*Your Christian Vocation*

**Chapter 2**

calumny A false statement that “harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (CCC, 2477).

chastity The moral virtue which provides for the successful integration of sexuality within one’s whole identity, leading to the inner unity of the physical and spiritual being (see CCC, 2337).

continence Refraining from use of the sexual faculties and any sexual act through self-control, which is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, and is granted a person through the aid of prayer.

detraction Disclosure of another’s faults and sins, without an objectively valid reason, to persons who did not know about them, thus causing unjust injury to that person’s reputation (see CCC, 2477).

Divine Economy The name for the divine plan of salvation. “The ultimate end of the whole divine economy is the entry of God’s creatures into the perfect unity of the Blessed Trinity” (CCC, 260).

efficacious Effecting or accomplishing that which a thing represents.

fecundity Fruitfulness. In relation to marriage, fecundity refers to procreation and education of children as one of the promises of marriage.

fidelity Faithfulness. In relation to marriage, fidelity refers to one of the promises of marriage. Both spouses give of themselves definitely 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. (CCC, 2364)

fornication “Sexual intercourse between an unmarried man and unmarried woman.” Fornication is a serious violation of the Sixth Commandment of God (see CCC Glossary)

indissolubility Permanence. In relation to marriage, indissolubility means that a marriage cannot be dissolved either by the withdrawal of consent of the married partners or by civil authorities.

Mosaic Law The laws, beginning with the Ten Commandments, that God gave to Moses for the Israelites. It includes rules for ritual religious observance as well as rules for everyday life.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) A method approved by the Church for naturally planning and spacing the birth of children in marriage that honors the unitive and procreative purposes of the sexual act.

Paschal Mystery Christ’s work of Redemption accomplished through his Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. It is celebrated and made present in the liturgy of the Church (see CCC, Glossary).

personalism A philosophical movement that emphasizes the meaning and value of human persons and their relationality to each other and God.