

Christopher West to hold February seminars

Noted author and speaker Christopher West will present two seminars in the Archdiocese of St. Louis next month on Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body."

West, a research fellow and faculty member of the Theology of the Body Institute, will present a "Created and Redeemed" seminar from 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Cardinal Rigali Center in Shrewsbury.

The seminar, which serves as an introduction to Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" using layman's terms, is sponsored by the archdiocese and coordinated by the Catholic Education Office.

West will address why people are created male and female, where people come from and why. According to West, many think they understand what the

Church teaches about the body and the relationship between man and woman. However, he has said that the deeper reasons for these teachings are not well understood.

West also teaches at St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver, the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, Neb., and at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Melbourne, Australia. He has written several books, including "Good News About Sex and Marriage" and "Theology of the Body for Beginners."

Cost of the two-day seminar is \$40 if registered by Friday, Feb. 2, \$50 after Feb. 2, and \$60 at the door. Cost includes a registration fee, seminar workbook, refreshments on Friday evening and a boxed lunch on Saturday.

Payment can be sent to the

Catholic Education Office, Attn: Jim Relleke, 20 Archbishop May Drive, St. Louis, MO 63119. For more information, call Relleke at (314) 792-7373.

The archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry and TEC Conference also will host West for a talk on "Good News About Sex and Marriage" for young adults and college-age students from 7-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Cardinal Rigali Center.

Cost is \$7 per person, and free pizza and drinks will be provided. To register online or for more information, visit www.stlyouth.org/theologyofthebody or call Rosanne Twellman with the Youth Ministry Office at (314) 633-2506.

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