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## THE CHALLENGE TO BE THE MAN CHRIST CALLS US TO BE Jesus Christ is Lord of every Situation in our Lives. Part I

Today we are visited by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. The presentation was taken from the Catholic Men's Fellowship NEO Conference on 3/22/2014.



Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher whose no-nonsense, hands-on approach to living the Catholic faith will challenge and inspire you. He is the Founder and Director of a Christian evangelization organization dedicated to the dissemination and promotion of Catholic values, principles, and teaching in complete faithfulness and total submission to Holy Scripture, Sacred Tradition and Teachings of the Catholic Church.

IN CHRIST WE FIND:  
PURPOSE FOR THE PAIN.  
STRENGTH FOR THE STRUGGLE.  
FAITH FOR THE FIGHT.

The goal of his apostolate is to bring as many people as possible to a deeper love of Christ and the Gospel by sharing the truth of the Catholic faith in love.

The focus of Deacon Burke's talk today gives an overview of men's spirituality and what it means to be a Catholic man in today's society.

Let us pay close attention to the Scriptures, Catechism and our presentation.

May God bless us with His Wisdom and His Work and the wherewithal to complete the mission. Amen

### Genesis 3:1-6

Now the snake was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, "Did God really say, 'You shall not eat from any of the trees in the garden'?"

The woman answered the snake: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, or else you will die.'"

But the snake said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil."



**INTEGRITY**  
INTEGRITY IS THE UNCOMPROMISING ADHERENCE TO A  
CODE OF MORAL VALUES AND PRINCIPLES.  
IT REQUIRES SOUNDNESS OF ETHICAL STRENGTH.

The woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and the tree was desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

### **Ephesians 5:25-31**

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”



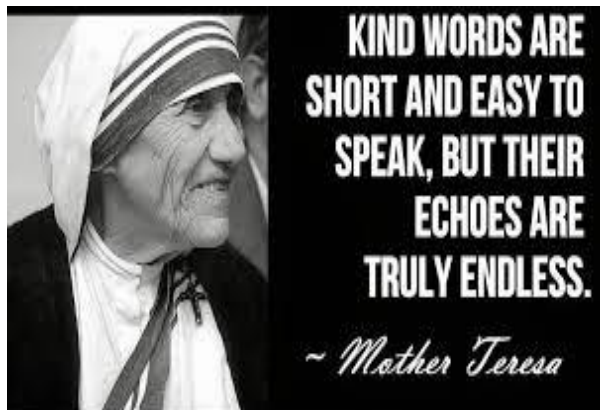
The Word of the Lord

### **Catechism**

#### A Man's Mission

**2335** Each of the two sexes is an image of the power and tenderness of God, with equal dignity though in a different way. The union of man and woman in marriage is a way of imitating in the flesh the Creator's generosity and richness: “Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.” All human generations proceed from this union.

**2363** The spouses' union achieves the twofold end of marriage: the good of the spouses themselves and the transmission of life. These two meanings or values of marriage cannot be separated without altering the couple's spiritual life and compromising the goods of marriage and the future of the family.



**2364** The married couple forms “the intimate partnership of life and love established by the Creator and governed by his laws; it is rooted in the conjugal covenant, that is, in their irrevocable personal consent.”

Both give themselves definitively and totally to one another. They are no longer two; from now on they form one flesh. The covenant they freely contracted imposes on the spouses the obligation to preserve it as unique and indissoluble.

“What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.”

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**Questions to Focus on:**

1 Satan attempts to get us to cut ourselves off from God's Life. How does the Devil plant the seeds of Doubt and Confusion in our lives?

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2 A Woman by definition, is the very Heart of God's Love in our world. A Man's Mission is to Serve, Protect and Defend those Blessings in our lives. How can we best do this?

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3 The Rosary is a weapon that causes Satan to run away from the person who prays it. Are you using this valuable tool? Are there other holy weapons in our arsenal?

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The battle line between good and evil runs through the heart of every man.  
*Alexander Solzhenitsyn*

**Men's Group Calendar**

<b>8/23/2014</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>9/13/2014</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>9/27/2014</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>10/11/2014</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>10/25/2014</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library



A Man who never quits is Never Defeated.  
We are ordinary men who labor for Christ.

**ACTION PLAN**

This week I will do my best to be a Miracle for others by:

Creating a daily prayer practice

Seeking God in prayer and being quiet in His presence

Asking God for strength to resist temptation and sin

Paying more attention to Blessing those in my life as God intends

Asking Jesus for help in becoming a better servant

WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS,  
FOR THEY BECOME WORDS.  
WATCH YOUR WORDS,  
FOR THEY BECOME ACTIONS.  
WATCH YOUR ACTIONS,  
FOR THEY BECOME HABITS.  
WATCH YOUR HABITS,  
FOR THEY BECOME CHARACTER.  
WATCH YOUR CHARACTER,  
FOR IT BECOMES YOUR DESTINY.

Do Good and Avoid Evil

May God Bless You.  
St. Hilary Men's Group



Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself, forgive me, and fill me with every good thing, not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave. Amen

*Lord, help me to pray not as an exercise of my will,  
But a surrender to Yours.  
Thank You for Your goodness to me.  
Amen.*

