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How can we quickly bring you up to date on the activities of Imago Dei? Here is a start:

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- ✓ The Third Edition of *A New Language* Study Guide is on the way to the printers. It features readings integrated into the guide and simplified; there is no longer any need to buy another book.
- ✓ An even more user-friendly version of the Study Guide is in the final stages of preparation. Consisting of Seasons One and Two, this Guide answers the myriad requests for a Guide that is geared to young adults and older teens and those not ready for the full four seasons.
- ✓ Imago Dei's Regional Representative for Central America, Elida Solorzano, has started new groups in Nicaragua using the Spanish edition of *A New Language*. She is also producing a less expensive version so as to widen the opportunities for participation.
- ✓ September 2011: Lucy Nay in Alberta, Canada, started a parish group using the pilot version of the new two season edition of *A New Language*.
- ✓ October 1, 2011: Joan Desmond represented Imago Dei at Marriage Day sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington. More than 300 participants attended. Imago Dei hosted an educational station throughout the day.
- ✓ The Diocese of Raleigh (NC) has requested a Facilitator Formation Day (FFD) for *A New Language*. Dr. Mary Shivanandan and Suzanne Shaffer will present this theology of the body overview and lead the practice session.
- ✓ Collaboration is being planned with TeenSTAR, a successful international chastity program for teens.
- ✓ The Diocese of Rockford (IL) has invited Imago Dei to present an FFD in the near future.
- ✓ The National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers is making plans for an FFD in the Midwest in Summer 2012.
- ✓ In October, the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Florida conducted a two-day formation program with Elida Solorzano. They are preparing to begin study groups in communities and parishes in both English and Spanish.
- ✓ An Italian physician has requested formation and a copy of the guide as soon as the Italian translation is available.
- ✓ Individual requests for FFDs have been received from Florida, Pennsylvania, and California.

The news flashes above reflect the growth and development of Imago Dei's study program *A New Language*. We are enthused at the continued demand for rich yet understandable materials to bring Blessed John Paul II's theology of the body to more regions and to younger audiences, who hunger to appreciate, as he did, God's beautiful plan for our sexuality. But we are not surprised. We have seen firsthand the effect that this study has on the lives of participants. We have witnessed the interior surprise, elation, and then peace they experience from our late Holy Father's insights. Further, we have observed their resulting enthusiasm to share this truth with everyone they meet, to understand the Providential richness of our masculinity and femininity is an amazing and life-changing gift.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support of Imago Dei in these endeavors. Imago Dei is at a crucial juncture in its history. We ask you to support our hiring a part time coordinator to enhance our communications and broaden our base of service to our study groups. As volunteers with jobs and family commitments, the Board of Imago Dei realizes that *A New Language* is reaching more and more corners of the world, and we cannot keep up with the demand by ourselves. So we ask you to give your most generous gift at this hour when it is so essential to Imago Dei's growth and the extension of Blessed John Paul II's theology of the body.

We promise to earn your contribution through the wise use of any gift you choose to send. As always, we limit our appeal to one or two newsletters per year. May our dear Lord and His loving Mother watch over you and your loved ones. Thank you for making a powerful difference in so many lives. Please know that we gratefully remember all our benefactors in our prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Donna F. Bethell
Chairman

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