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ISSUE Youth Programming

07 03 2015 at 1900 Life on the Rock 60 minutes Fr. Mark and Father Mark interviewed Ryan Colby from the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. Ryan and others from the Becket Fund publicly defend people being persecuted because of their moral and faith beliefs. Ryan said that our rights come from God not from government. Some of their cases that are well known include defending before the Supreme Court the Hobby Lobby and Little Sisters of the Poor cases.

07 10 2015 at 1900 Life on the Rock 60 minutes Fr. Mark Mary and Doug Barry opened the show discussing Pope Francis Wednesday audiences, speaking on marriage and family. They interviewed apologist Trent Horn from Catholic Answers who specializes in advice and strategies for Catholics to faithfully and competently debate atheism and various pro choice arguments. Trent speaks on his time at Catholic Answers and how he got his start as an apologist. He is a convert to Catholicism, from deism, through his time in a Catholic youth group. Trent speaks on the times we live in and how Catholics are being attacked every day. We must respond. Being silent only allows the error and evil to spread. This is where Trent is able to educate Catholics on how to debate and be vocal on pressing issues. They played a video from Chris Stefanick on the Catholic view of same sex attraction. Trent points out that there are many areas that we can agree with the opposite side, in terms that everyone deserves respect and that they are not defined by their sexuality, but there are many points that we must disagree on. We must put forward the point that men are only truly alive when they live life in the way God intended them to.

07 17 2015 at 1900 Life on the Rock 60 minutes Fr. Mark Mary and Doug Barry opened the show discussing Pope Francis Encyclical on the environment. They welcome to the show Mitch Boersma of the Catholic Information Center in Washington, D.C. The organizations mission is to keep the Churchs teachings alive in the hearts of the young men and women who live and work there. They host many events for young men and women to meet each other, connect, and grow with each other in their faith. Many young adults may also come to the Center in hopes of finding a Catholic spouse. Mitch was born and raised Catholic. His youth minister played a huge role in his faith life. He has been married nearly two years with one son. CICs mission is to offer spiritual and intellectual tools to young professionals who attend the Center, so they can defend their faith in the workplace. The Center also offers Confession over the lunchbreak, which is highly attended. If someone does not live in DC, they can listen to all talks on the CIC website. Mitch said all Catholics are called to be Disciples of Christ to evangelize and spread the word to everyone, even those who are very hostile to our faith. Mitch explained that many Catholics today want to practice their faith without others knowing it. The Catholic Information Center equips young adults for the battle ahead of them and makes them vocal.

07 24 2015 at 1900 Life on the Rock 60 minutes Fr. Mark Mary and Doug Barry opened the show talking to Lou Judd, director of Sports Leader Rosary Rally, on the phone about the upcoming rally. They welcomes Fr. Marc Swartvagher and Fr. Joseph Fitzgerald, former Olympic athlete, to the show. Fr. Joseph explains the route for Biking 4 Vocations event. Along the bike path, the bikers stopped to celebrate Mass, celebrate ordinations, and encourage young men everywhere to seek out the priesthood and religious life. The trip was 28 days long, averaging 55 miles a day. They also encountered many people along the trip whom they got to know and quickly became friends. Physical accomplishments appealed to the youth in todays culture. They also played a Chris Steffanick film about Gods mercy for us all. Fr. Marc explained how a community can start Biking 4 Vocations in their own diocese. Dioceses do not need a 1400 mile trip, but merely a ride to raise awareness of vocations in your home diocese.

07 31 2015 at 1900 Life on the Rock 60 minutes Fr. Mark Mary and Doug Barry open the show discussing the upcoming World Youth Day in Poland. They welcome Cristina Barba, Nathan Maurer, and Catie Payne from The Culture Project to the show. The aim of The Culture Project is to restore human dignity and virtue in this world. They believe that every person has an important role in todays culture and they want to restore that. Catie says that the culture is not going to change from the top down, starting in the government, but rather through each individual choosing to live a virtuous life. Her role is to invite others to encounter Jesus in their lives like they do. Nathan explains how they live, love, and have fun all within the realm of virtue. They discuss community life and how you can grow from it. From giving the small annoyances to God, or growing closer to God together, community life will always help you grow in your faith. Lastly, they discuss Mary, and the importance she has on their mission. Almost

all the missionaries have consecrated themselves to Mary, asking her to help in the battle. They remind everyone that there is hope in this world. Finding yourself as a beloved child of Christ is key

08 14 2015 at 1900 Life on the Rock 60 minutes Fr. Mark Mary and Doug Barry open the show with the Crossroads Pro Life Walkers. They are one of three groups walking across the U.S. to bring awareness to the ProLife movement and spreading the gospel of life. Fr. Mark and Doug also welcome Michael Filamor and Linda Grijalba from St. Veronicas Chantilly, Virginia to discuss their fast growing young adult youth groups in the Diocese of Arlington. In college, Michael joined a group called Youth Apostles which gave him his first opportunity in youth ministry. Post college, he ran five different youth groups. Linda found a home in the St. Veronicas young adult group. Michael explains the work the goes into running their young adult group. They aim to host events that welcome new members, make them feel at home, and have fun themes to get all the members involved. Linda explains that most people who attend are looking for a sense of community that they can belong to. They play a short Chris Steffanick clip about priesthood. Linda further explains why fellowship is the most important, rather than splitting people into learning groups. When people feel pressured to fit into a group, it is a turnoff, so they focus on the fellowship side most.

08 21 2015 at 1900 Life on the Rock 60 minutes Fr. Mark Mary and Doug Barry open the show discussing how important it is to be battle ready in the secular world today. They welcome Maura Preszler to discuss her journey of healing from an eating disorder and how she found hope. She created the Made In his Image group in 2011 to help girls turn from victim to survivor. On the website they discuss forgiveness, image, love, abuse, eating disorders, depression, etc. 1 in every 4 women suffer from a sexual assault and an eating disorder. This alone proves how important her ministry is today. Having come from a life of childhood abuse and an eating disorder, Maura found healing in adoration. She prays before the Lord for an hour a day asking for healing and help to see herself in the beautiful way that God sees her. The goal of the website is to give hope to others for healing. Maura believes that recovery is a lifelong journey and God is using her past to help bring others to him as well. Through the pain, God has brought healing and beauty into her life that she can share. She said the first step to healing is to share your struggle with someone. Maura believes that the media today is a huge contributor to how young women see themselves and she encourages women to see themselves how God does, not how the world does.

09 04 2015 at 1900 Life on the Rock 60 minutes Fr. Mark Mary and Doug Barry open the show with Justin Fatica and Jeremy Rivera who are there to share their experience filming *You are Amazing*, a cross country bus tour around the United States done to help awaken people to Gods love for them. Justin is the executive director of Hard as Nails Ministry. The two men and a couple other missionaries started the You are Amazing event where they explain to students world wide that teens are amazing because they are made by God. They air some clips of missionaries and students who are telling their stories. Love covers a multitude of sins, it hurts, and people suffer. All people can learn from this that they we are amazing because God gave his only Son for us out of love and sacrifice. Jenny, whose son is a missionary, called in and spoke about the life changing experience these retreats offer for those who attend. Fr. Mark, Doug and their guests took questions that were sent in during the show.

09 11 2015 at 1900 Life on the Rock 60 minutes Fr. Mark Mary and Doug Barry open the show discussing how people are restless until they rest in God. They welcome Maria Pearson, blog writer for Young and Catholic, to the show to share how she teaches young Catholics ways to grow in their faith and live it out with confidence daily. Starting the blog at age 19, Maria wanted to share her faith, especially with those who are in the same age range as herself. When she writes, she aims to come across as loving as possible. Maria goes on to discuss sexual purity, the issue of sex outside of marriage today. Sex is for procreation, and when you use contraception, you are taking all self giving love and nourishment out of the act. When dating, you should not date unless you see a possible future with that person. Maria also writes a lot about the practice of prayer. They play a clip about the upcoming World Meeting of Families and the Pope Francis visit to America. They discuss how the secular world is attacking the family today and the importance of family today. On the issue of modesty, Maria wrote about the effects it can have on both young women and men. When you dress modestly, you are showing respect to your own body.

09 18 2015 at 1900 Life on the Rock 60 minutes Fr. Mark Mary and Doug Barry open the show discussing a group called Ignite that Fr. Mark had met and interviewed. John Liston, executive director of Serra International, joins the show to discuss his work with vocations of priesthood and religious life. The work they do ranges from

sending birthday cards to the seminarians for dinners celebrating the newly ordained in every diocese. Serra clubs help run perpetual adoration in many of the communities they are in. John says that they have seen a spike in vocations in parishes that have adoration because that time allows for an opportunity to have an encounter with Christ. John admits that women outnumber the men in the USA Council of Serra International. They are involved in bringing young men to vocations and praying for them. Doug discusses and calls out to men to be leaders to other young men or their sons. They discuss their patron, Blessed Junipero Serra, and his upcoming canonization in Washington. John tells of the many plans the groups have around the U.S. for the Popes visit.

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