A beautiful and a wondrous aspect of marriage is the realization of the fact that one's wife is personally and completely his. We, in marriage, belong to each other. We vow to love, to honor, to comfort, to keep in sickness and in health. We vow even to cherish until death do us part.

St Paul admonishes husbands to love their wives "as Christ loves the Church and gave Himself up for her. Husbands should love their wives as they love themselves." (Ephesians 6)

Somehow the analogy of marriage also applies to the relationship of the married couple to the Church. Were this to be comprehended, the problem of divorce, separation, homosexual union, infidelity, family disagreements, and quarreling would be solved. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

Thus, Christ must be personal to us personally, and in our marriages, in our very lives, and in the Church. It is not a corporate matter but an individual matter. At one time I had a patient who had a chronic ulcer problem on the skin of her ankles. I would care for her medically and then I would pray for her. Instead of remaining silent in quiet reverence, she would say, as if Jesus were right there with us, "Please, Lord - oh please, Lord. Thank you, thank you Jesus." Jesus was her personal Savior, her Lord, her healer, and this was so evident. In praying for her, the patient and her doctor were always helped, since Jesus was there "to comfort and care."

In the Episcopal Church the confession is corporate, but I feel it must be personal and individual. As a chalice bearer, I use the old mass "The Word of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee and be thankful." Contrast this with "The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." The latter statements are a recitation of wondrous facts but they may not be heard or interpreted as personal.

Jesus died for the whole world, and He also died for me. There is a hymn, which says, "For me, for me He died." Also we sing, "Love lifted me, love lifted me." Not love lifted us, even though this is true, it is wonderful to know that Jesus' love has lifted me.

Let us not lose our personal Jesus. We sing, "I love Him, I love Him, because He first loved me; and purchased my salvation on Calvary's tree." John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." The world is comprised of individuals who make up the world's corporate identity, but each person must ask Jesus to come into his own heart and to forgive and save him, an individual part of that world community.

We speak today of globalism and the world community, but we must not neglect individual identity and we must know how important that individual identity is. Just as babies are born one by one, there are no two individuals alike.
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POINT OF VIEW

Some years ago, my dear wife was asked to speak to a women’s group at a local church in Tampa. She chose the subject, “My Home, Christ’s Sanctuary.” It was her deep inner conviction, as it was my own, that one must have a happy, Christ-centered home - a veritable sanctuary - where the person can go from all the pressures of life to find love, peace, and happiness. In a true sense going home is very much like going into the church where one also finds God’s love, His peace, and His joy unspeakable.

Pope John Paul II has always laid great stress on the family as “the domestic Church and as the school of a deeper humanity.” Regarding Poland, he saw it under communism to be a country “where the government aimed at total social control through its monopoly of the mass media and the educational system. The family - along with its ally, the Church - remained one of the last bastions of freedom.” Speaking in southern Poland near his beloved Tatri Mountains, the pope said, “I desire that man should develop completely with the support of indissoluble bonds between husband and wife in a family atmosphere, which cannot be replaced by anything else. And I desire that the Polish family should give life, that it should be faithful to the sacred right to life. If the right of man to live is transgressed at the very moment when he starts to become a human being, in his mother’s womb, then the entire moral order - which indirectly serves to protect the inalienable welfare of man, is jeopardized.” He said in Chicago to the bishops, “Euthanasia or mercy killing…is a grave moral evil…such killing is incompatible with respect for human dignity and reverence for life.”

Pope John Paul II is a lonely voice in a world which has problems with the family, with the Church, with marriage, with reverence for life and with traditional values which in America have made our nation great and blessed. Personally, I am thankful for his valiant stand for holiness, for righteousness, for reverence, and for the family of God. Recently a man and his young companion went across America killing innocent, unsuspecting people whether they be young or old, male or female, black or white (really like an abortionist does when he snuffs out human life at the time of suction curetage or late-term pithing). We dare not sow the wind, lest we reap the whirlwind. At this time of the threat of war, we need to pray for God's guidance and protection, to read and meditate upon His Word, and to read and to listen to those special prophets who hear and obey our heavenly Father. We also need to stand - and having done all - to stand.”

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