrament is an effective way of developing a true and binding friendship with Jesus.

4. *Christ and the Courage to be Pure of Heart*: Here we stress that Jesus taught pure love that makes the world better and fuller. Relationships of pure love take courage. Courageous love is not the kind of selfish love which can break dreams and fracture hearts. Christ calls us to live out the consequences of sexuality through a life-style of chastity.

As you can see, the course content is centered around Christ and his love and how is love should flow into and through us to others. By imitating Christ's love, we remain pure in heart, mind and spirit. I cannot comprehend how *Mother' Watch* developed their warped ideas about this course. Please, do not sully the good name of our Bishop.

Novus Ordo Watch is not taking a position on this matter. This is the post as we have received it, unedited. Anyone agreeing or disagreeing, please [email us here](#).

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