

March 30, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Lent



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER OF THE PARISH

Please fill out a Census Form. Census Forms are available in the church vestibule and parish office.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS & SERVICES

For rental information and kitchen services, please call the parish office at 342-1852 or 342-1420.

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil: 5:30 p.m. Saturday
Morning: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 a.m.: Monday through Friday
8:15 a.m.: Monday through Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. and by request, particularly after the 6:30 & 8:15 a.m. weekday Masses.

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF SICK

Please call the parish office (342-1852) or information and scheduling baptism, marriage, anointing of sick.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.C.I.A.)

Please see published schedule for specific dates and times, or call the parish office (342-1852).

SUNDAY SCHOOL (C.C.D.) Grades K–12, Sundays during school year, 10:05-10:55 a.m. in school bldgs.

SCHOOL, *SACS-accredited* for Grades 3K through 8. For info & registration, please call the school office.

FULL-DAY CHILDCARE, for 6-week to 2-yr. olds. For info & registration, please call the preschool office

ONE FAITH ONE FAMILY

April 4-5 at the Mobile Convention Center
Schedule of Events

Friday, April 4th Kickoff Event

- 5:00 p.m.: Fish Fry at Cooper Riverside Park outside the Convention Center, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus; air bounces and live music by Ike Ndolo.
- 6:45 p.m.: Doors Open – Childcare drop off.
- 7:00 p.m.: Chris Stefanick “Are You Thirsty?”
- 7:30 p.m.: Adoration – Archbishop Rodi. Music by Ike Ndolo Band
- 8:15 p.m.: End.

Saturday, April 5

- 8:45 a.m.: Doors Open — Childcare drop off.
- 9:15 a.m.: Opening Music — Ike Ndolo
- 9:30 a.m.: Conference Opening/Welcome. EmCee Chris Stefanick Children’s Program (abbreviated Vacation Bible School with air bounces!
- 9:45 a.m.: Dan Johnson – Welcoming Remarks
- 10:00 a.m.: Archbishop Rodi – “Priorities for the Archdiocese”
- 10:30 a.m.: Break — Child Check In, Vendors, or Ministry Fair
- 11:00 a.m.: Todd Sylvester “Families All In”
- 12:00 noon: Break – Lunch (\$8 concessions, or pack your own picnic and eat outside in park; Vendors; Ministry Fair)
- 1:00 p.m.: Entertainment / Dan Johnson “Being Plugged In”
- 1:30 p.m.: Break - Child Check In, Vendors and Ministry Fair
- 1:45 p.m.: Chris Stefanick “Core of the Gospel”
- 2:45 p.m.: Mass – Archbishop Rodi and homilist Fr. Dan Good
- 4:15 p.m.: Closing Remarks and Dismissal

Tickets and Information

The One Faith One Family Archdiocesan Conference, sponsored by the Family Life Office, is an event for anyone and everyone. Tickets are \$20 at the parish office or online. Tickets may be purchased at the event for \$25. Children, high-school age and under, are free with a parent. The celebration will feature great speakers, music, vendors, kid-friendly activities and a ministry fair as well as the special April 4th kickoff event. For more information go to www.familylifemobile.org/one or contact the parish office.

Opportunity for All-Expenses-Paid K — 12 Catholic School Education

Would you like for your child to receive a K-12 Catholic education, but think you can’t afford it? You may be eligible for a scholarship from the Alabama Opportunity Scholarship Fund (AOSF).

Info: Our school office or www.AlabamaScholarshipFund.org, or attend either upcoming information session:

Tues., April 8, 6:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Community Center
 Wed., April 9, 6:00 p.m., St. Dominic Church parish center

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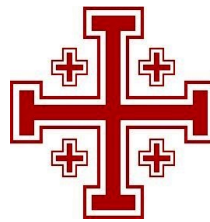
Lent

Friday Stations of the Cross & Mass

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and 7 p.m. Mass
 Through April 11

Communal Reconciliation Service

Monday, April 14, 7 p.m.



UNDERSTANDING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

ADULT SERIES OF CLASSES

for Catholic and Non-Catholic Adults

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Through April 16

Adult Ed. Room in the Community Center

For information, please contact one of the priests at

342-1852 or Church@CorpusChristiParish.com.

Our Church Bulletins are Online.

Please note the instructive insert pages in our Sunday bulletins. More than 3 years’ worth of previous bulletins are available for viewing and/or printing at www.CorpusChristiParish.com: (click the “Sunday Bulletin” tab on the left side of the Church home page.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL

Registration for the 2014-2015 school year continues.

Some grades are nearing capacity.

We currently have a few openings in K3, K4, and K5.

**We will have two K3 and two K4 classes
 for the 2014-2015 school year
 due to increased enrollment.**

Info: Please contact the school office (342-5474, ext. 1).

www.CorpusChristiParish.com/School

Support the Corpus Christi School Annual Fund

Donations can be made online at

www.corpuschristiparish.com/school

For additional information, contact Michael Montgomery at

mmontgomery@butlerpappas.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL (CCD)

Our Sunday School students currently attending either a public or other private school can apply for scholarships enabling them to enroll in our parish school and McGill-Toolen High School with all expenses paid (including tuition, fees, books, uniforms).

Visit www.AlabamaScholarshipFund.org for more information and see the announcement at left in this Sunday bulletin.

Once a month**3rd Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass**

During the school year we have a 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass the 3rd Sunday of each month **except April** since it will be Easter Sunday.

40 Days for Life

Through Palm Sunday, April 13

Pray & Fast: Visit www.mobile40daysforlife.com Pray for an end to abortion.
Stand in peaceful prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, 717 Downtowner Loop W. (across the street from Chuck E. Cheese), Wednesdays, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Info: Steve Pierre, 458-6188 or at ahoalton322@gmail.com.

Fish Fry Fridays

5:30 to 8:15 p.m.
Corpus Christi Community Center
Banquet Hall

Fish Plates start at \$6.00
Take-Out Plates at \$7.00
Hungry-Man's Plate at \$8.00
Child's Plate at \$4.00
Pizza Slice at \$1.00



Come enjoy Food, Friends, and Fellowship!

Widowed Persons' Support Group

For information call parishioner Glen Porter at 666-8977.

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall
\$9.00 for Adults • \$4.00 for Children (Age 12 & under)

April 2 ~ Menu in vestibule. Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee.

For Kids (on request): Chicken Tenders/Fries

Must RSVP no later than TUESDAY EVENING
Return an RSVP Card, or call 342-1852 or email
WedNightDinner@CorpusChristiParish.com

Men of St. Joseph

Tuesdays, 7 to 8 a.m. in the Family Room
Also Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. in the Parish House

All men are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.
Info: Jim Donaghey, jbd@orthomobile.com or www.MenOfStJoseph.com.
Wed Evening Info: Walter Bracewell, 599-1650 or walter.bracewell@yahoo.com

 **Breakfast**

Monday through Friday, 7:00 to 9:30 a.m.
In the Banquet Hall

ALSO: Fresh Hot Beignets on Tuesdays! (\$2.29 per order)

Women of Mary

Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Room 3 (2nd Floor of the Community Center)

All women are welcome to meet
for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.
Info: Sr. Deborah Kennedy, R.S.M., 753-4872.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Poor Box, Food, Clothing donations put in the designated places in the vestibule are distributed by our St. Vincent de Paul Society.
"In-Need" Drop Box: This "In-need" drop box is next to the food pantry drop-off box in the vestibule. Parishioners are encouraged to fill out a card with your need and contact information, and deposit it in the locked drop box. Your information will be held in strict confidence and a member of our society will contact you.
Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by attending a meeting.

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wed., 6:30 p.m., Com. Ctr. Conf. Rm. (2nd Flr.)

To obtain assistance, call 432-5173 and leave name & phone no.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting: 2nd Tues., Apr. 8, at 7 p.m., at the Parish House.
Contact: Grand Knight, Bob Wheat, 490-9350.

Lighthouse Catholic 80 CD Kiosk

In the vestibule — Provided by the Men of St. Joseph

CD's are \$3 each, or two for \$5. Drop payments in the kiosk. Make checks payable to "Lighthouse". Info: Jerry Scott tjscott007@comcast.net or 533-2593.

Bible Study Groups

Sundays, 8:45 -10:45 a.m. in the school counselor's conference room. Breakfast is served also. We are studying Mark's Gospel.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish House (except on the 2nd Tuesday, in the school library). Info: Dave Burchette, 367-6660.

Women's Bible Study: Thursdays, 9:00-10:45 a.m., Conference Rm., Com.Ctr. Penny Claiborne, 776-5850, claiborneps@aol.com or Joanne Donaghey, 554-6753, joannekd@aol.com

Rotating Choir ~ Hop on anytime!

The Choir rotates each weekend, from 5:30 Vigil to 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.:

Mar. 29: 5:30 p.m. Apr. 6: 9 a.m. Apr. 13: 11 a.m.

Come to the 7 p.m. practice the Wednesday before in Rm. 4.

Matthew Kelly**Passion & Purpose Event**

Saturday, May 10, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

McGill-Toolen Catholic High School

Tickets are \$39.00

Give the ones you love an opportunity to live life with Purpose. Internationally-acclaimed speaker and author, Matthew Kelly, and local musician Eliot Morris will be in Mobile to share with us his *Passion and Purpose* event. This is not your typical church event! It has been a life-changing event for tens of thousands of people.

To purchase tickets or to obtain more information, contact Susie Veasey at 510-5803 or Susie@icscommunications.com

Hearing Assistance Available in Vestibule

Two types of receivers: one fits in the ear and one is simply worn around the neck of a person who wears a hearing aid.

High School Youth

Next Sunday we will have our Annual High School Youth Road Rally! This year will be a PICTURE SCAVENGER HUNT. We will need parent drivers to volunteer. You should have a permission form in your email, or it is available on the facebook page – "Like" Corpus Christi High School Youth Ministry, or email us at corpuschristihsyouth@yahoo.com. This is one of our favorite social events! Please be at the church by 5:45 p.m. Parents, if you can help drive, please email the youth ministry email.

Mobile Deanery Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women
Spring Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, April 10, at Corpus Christi Parish
All women are welcome to attend.

Registration begins at 9:15 a.m.; meeting at 10 a.m., and Mass at 11:15 a.m., followed by luncheon. Cost of luncheon is \$12. Reservations must be made by Monday, April 2 with: Beth Cain at 973-1126 or bethrcain@bellsouth.net; Margie Bunch at 661-6827 or mbunch0719@yahoo.com; Betty Russell at 479-8907.

AA — Alanon — OA — CODA

AA: Sun., 7 p.m., and Wed., 7 p.m., Cougar Den.

Alanon: Sun., 7 p.m., and Wed., 7 p.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

OA: Sat., 9 a.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

CODA: Tues., 6:45 p.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

Welcome New Parishioners

Josh & Jacquie Burkett and their daughter, Emma

Joseph & Shelley Butler and their children,

Elijah, Samantha, Emily, Josiah, Noah, Jeremiah, Michael, Jack

Flore Ndongo and her children, Mauricette, Lauren and Abigail

Anthony & Victoria Thibodeaux and their sons, Gabe and Lucien

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Sawyer Mac Perez

(son of David Fanane Perez & Tiffany Anne Nichols)

Ryan Gregory Womack

(son of Marcellius Womack & Sarah Elizabeth Hargrave Womack)

MARRIED IN CHRIST

John Neal Bivens, III & Jessica Lynn Kohrman

First Friday Adoration 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the chapel.

Please sign up for one of the hours at the table in the vestibule.

Bulletin Announcements

Send bulletin announcements to

Bulletin@CorpusChristiParish.com

Help keep YOUR CHURCH neat: When leaving your pew, please take song sheets & bulletins with you! **Thank You!**

Around the Archdiocese: CHRISTUS presents: "Faith Taking Shape: Early Christianity and the Arts," Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m., presented by: Dr. Thomas Noble (University of Notre Dame), hosted in conjunction with Notre Dame Alumni Club Hesburgh Lecture. Spring Hill College, Gautrelet Room. Parking: Use Dauphin St. entrance. Admission is free. **Lenten Day of Reflection, sponsored by Mobile Deanery ACCW,** at Visitation Monastery, Wed., April 2, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Light lunch provided. Speaker: Sr. Patsy Guyton. Register by Sunday, March 30 by contacting Shirley Norton at 973-0626. See *The Catholic Week* for further details.

FIRST COLLECTION TODAY for tithing offerings.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY for Catholic Relief Services.

MAR. 23RD BUILDING FUND ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$1,340.94

MAR. 23RD TITHING ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$28,264.25

Thank You and God Bless You

God bless all who tithe and contribute to support God's work here at Corpus Christi, and those who make a special bequest in their will for Corpus Christi Church. For info, or to transfer shares of stock to Corpus Christi Church, contact your stockbroker, or call Steve Setterstrom at Citigroup Global Mkts. at 470-1060.

**Offering Envelopes**

If you wish to use Offering Envelopes, just notify the parish office (342-1852). An initial set will be sent to you right away, and then, every two months, you will receive a two-month's supply of envelopes.

**Online Giving**

With Online Giving you can either make a one-time contribution or set up a recurring automatic withdrawal from a checking or saving or credit card account: Go to www.CorpusChristiParish.com; click "Church"; then click the green Online Giving icon on the side left of the church's homepage. Follow the instructions to contribute to the tithing or building fund or special collections. **For assistance,** call 1-800-348-2886, ext 4, or the parish office, 342-1852.

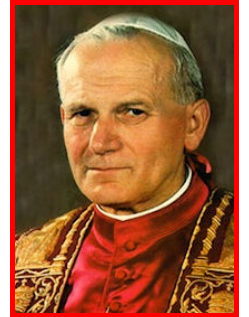
**Girl Scout Cadette Service Award Winners**

The 7th Grade Girl Scout Cadettes completed over 20 hours of service to Mobile area organizations and earned their Girl Scout Cadette Service Award. Pictured are: bottom row - Maria Sherman, Devyn Roh, Mary Owens, Josie Jalkh & Danielle Flores. Top row - Olivia Fadalla, Megan DeVoe, Emily Calagaz, Cara Colletti, Sydney Behm, Payton Arguello

The Catholic Church recognizes that there are many forms of popular piety – devotions – which are appropriate to the extent that they help a person deepen his or her faith and live with greater love for God and for neighbor. Some people find them a source of great help and comfort. Others are not strongly attracted by them, and the Church does not oblige anyone to take part in these practices.

“There is and there has to be a place for forms of piety so that the Church’s life of prayer is not reduced to liturgical worship alone. Popular devotions, however, must not interfere with the liturgical life of the Church and are less important than the Mass. The best remedy against ever possible deviations is to permeate these manifestations of popular piety with the word of the Gospel. Devotions to the saints, expressed in feast days, images, processions and so many other forms of piety, should not be reduced to merely seeking protection of material goods or bodily health. The saints must first of all be presented to the faithful as models of how to live and as imitators of Christ. Pastors must ensure that the practices do not degenerate into false piety, superstition or magic.”

— Pope John Paul II



Are Catholics Required To Believe in Private Revelations?

No. Even for those apparitions and messages which are “approved” by the church, it is not necessary for Catholics to believe anything new that was said, or even that the apparitions actually happened.

Very few reports of apparitions have been officially approved by the Church. Among those that were approved are Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1531, Our Lady of LaSalette in 1846, Our Lady of Lourdes in 1858 and Our Lady of Fatima in 1917. However, even though they have been approved by the Church, they are still considered “private revelation,” and are not a necessary component of the Catholic faith.

This reserved, cautious approach by the Church is founded on the belief, and the fact, that God was absolutely and perfectly revealed to the apostles by Jesus, and there can be no addition to the revelation given by Jesus. The words and example of the Lord provide everything. Public revelation was completed through Jesus. It is found in sacred Scripture and in the Tradition of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #65-66, 78). These form the deposit of faith, the sum of truths regarding God’s salvation of the world.

In 1982, on May 13, at Fatima, Pope John Paul II said: **“The Church has always taught and continues to proclaim that God’s Revelation was brought to completion in Jesus Christ, who is the fullness of that Revelation, and that ‘no new Revelation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord’”** (Vatican II, *Dei Verbum* 4).

Again, the Gospel, the Mass and sacraments and the official teachings of the Church are all that we need. Apart from them, no one is obliged to accept or follow anything in private revelation.

When the Church approves particular apparitions, all it is saying is that there is nothing contrary in them to Catholic faith or morals, and that following the suggestions in these messages can be helpful in our efforts toward holiness. If it enhances one’s spiritual life and one’s love of God and neighbor, that is good.

Pope Benedict XIV warned, however, that even private revelations given to a canonized saint are subject to errors. The messenger could have heard something incorrectly, or forgotten to record something. St. Catherine of Laboure, who originated the “miraculous medal” following one of her visions, when confronted with the error of certain of her predictions, admitted she got some facts of the revelation wrong.

Christ Is The Only Mediator

“The Church knows and teaches with St. Paul that there is only one mediator: ‘For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all’ (1 Tim. 2:5-6).

“The teaching of the Second Vatican Council presents the truth of Mary’s mediation as “a sharing in the one unique source that is the mediation of Christ himself.” Thus we read: ‘The Church does not hesitate to profess this subordinate role of Mary. She experiences it continuously and commends it to the hearts of the faithful, so that, encouraged by this maternal help, they may more closely adhere to the Mediator and Redeemer.’” – Pope John Paul II, *“Mother of the Redeemer”*

The Lord's mercy is far greater than any prejudice.

— Pope Francis



Speaking to 40,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis reflected on the reading from the Gospel of John that tells of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well.

He urged his listeners not to be afraid, judgmental or prejudiced. The Lord's mercy, he said, is far greater than any prejudice.

“When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Will you give me a drink?’ In this way, he cut across the barriers of hostility that existed between Jews and Samaritans, and crushed the prejudice that existed in relating to women.

The pope said that Jesus' simple request signals the beginning of an open dialogue, through which, with great delicacy, he entered the interior world of a person to whom, according to social custom, he should not even have spoken to.

“But this is exactly what Jesus does! Jesus is not afraid. When Jesus sees a person, he goes toward that person because he is filled with love. He loves all of us. He does not avoid anyone because of prejudice.”

Pope Francis said the Gospel also tells of Jesus' disciples amazement when they discovered that their Master had spoken to that woman. But, he said, the Lord is greater than prejudice – that's why he was not afraid to speak to the Samaritan woman: mercy is greater than prejudice, and Jesus, the pope said, is very merciful.

The result of that meeting at the well, Pope Francis said, was that the woman was transformed: leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and told the people of her meeting with a man ‘who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?’ She was so happy! She had gone to the well to draw water and she found the living water, the spring of living water welling up to eternal life. She ran to the village which had always judged, condemned, and rejected her, and announced that she had encountered the Messiah who had changed her life.”

In this Gospel reading, the pope explained, “we too can find the stimulus to ‘leave our water jar,’ the symbol of all that appears to be important but loses its value before the love of God. I ask you, and I ask myself: what is your water jar, the thing that weighs you down and takes you far from God? Let's leave it aside, and with our hearts listen to the voice of Jesus who is offering us another kind of water, the living water that brings us close to the Lord.”

“Lent is the right time to look inside ourselves, to allow our deep spiritual needs to come to the surface, and to ask the Lord for help in prayer.”

Past Views On Women

Q. One friend told me that St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that women are all inferior morally and mentally to men. Another friend who is supposed to know a lot about theology told me he does not believe St. Thomas would ever say anything like that. Can you tell me where remarks like this are found?

A. Anyone familiar with the history of Christian thought would know that statements along these lines are not unusual. Concerning the inferiority of women, there are some embarrassing theological traditions that must be faced.

A recent example is a series of Latin theology textbooks published only within the past few decades by an American theologian. The volume on the Sacrament of Orders reflects a long theological trend when it says that women should not be allowed to have the office of teacher because of their “natural condition of inferiority and subjection.” Being weaker, they “are inept for the heavy labors of the social and ecclesiastical life”. (!) Their moral feebleness “is manifest in the lightness of judgment, incredulity, and in the fragility of spirit by which she is less able to reign in the passions, particularly concupiscence.”

This was published in 1962, but the idea is not new. St. Thomas Aquinas (who died in 1274) said several times that women are by nature mentally and morally weaker than men, and that women are naturally subject to men. He was simply reflecting the best science of his day when he said that woman is a misbegotten or defective male. (All quotations given here are from St. Thomas’ “Summa Theologica.”)

“The active power in the male seed is intended to produce a perfect image of itself, a masculine sex,” he said. “When a female results it is either because of a weakness in this active power in the seed itself or because of some indisposition of the materials, or even from a change produced by an outside factor — for example, from south winds, which are humid.” (!) St. Thomas, incidentally, received that idea about the south winds from Aristotle.

Clearly such erroneous biology easily leads to other equally bizarre conclusions. Thomas says, for example, that women need the virtue of sobriety more than men “because there is in them a greater proneness to concupiscence... sobriety is more required in women because there is not sufficient strength of mind for them to resist these concupiscences.” And he said that, even in an emergency, a woman should not baptize if there are men around to administer the sacrament.

Unfortunate and faulty as one might find statements such as these, it seems one should hesitate in condemning too heartily Thomas and other great thinkers who accepted what was almost universally believed to be scientific fact. It illustrates, however, the kind of baggage we need to sort out to understand better the relationship of men and women in human society and in the Church. Ultimately, the answer for us appears in the fundamental equality between men and women as taught by Jesus and the New Testament (“In Christ, there is neither male nor female.” *Galatians 3:28*) — a position those theologians found almost impossible to integrate with what they “knew” to be scientifically true.

Finally, to prove that the theologians of no particular religious denomination hold a monopoly on being occasionally wrong, I offer the classic analysis of Martin Luther (“Table Talks”) on the place for women:

“Men have broad shoulders and narrow hips, and accordingly they possess intelligence. Women have narrow shoulders and broad hips. Women ought to stay at home; the way they were created indicates this, for they have broad hips and a wide foundation to sit upon.”

From “*The New Question Box*” by Fr. John Dietzen

In 1903, Pope Pius X restated the Church’s ban on women participating in church choirs. In his “Instruction On Sacred Music,” he ruled that women were not to be allowed any liturgical function. Pope Pius XII, in his 1958 “Instruction on Sacred Music,” reversed this discrimination, but in actuality, he was only acknowledging the reality that women organists, soloists and choir members were already common across Catholicism.

“It is obvious to everyone that women are now taking part in public life. This is happening more rapidly perhaps in nations with a Christian tradition, and more slowly but broadly among peoples who have inherited other traditions or cultures. Since women are becoming ever more conscious of their human dignity, they will not tolerate being treated as inanimate objects or mere instruments, but claim, both in domestic and in public life, the rights and duties that befit a human person.”

Pope John XXIII