

Why did God create us?

-God created us out of free and unselfish love.

“When a man loves, his heart overflows. He would like to share his joy with others. He gets this from his Creator. Although God is a mystery, we can still think about him in a human way and say: Out of the ‘surplus’ of his love he created us. He wanted to share his endless joy with us who are creatures of his love.” (-Youcat #2)

Over the weekend, I saw so many of our teenagers enjoying the crisp October weather, jogging together for Becca’s Run, throwing the football around on the front lawn, and of course our littlest brothers and sisters playing soccer on Friday night. We engage in sport out of an excitement, yes; out of a sense of healthy competition, yet; but in the end, when we dig to the root, don’t we engage in sport because we have a zealous love for life in our hearts. Whether it’s a lively concern for cancer patients, the love of our friends’ company, or the joy of seeing mom and dad smile at us from the sidelines, our love for life overflows from our hearts in the form of our sporting activity. So in the mystery of our human experience we see the creative act of our Father play out on human scale... our love overflows, is shared with others and generates new and exciting life all around it. That, I would propose, is *THE POINT* of sports.

A word on our new source for *The Point*:

This year, in addition to working with the Scriptures and news headlines, *The Point* will be drawing inspiration from the *Youcat*. Short for “Youth Catechism,” the *Youcat* was commissioned by Pope Benedict XVI and assembled by the bishops of the world as a youth friendly version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church promulgated by Blessed John Paul II. I encourage all our parish families to take advantage of this new, easy to use, easy to read resource on our Catholic faith.

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