

FINAL CREATION

An Edge Night on the Creation of Humanity

Parent Letter

Dear Parents and Family,

This week at Edge your son or daughter learned about the creation of humanity. The Edge Night began with a fun guessing game and the teaching discussed the unique aspects of the creation of humanity. The youth then had an opportunity to explore the complementarity of men and women through a fun puzzle challenge. The Edge Night ended with a simple time of prayer where the youth learned how we pray with our whole being, both body and soul, and were challenged to be more aware of their posture during prayer.

Main Ideas:

- Men and women are created by God and destined for God.
- Men and women are both spiritual and physical; they have both a body and a soul.
- Humanity was created as male and female who are different yet equal and are complementary to one another.

Catechism Reference:

“Man and woman have been created, which is to say, willed by God: on the one hand, in perfect equality as human persons; on the other, in their respective beings as man and woman. ‘Being man’ or ‘being woman’ is a reality which is good and willed by God: man and woman possess an inalienable dignity which comes to them immediately from God their Creator. Man and woman are both with one and the same dignity ‘in the image of God’. In their ‘being-man’ and ‘being-woman’, they reflect the Creator’s wisdom and goodness.” (CCC 369)

Scripture Reference:

“The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; and the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.” (Genesis 2:20-24)

Family Reflection Questions:

- What is something unique about you physically? How about spiritually?
- Why is it significant that you are created in the image and likeness of God?
- What is something we can do this week to celebrate the complementarity of our family members? (Suggestions: play a family game together, build something together, cook something together.)