



# That Man is You!

MEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

**COMING to the Co-CATHEDRAL:** *That Man is You!* is a 26 week interactive Bible study focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming society. This men's leadership program is starting here in the Cathedral Centre on Wednesday, September 9, and is available to parishioners and non-parishioners alike.

<u>Morning Schedule</u>	
5:45 am:	Doors Open / Breakfast
6:15 am:	Presentation
7:00 am:	Breakout Group Discussion
7:30 am:	Conclusion

*That Man is You!* seeks to form men who are fully alive by harmonizing what has typically been referred to as the Three Wisdoms of the Catholic Church knowledge (secular knowledge including medical and social science), understanding (theology including Scripture, the Magisterium and Tradition), and wisdom (contemplative or mystical knowledge found primarily in the writings of the saints).

Recognizing that modern men live in and are comfortable with a culture dominated by the findings of secular science, the program makes extensive use of medical and social science. The findings of medical science have proven invaluable in helping men understand the mystery of the human person, created male and female, while the findings of social science have proven indispensable in helping men understand the fundamental importance of marriage and the family to larger society.

Recognizing that the vast majority of men are married at some point in their adult life, the theological content of the program heavily emphasizes the importance of the spousal union in salvation history: "Marriage has been placed at the heart of the great struggle between good and evil, between life and death, between love and all that is opposed to love" (Pope John Paul II. October 7, 1995). As such it relies heavily upon the writings of Pope John Paul II. Special emphasis is given to his Wednesday audiences gathered together in *The Theology of the Body* and to his Apostolic Exhortation on the family, *Familiaris Consortio*.

A particular strength of the program is the vision of woman presented to men. This vision is heavily influenced by St. Maximilian Kolbe's contemplative insights into Our Lady's inseparable union with the Holy Spirit. The understanding of woman provided by this vision is credited with literally transforming men and their marriages.

Recognizing that Pope John Paul II has made the "contemplation of the face of Christ with Man." an essential aspect of the new evangelization; the program seeks in a somewhat limited manner to introduce men to the Church's great treasury of contemplative theology. The writings of the saints as well as those of Fr. Marie Dominique Philippe, founder of the Brothers of St. John, one of the fastest growing contemplative orders in the Church, have proven effective in providing the theological depth lacking in many men's programs.

By harmonizing these "three wisdoms," the program has "opened vistas" and "made the faith come alive" for men in ways that would have been impossible given a more narrow focus. Men consistently consider the content to be the greatest strength of the program.

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