

Parenting Conference 2020

Sexuality: Rev. Fr. Raphael K. Barberg

Synopsis: Difficult Conversations: Discussing Sexuality with your children

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Section 1: Introduction - Why this matters?

1. Our culture can easily be described as “hypersexual.” Combined with the hyper-politicism which is also present in our contemporary society, an environment is created that encourages people to explore and express every desire, sexual and otherwise. From the Christian point of view, this path leads to alienation from God, our fellow man and our own essence, so is thus defined as “sinful.” So discussing the issue of sexuality with our children is of more importance than it has ever been.

Section 2: Outline of my presentation

1. To discuss the question of “What is sexuality and what is it for,” we must first answer the question of “what are men and women for.” And prior to that the question, “What is man and why art thou mindful of Him?”

Section 3: Additional Resources

1. *The Ethics of Beauty* by Dr. Timothy Patitsas
2. *Parenting Towards the Kingdom* by Dr. Philip Mamalakis
3. *Becoming Human: Meditations on Christian Anthropology in Word and Image* by Fr. John Behr

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Bio: Reverend Fr. Raphael Barberg is the pastor of St. George Orthodox Church in Niagara Falls, NY. Fr. Raphael is a retired police officer and he and his beautiful wife, Kh. Kelleylynn have raised/are raising 5 great kids age 10-23. Father is a life-long Buffalo Bills fan and has great optimism that the suffering that that has invoked will be alleviated this season.