

build your life around God."

- Fr. Larry Richards

- 1. Continue to reflect and remember your insights and resolutions from our programs; consider reading other recommended reading and ongoing journaling.
- 2. Share about your experiences from our programs, or your story, with a good trusted friend, married couple, spiritual director, and/or a faith-based community at your parish. (The surest way to healing and virtue is through good, faith-filled friendships. In particular, seek out great models for marriage and love and an active parish life.)
- 3. Be intentional when making the Sign of the Cross for any prayer, remembering that you belong to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Baptism. (You are God's beloved, capable of great love! You are a child of a perfect marriage.)
- 4. Spend at least 10-15 minute a day in daily prayer; take insights from our written materials and programs to God in prayer; from time to time consider doing the suggested spiritual practices in those materials. (We cannot know Christ if we do not know His holy words, His love letter to us.)
- 5. Pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament or Eucharistic Adoration once a month or more.
- 6. **Go to Mass on Sundays and take advantage of daily Mass whenever you can.** ("The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but Heaven itself." Saint Peter Julian Eymard)
- 7. Practice virtue, especially the virtue of forgiveness. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet frequently and ask for the grace of merciful love. Go frequently to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (If you fall into sin, then simply go to confession and recommit yourself to living God's plan of life and love.)
- 8. **Cultivate a friendship with Mary and the saints.** Continue to learn from them about how to develop one's interior prayer life, to suffer well, and to live other virtues.
- 9. **Take advantage of other spiritual resources for your healing Life-Giving Wounds support groups,** the many resources listed at <a href="https://www.lifegivingwounds.org">www.lifegivingwounds.org</a>, counseling, spiritual direction, etc. Stay in touch with Life-Giving Wounds as well (Facebook page, newsletter)!
- 10. **Be involved in a faith-based ministry to continue to grow your faith.** If dating, engaged or married, then make sure to find good mentors for love to learn from and lean upon in marriage.

