

Year 6

The wonder of God's love in creating new life



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Aim

To develop a secure understanding of what stable, caring relationships are and the different kinds there may be. Focusing on Catholic teaching, children will also know and understand about the conception of a child within marriage.



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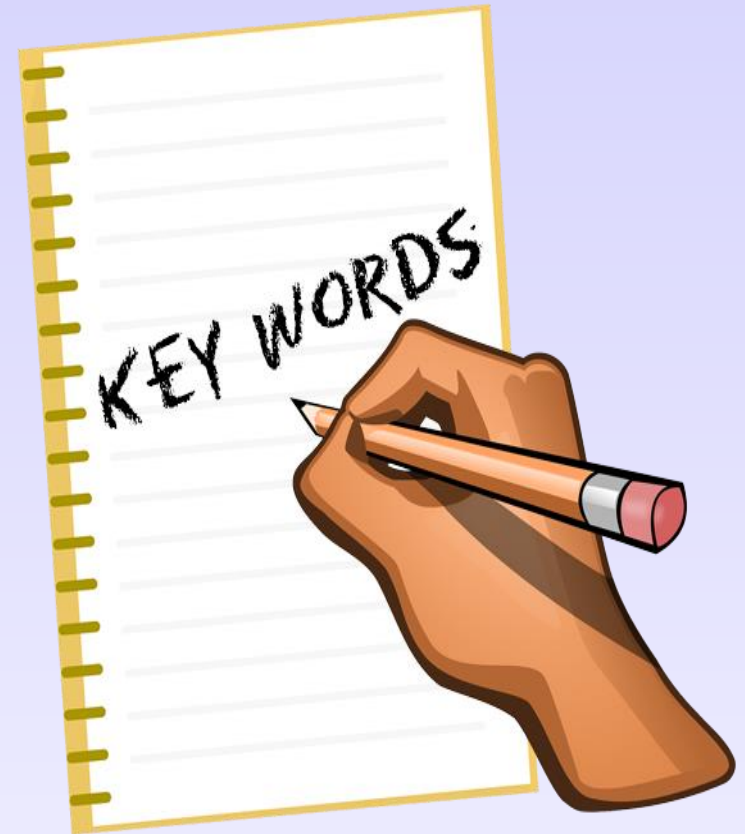
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Skills

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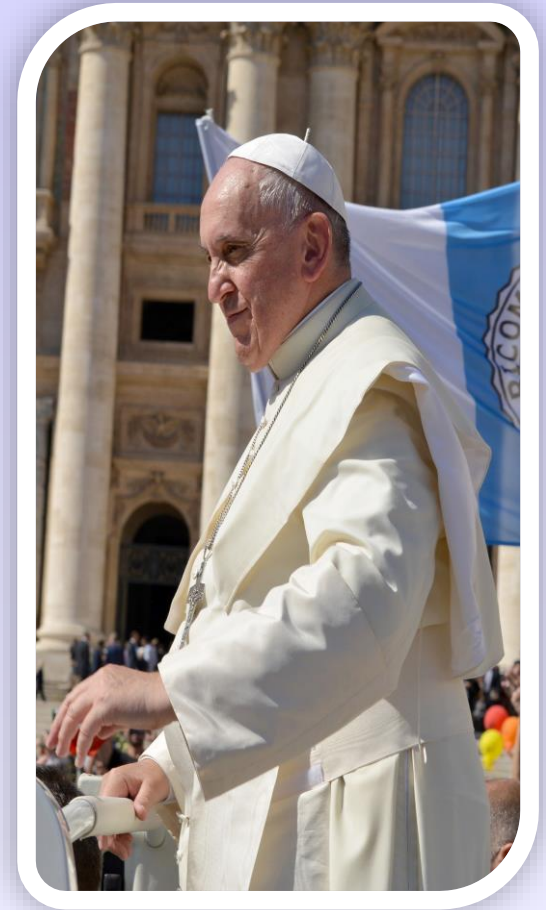
Learning intention

To develop a secure understanding that stable and caring relationships, which may be of different types, are at the heart of happy families.



*Lovers do not see their relationship as merely temporary
Those who marry do not expect their excitement to fade.
Those who witness the celebration of a loving union,
however fragile, trust that it will pass the test of time.
Children not only want their parents to love one another,
but also to be faithful and remain together.
These and similar signs show that it is in the very nature of
conjugal love to be definitive.
The lasting union expressed by the marriage vows is more
than a formality or a traditional formula; it is rooted in the
natural inclinations of the human person.*

Pope Francis



Questions

What is your understanding of love?

St Paul tells us:

Love is always patient and kind; love is never jealous; love is not boastful or conceited, it is never rude and never seeks its own advantage, it does not take offence or store up grievances. love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but finds its joy in the truth.

It is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes. love never comes to an end. As it is, these remain: faith, hope and love, the three of them; and the greatest of them is love.



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Questions (continued)

What does it mean to be patient, kind and never jealous?

What does it mean not to be boastful, conceited, and to never seek advantage?

What does it mean to not take offence, store up grievances or rejoice at wrongdoing?

Explain what it means that love finds its joy in the truth, is always ready to make allowances, endure whatever comes and never comes to an end?

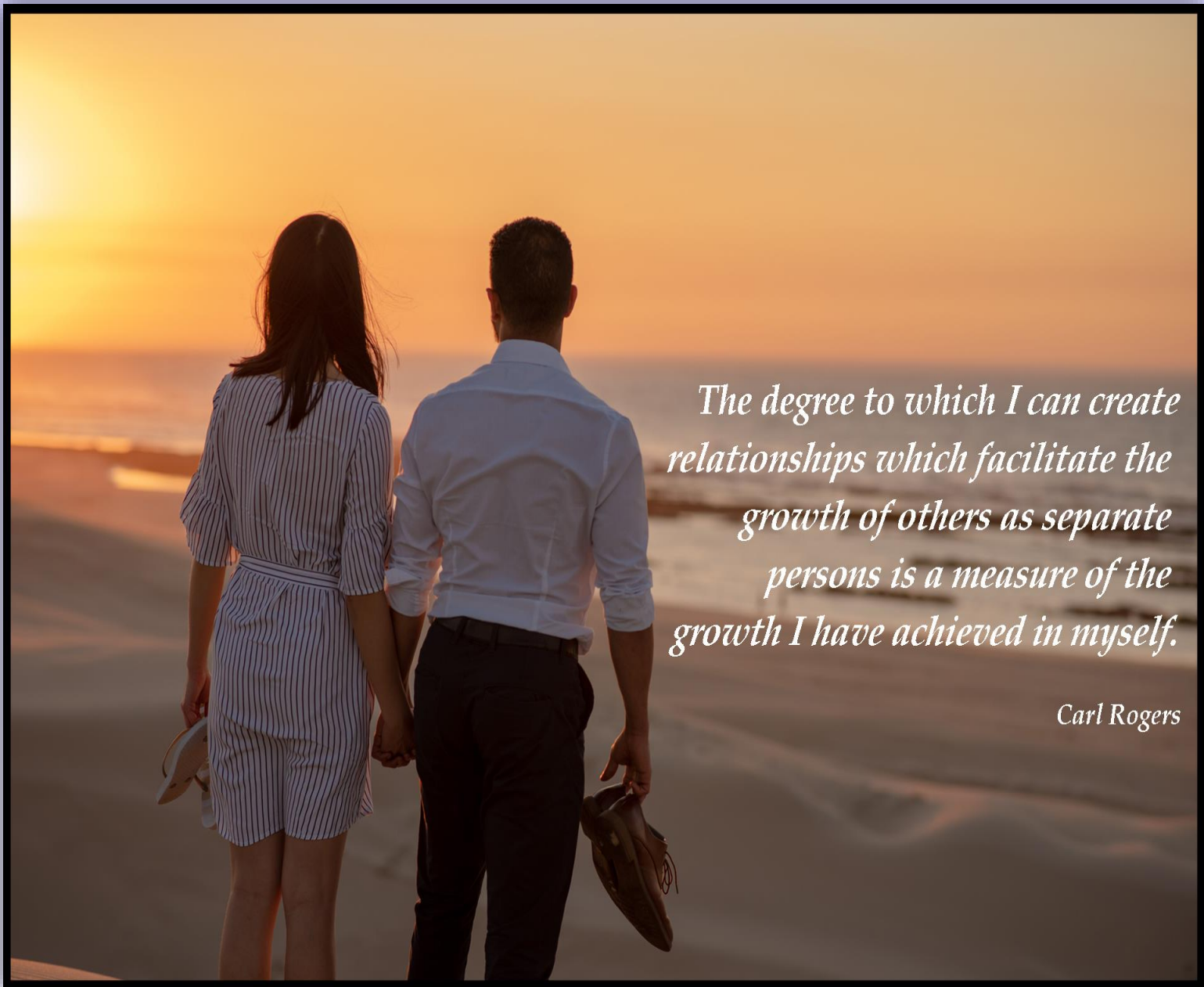


Pause and reflect

*Small things, done in great love,
Bring joy and peace.*

St Teresa of Calcutta

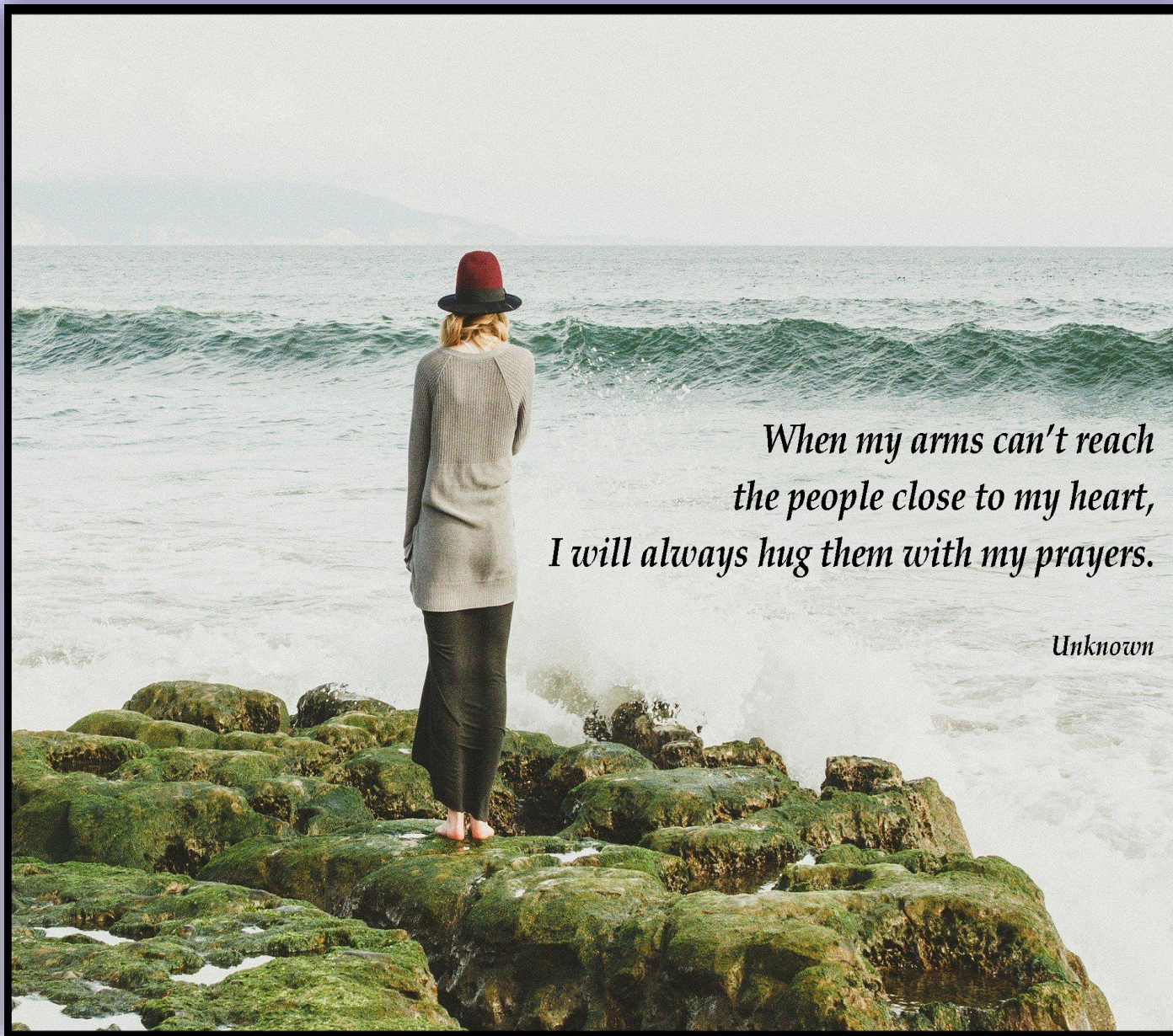




The degree to which I can create relationships which facilitate the growth of others as separate persons is a measure of the growth I have achieved in myself.

Carl Rogers





Physical

Learning intention

Explain how human life is conceived.



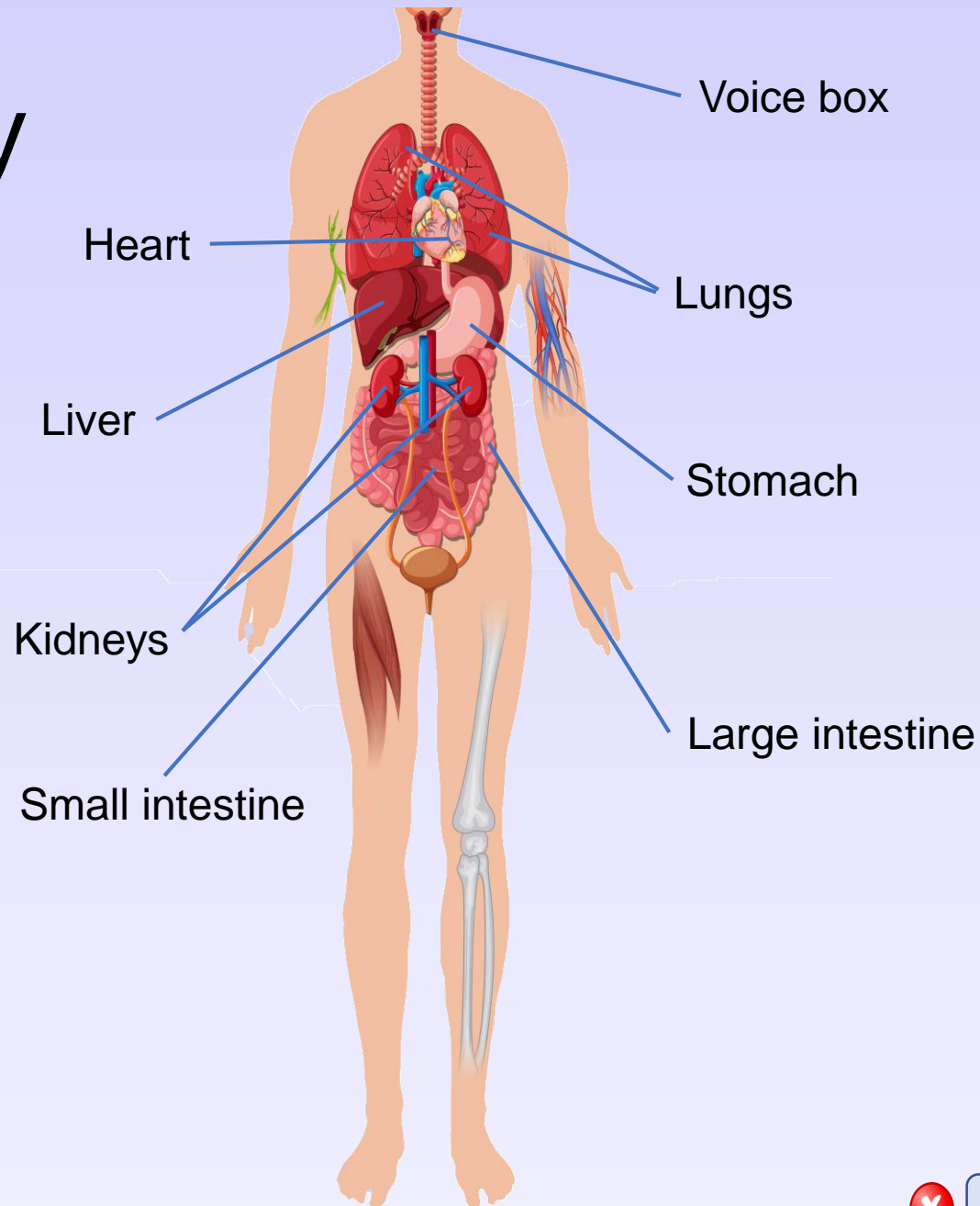
Questions

What are the key building blocks of a loving relationship?

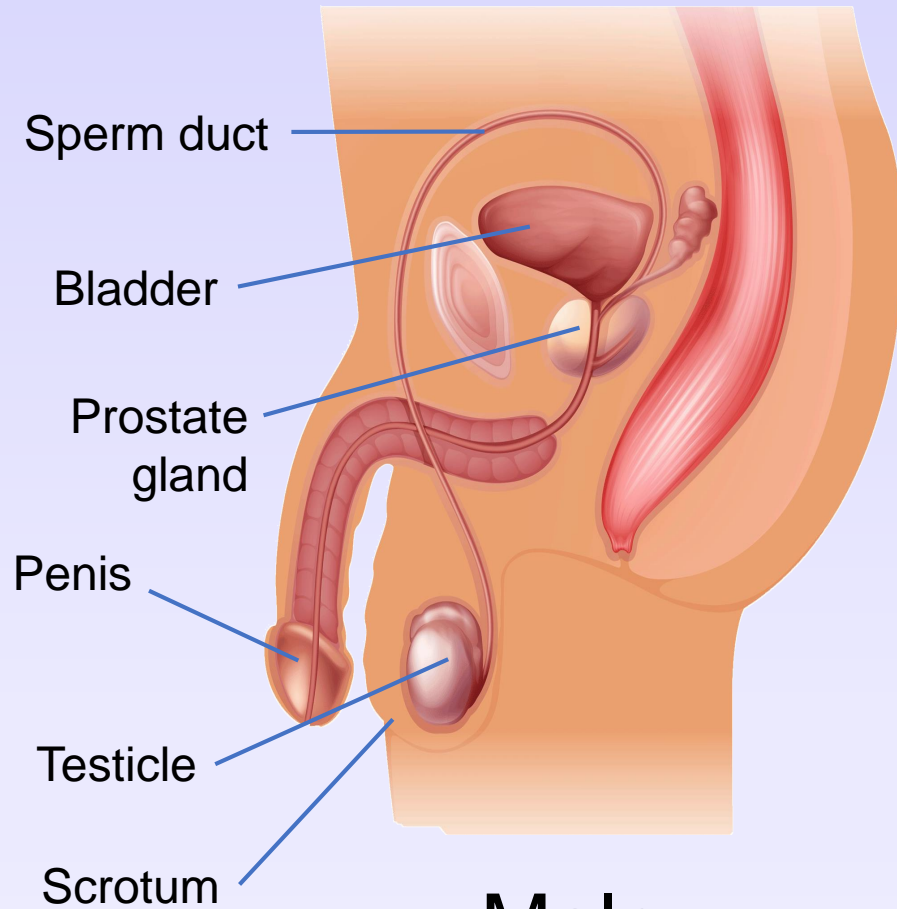
How does conception take place?



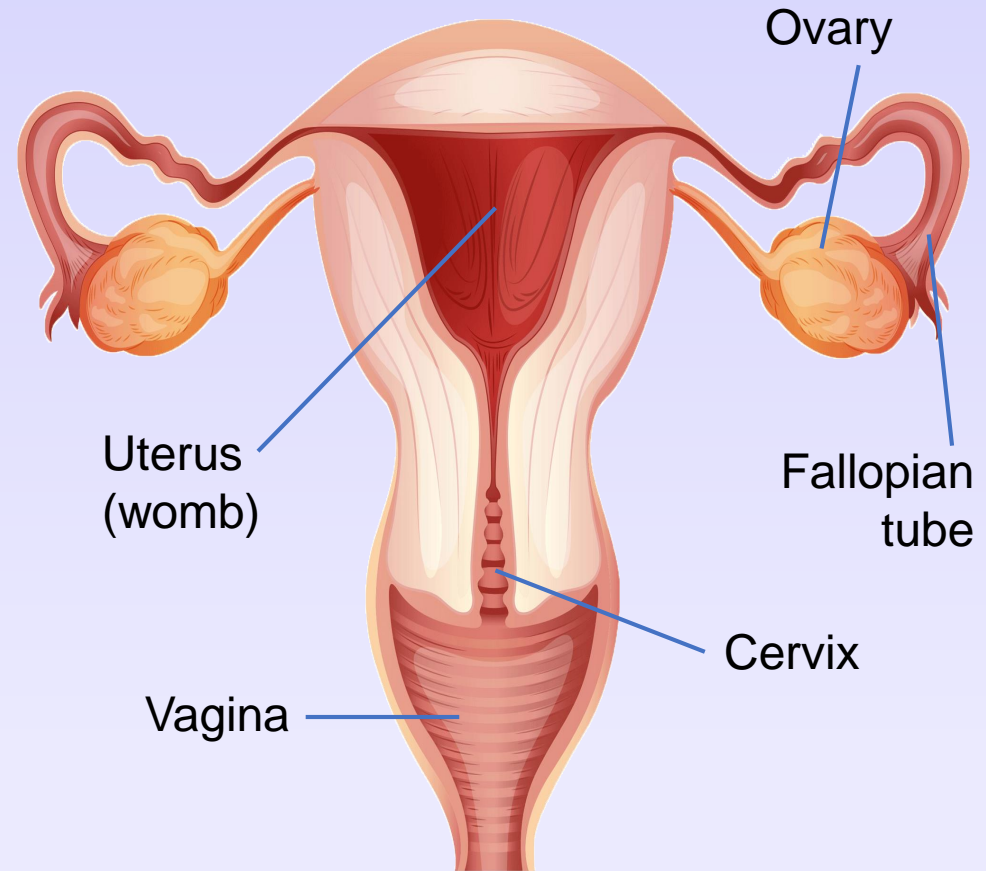
Anatomy



Male and female reproductive organs



Male



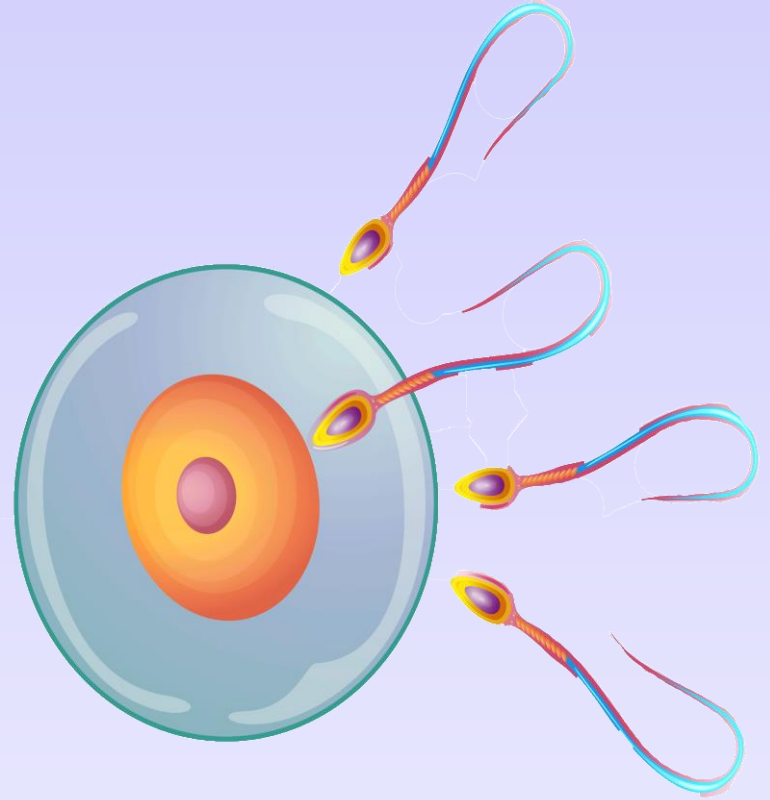
Female

Sexual intercourse between husband and wife is a joyful expression of their love for each other.

It is an act of intimate self-giving, made by two people who want to give everything of themselves to the person they love and respect.

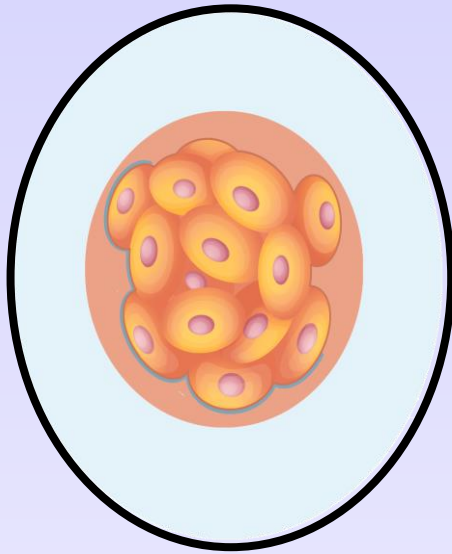
When a couple make love the husband's penis becomes stiff and is placed inside his wife's vagina. Millions of sperm cells are released when the man ejaculates at the peak moment of his sexual arousal. Each sperm cell has a long tail that it uses to swim through the cervix, into the uterus, and eventually into his wife's fallopian tubes.

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Although a hundred sperm cells may reach the egg cell only one sperm can enter the egg to fertilise it.

Understand how a child grows within the mother's womb



After a few days, the cell divides repeatedly to form a ball of cells



After 8 weeks, the baby has eyes but no eyelids. It starts making its first tiny movements, but its mother cannot feel them yet



After 16 weeks, the baby begins to swallow and pass urine. It has fingers and toenails. At this stage its skin is bright red and transparent

Understand how a child grows within the mother's womb



After 24 weeks, the baby can hear voices and other sounds from outside its mother. It has some hair and eyebrows and eyelashes. The skin is very wrinkled



After 28 weeks, the baby's kicks are quite strong and can be felt by putting a hand on the mother's tummy.



After 36 weeks, the baby has taken up its final position in the uterus. Its lungs are getting ready to take their first breath. The baby continues to get fatter. Sometime after 36 weeks, the baby's head is now positioned ready for birth. The baby could arrive any time between 38th and 42nd week of pregnancy

Pause and reflect

Psalm 139:16–17

You saw me before I was born.
Every day of my life was recorded in
your book. Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed.
How precious are your thoughts about
me, O God. They cannot be numbered!

*It is God who gives life.
Let us respect and love
human life, especially
vulnerable life in a
mother's womb.*

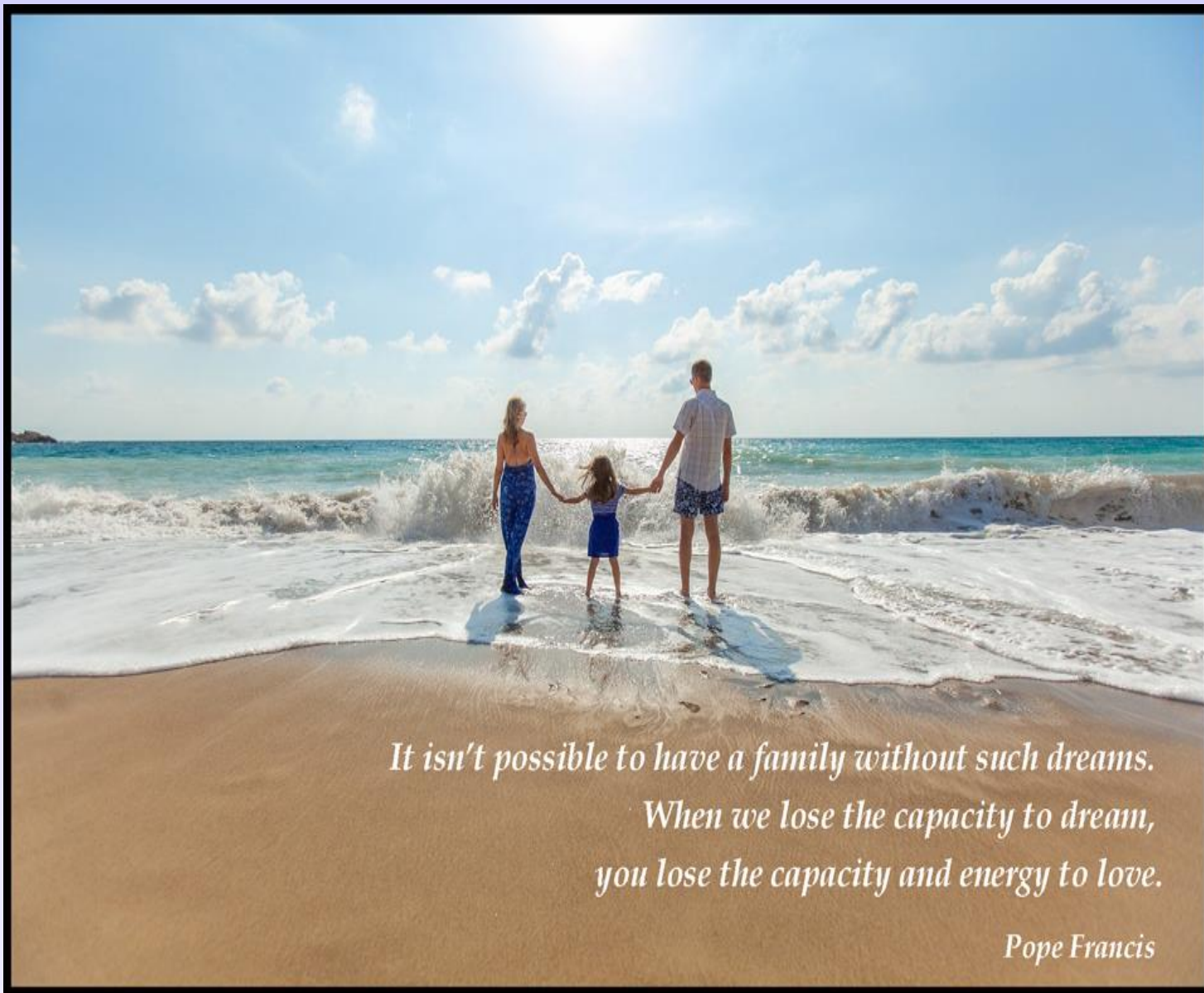
Pope Francis



*We are not some casual and
meaningless product of evolution.
Each of us is a thought of God.*

Pope Emeritus XVI

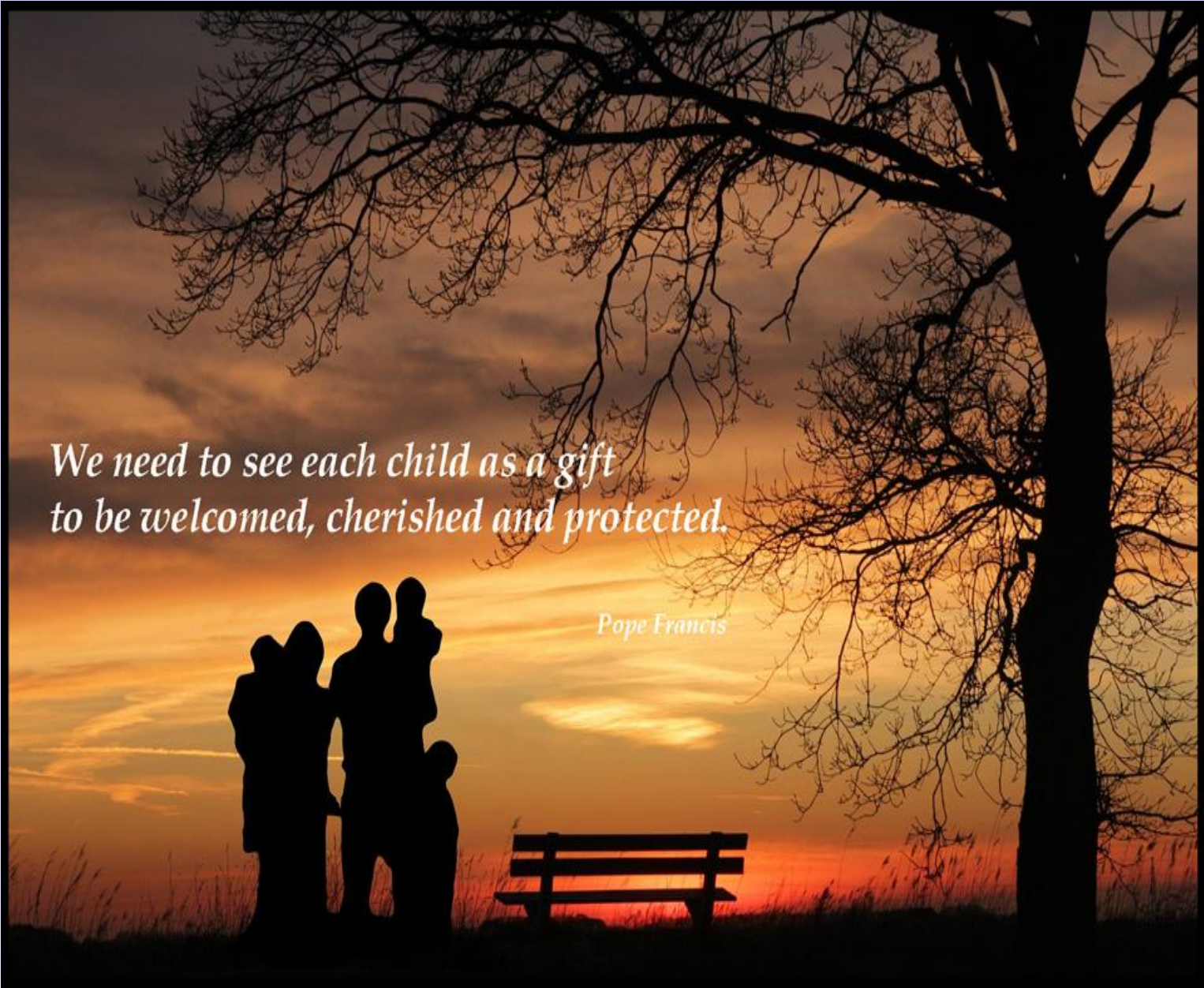




*It isn't possible to have a family without such dreams.
When we lose the capacity to dream,
you lose the capacity and energy to love.*

Pope Francis





*We need to see each child as a gift
to be welcomed, cherished and protected.*

Pope Francis



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Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.
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Psalm 139:16-17



Spiritual

Learning intention

Show an understanding of how being made in the image and likeness of God informs decisions and actions when building relationships with others, including life-long relationships.



Questions

- What are the characteristics of positive respectful relationships?
Include the different ways that we can make friends and relationships with others? e.g. social media platforms.
- When making friends on-line we should be cautious of the information we share and how it could be used: positively or negatively.
- When building relationships on-line, how can we recognise risks, such as inappropriate images, language and behaviour, and to who and how we would report these?



Questions (continued)

- What sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others, including in a digital context? If boundaries have been crossed; such as inappropriate or unsafe contact, how would we report this and where could we get advice?
- How can we ensure that we are contributing to the wellbeing of others and are taking steps to avoid seeing negatives; how would this impact on building positive relationships?
- How can we discover the presence of God in family and friends?



Pause and reflect

God of generous and abundant love,
be with us as we continue our Christian
journey.

Help us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus
and may it be said of us, as of the 'first
Christians', "see how these Christians love
one another."

We begin by making the Sign of the Cross.

"In the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen."



The Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew 5:3-10

1. “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

The poor include both literally poor people, in need of basic necessities, and figuratively poor people, who are aware of their spiritual poverty, people who acknowledge their need and utter dependence upon God. The reward mentioned here is nothing less than the kingdom of heaven.

What do we consider to be our family's greatest riches?

2. “Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

Those who mourn could be anyone who is sad or experiencing a loss of any kind. Jesus promises comfort for those who suffer. When we suffer we have a choice to make: we can become bitter, or we can become more compassionate to others who are in pain.

How do we find comfort in our family?



The Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew 5:3-10

3. **“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.”**

The meek are people who are humble and patient. A person who chooses other ways to resolve conflicts without resorting to violence is meek. The reward is great wealth.

How do we resolve conflict in our families?

4. **“Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.”**

This blessing is for people who hunger for justice in our world. Children have a great capacity to see wrongs and often possess a simple view of complex issues.

Perhaps our children can use their creativity to solve some of the local injustices in schools and communities.



The Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew 5:3-10

5. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

Mercy is a word that holds many meanings: forgiveness, kindness, compassion. It is easier to extend mercy to others when you begin with yourself. In our family, rather than keeping track of mistakes, we try to see God’s grace among us.

With mercy, you receive back the more you give.

How can you practise mercy at home?

6. “Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.”

Who better to be clean or pure of heart than little ones? They lack malice and have such innocence, at least during the first few years. Of course, they see God, because there is nothing clouding their vision!

The clean of heart can also be people who single-mindedly see God first in all situations and people.



The Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew 5:3-10

7. “Blessed are the peacemakers, they will be called children of God.”

What risks do we take to make peace? Jesus asks us all to be peacemakers; we are, after all, children of God. As his children, we must continue to work for unity and understanding.

Our families are microcosms of the world in which we learn peace-making skills. Peace begins at home.

8. “Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

It can be difficult to do what is right, such as standing up to someone who is acting like a bully.

But we learn from Jesus, and, through practice in our family, we see that doing the right thing is what it really means to be a follower of Jesus.

The smaller Beatitudes

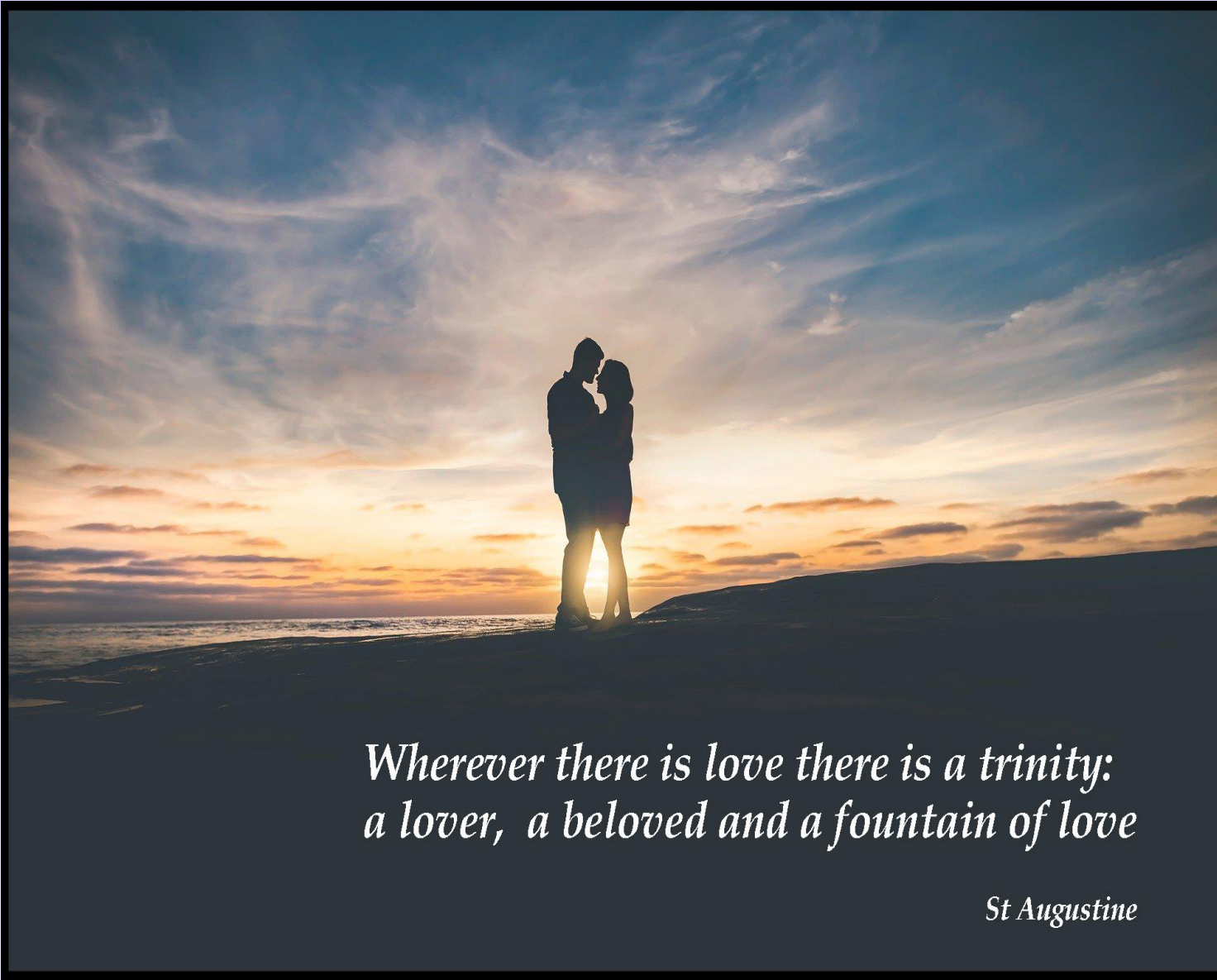
- Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves, they will have no end of fun.
- Blessed are those who can tell a mountain from a molehill, they will be saved a lot of bother.
- Blessed are those who know how to relax without looking for excuses, they are on the way to becoming wise.
- Blessed are those who know when to be quiet and listen, they will learn a lot of new things.
- Blessed are those who are sane enough not to take themselves too seriously, they will be valued by those about them.
- Happy are you if you can take small things seriously and face serious things calmly, you will go far in life.



The smaller Beatitudes - continued

- Happy are you if you can appreciate a smile and forget a frown, you will walk on the sunny side of the street.
- Happy are you if you can be kind in understanding the attitudes of others, you may be taken for a fool, but this is the price of charity.
- Happy are you if you know when to hold your tongue and smile, the Gospel has begun to seep into your heart.
- Blessed are they who think before acting and pray before thinking, they avoid many blunders.
- Above all blessed, are those who recognise the Lord is in all whom they meet, the light of truth shines in their lives. They have found true wisdom.





*Wherever there is love there is a trinity:
a lover, a beloved and a fountain of love*

St Augustine



Pope Francis' Beatitudes for Young People



Happy are the merciful.



Happy are those who embrace and forgive.



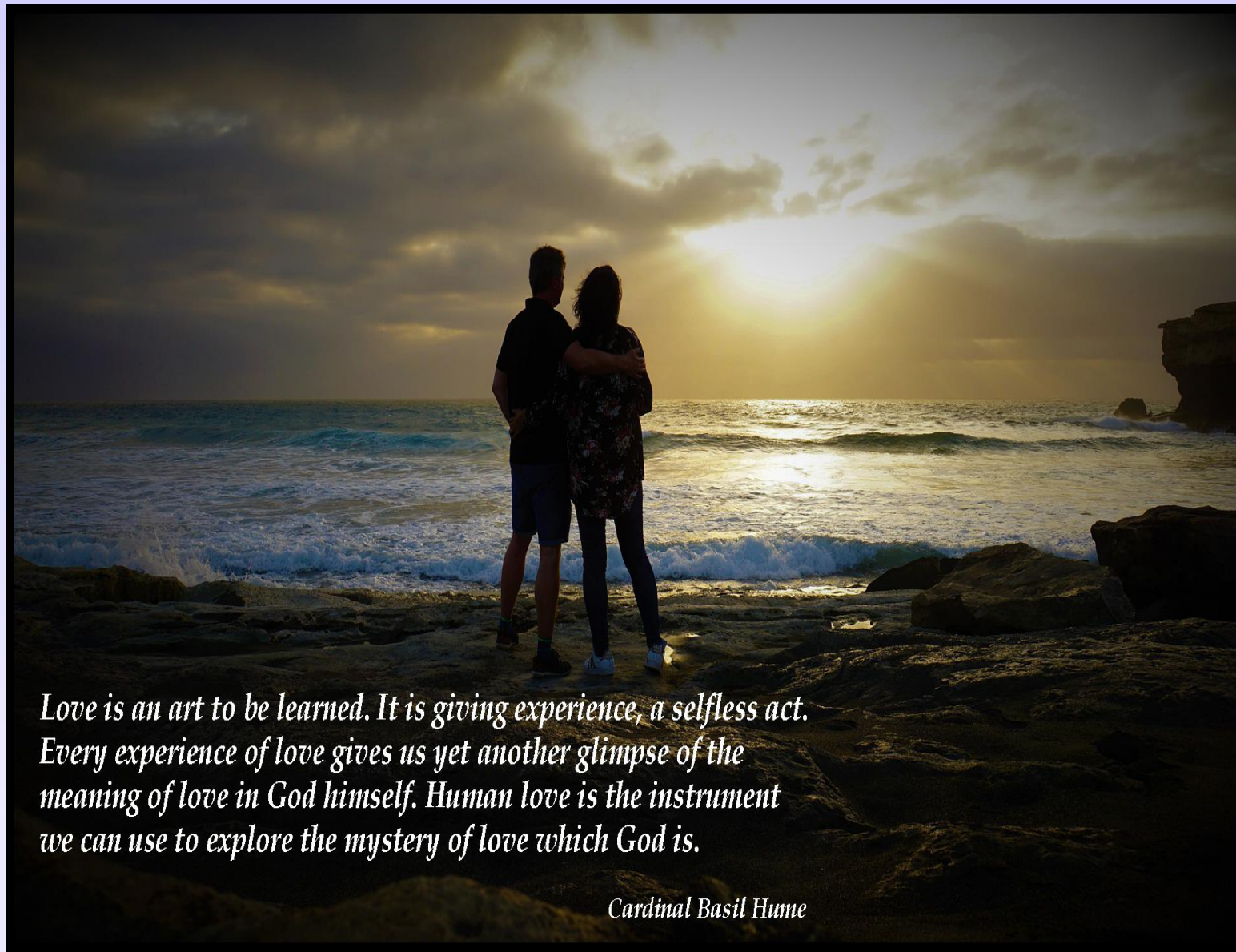
Happy are those who bring new life and opportunities.



Happy are those who see the good in other people.



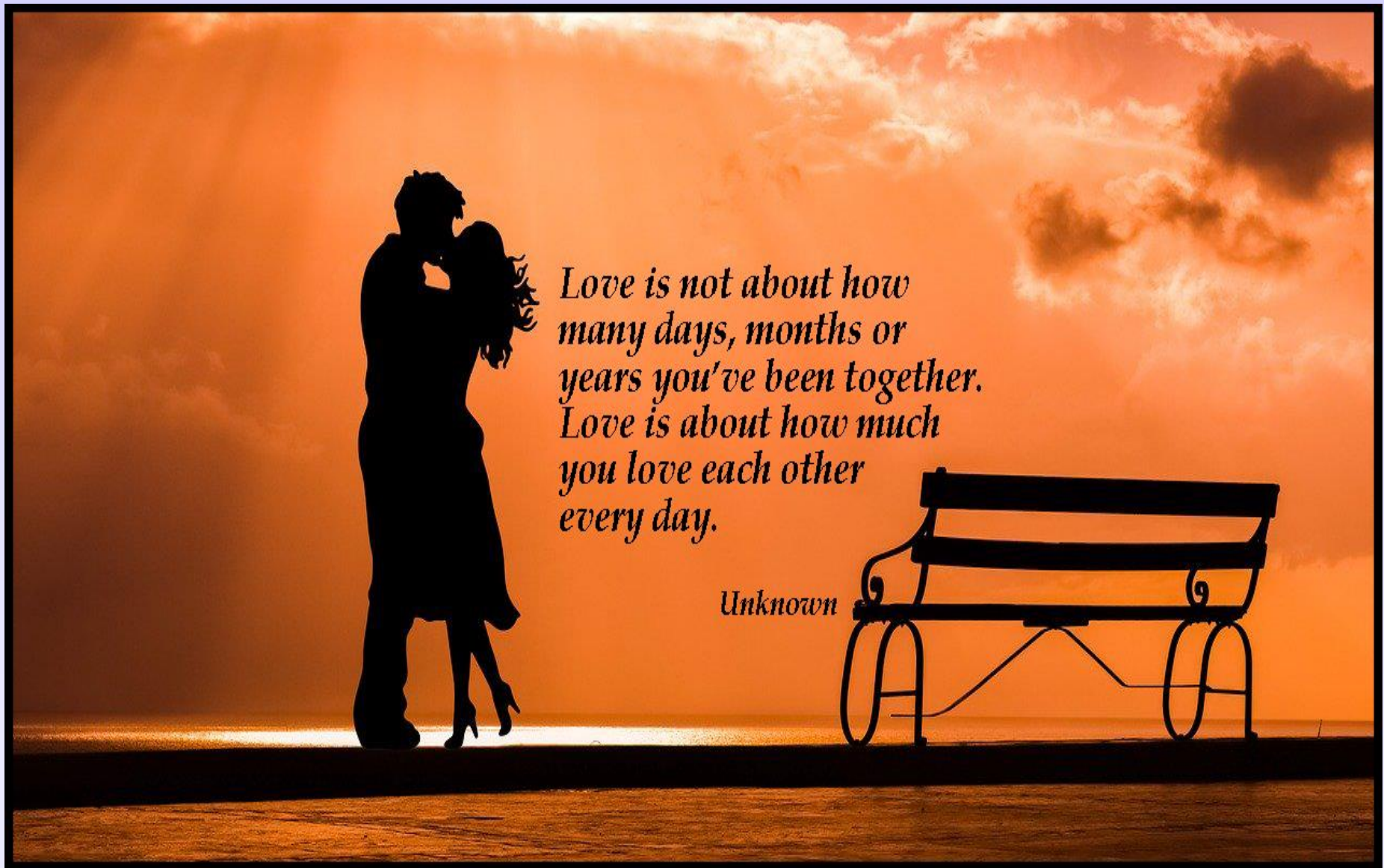
Happy are those who help others when they make mistakes.



Love is an art to be learned. It is giving experience, a selfless act. Every experience of love gives us yet another glimpse of the meaning of love in God himself. Human love is the instrument we can use to explore the mystery of love which God is.

Cardinal Basil Hume





*Love is not about how
many days, months or
years you've been together.
Love is about how much
you love each other
every day.*

Unknown



Journey of Life

For each of us, life is like a journey.

Birth is the beginning of this journey,

And death is not the end; but the destination.

It is a journey that takes us

From youth to age,

From innocence to awareness,

From ignorance to knowledge,

From foolishness to wisdom,

From weakness to strength and often back again,

From offence to forgiveness,

From pain to compassion,

From fear to faith,

From defeat to victory and from victory to defeat,

Until, looking backward or ahead,

We see that victory does not lie

At some high point along the way,

But in having made the journey,

Stage by stage.

Adapted from an old Hebrew prayer

*Be sanctuaries of respect for life,
proclaiming the sacredness
of every human life
from conception to natural death.*

Pope Francis

