



## “The Pope said what about condoms?!”

Pope Benedict recently made statements about the use of condoms that have rattled the Catholic world. The quotes appeared in a book entitled, *Light of the World*, which is a compilation of interviews done with the pope by Peter Seewald. In it the pope comments:

“There may be a basis in the case of some individuals, as perhaps when a male prostitute uses a condom, where this can be a first step in the direction of a moralization, a first assumption of responsibility, on the way toward recovering an awareness that not everything is allowed and that one cannot do whatever one wants. But it is not really the way to deal with the evil of HIV infection. That can really lie only in a humanization of sexuality.”

Dr. Janet Smith of Sacred Heart Major Seminary here in the Detroit area helped to clarify these comments in an article published in the Florida Catholic. She wrote that what the Holy Father was getting at was

that “for some homosexual prostitutes the use of a condom may indicate an awakening of a moral sense.” Dr. Smith pointed out that the pope was not so much making a statement on condoms but rather of “growth in a moral sense” for the human soul; that a move towards preventing the spread of HIV, is a move towards the development of conscience and this may be the beginning of a move towards virtue and the love of Jesus.

Please read Dr. Smith’s complete article on the pope’s comments at: [http://thefloridacatholic.org/iv/popes\\_comments\\_on\\_condoms\\_clarified](http://thefloridacatholic.org/iv/popes_comments_on_condoms_clarified)

**Make a resolution: Don’t keep NFP to yourself.**

It is a new year and time to sit down and make those New Year’s resolutions. These

resolutions can run the gamut from the silly (I want to stop cracking my knuckles) to the serious (staying sober). Have you made any resolutions for your faith life this year?

What if you decided to do twelve small things this year to get the good news out about Natural Family Planning? Try it! Each month TLC will suggest one small way you can spread the word about NFP. Look for the red check mark to find a way to share NFP.

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**“Life Is a Gift: Giving Witness to the Sacredness of all Human Life”**

Saturday, January 22, 2011,  
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