



The Joy of Love

Study Guide

Chapter Five - "Love Made Fruitful"

1. **"Welcoming a New Life"** "For God allows parents to choose the name by which he himself will call their child for all eternity." Take some time to consider what this truly means. What is your name? Do you know why you were given this name? Do you have children? What name have you given them and why?
2. **"Love and Pregnancy"** "Every child has a right to receive love from a mother and a father; both are necessary for a child's integral and harmonious development." What does this look like in the world today? What are some of the challenges parents face in today's society?
3. **"An Expanding Fruitfulness"** "Some couples are unable to have children. We know that this can be a cause of real suffering for them." How does God call these couples to fruitfulness? In what ways can we all expand our fruitfulness in the world?
4. **"Discerning the Body"** "The Eucharist demands that we be members of the one body of the church." How can we open the "doors of the family" to the underprivileged? How can we make a greater commitment to those in need? What does that look like in your life?
5. **"Being Sons and Daughters, The Elderly, Being Brothers and Sisters"** "Even if one becomes an adult, or an elderly person, even if one becomes a parent, if one occupies a position of responsibility, underneath all of this is still the identity of a child. We are all sons and daughters. And this always brings us back to the fact that we did not give ourselves life but that we receive it." Who is in your family, the small circle and the larger circle? How do you care for those God has placed in your life?
6. This week pray for the fruitfulness of all families. Ask the Holy Spirit to increase love within the small circles and large circles of our families.