

Oct. 22nd, 2009

Most Rev. Michael O Jackels, STD
Bishop of the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas
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Dear Bishop Jackels,

You may recall our conversation back in May of this year with regard to Amy Sigle, who died May 20th. You had asked me to visit with her parents and to provide a double-sided brochure to be made available. Within the brochure, I used a quote of yours, made during our conversation. If you prefer a different quote or if you believe the quote is inaccurate let me know.

Because her death was difficult for her parents, I waited for a pastorally opportune time to discuss more of Amy's life with them, which I did about a month ago. The brochure has been prepared by myself and read by her parents who believe the pamphlet is accurate.

As you may recall her funeral was held on May 23rd, the same day as the priestly ordinations in Wichita. Due to her age, we expected a large crowd at the church for the funeral and wanted to be sure that those who came would be able to attend the funeral. We set up video cameras and had a large screen in the old church. The funeral was therefore videotaped. When people began to hear about Amy, they wanted a copy of the funeral homily. I am not sure, but I think, over 500 copies have been made here at the parish. According to our hit monitor on the website, most likely 1,500 other people have viewed the homily on our website www.saintrose.homestead.com.

I can attest to the fact that I have never met a 17 year old girl, as virtuous as Amy. One experience not mentioned in the brochure is the fact that one time I came to give her Communion at the hospital. I absent mindedly left the Blessed Sacrament at the church. When I arrived at her room, she was suffering greatly. So much so, I didn't know if I should give her Communion. To my surprise, after I said the prayers and when I opened the pyx, the Sacred Host was not in it. Realizing that I picked up the wrong pyx, I told her I would return with Jesus as soon as I could. When I returned with Eucharist, Amy was no longer suffering as she was before. And I said, "You were suffering so much before and now you are not". She said, "*I was suffering because you left Jesus back at the church.*"

In addition to this, I had asked Amy to write her autobiography, which she was unable to complete. However, she did write up to a certain period in her life. I have not yet spoke to her parents about making that available. On the back of an envelope found in her autobiography were the words she quoted to me, which I wrote about in the brochure. The words are: "*to know Christ, to love Christ, to serve Christ.*" They were obviously written years before I asked her that question.

We hope you will find the brochure acceptable and ask your permission and blessing to distribute it.

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