

Vive La Difference!: *Gender Differentiation* Features Vicki Thorn, Founder of Project Rachel, (recipient of the 2nd Annual *True Feminism for Real Women Award*) and W. Paul Parker, M.A. Phil.

On November 8, the California Catholic Women's Forum continues probing into the beautiful document on the dignity and vocation of women, *Mulieris Dignitatem*. In *Vive la Difference!* Church teaching on the idea of complementarity will be explored in depth.

"God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (*Gen 1:27*).

Man and woman are made in the image and likeness of God, which is essential for their personhood. However, although similar in dignity, man and woman are different in their vocation, and together they form a "unity of the two".

These theological concepts can be hard to digest, but fortunately, advances in science have revealed an incredible array of evidence independently supporting Church teaching on the bedrock teaching eloquently explored in Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.

Come on November 8 to hear from experts who have studied intensely the research on man and woman. W. Paul Parker, M.A. Phil. is Principal of Canyon Heights Academy, an elementary school with gender-separated classes in the Diocese of San Jose. In his talk, *Gender Differences in the Growing Years*, Paul will give an overview of Church teaching on complementarity and provide examples of the differences in approach to life between boys and girls. He will explain some of the benefits of single-sex education and demonstrate how science and Church teaching beautifully coincide.

Also featured is Vicki Thorn, the Founder of Project Rachel and director of the National Office of Post-abortion Reconciliation and Healing, NOPARH.com, a Ministry of the Catholic Church.

In *The Biology Behind the Theology of the Body*, Vicki will be sharing the newest research on the biochemistry of sex and human bonding. Information on how we communicate by scent and how that impacts our behavior; how contraceptives change our bodies and our perception; why recreational sex is never without consequences; how women and men are changed in every sexual encounter. "Vicki's insights are a must for those working to rebuild the culture of life. She helps us see that God has written the rules for the fruitful and fulfilling gift of human sexuality" (Mother Judith Marie Gentle, Ph.D., Anglican priest and Theologian).

This can be a life changing talk and all are invited! Special rates for students and young adults. 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, Saturday, November 8 at the Sheraton Hotel, 1100 N. Mathilda Avenue, Sunnyvale. Visit www.ccwf.org for information and to register. Mrs. Thorn will be receiving the 2nd Annual *True Feminism for Real*

Women! award at this forum.

As you invite your friends and family, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, remember Dr. Jocelyn Edathil, MD/Ph.D in Bio-Organic Chemistry from Penn State, "I was extremely impressed by the scientific integrity of Vicki Thorn's talk. Everything she said made absolute and practical sense. Why didn't they teach me this stuff in Medical School?"