

ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) program at St. Frances Cabrini Parish is currently studying *Mulieris Dignitatem*, a great compliment to Pope John Paul's II *Letter to Women*. For more information on ENDOW please refer to: www.endowonline.com.

Below you will find a synopsis of *Mulieris Dignitatem*:

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Mulieris Dignitatem (*On the Dignity and Vocation of Women*) - This apostolic letter is a great compliment to the Letter to Women. This letter was written in the Marian Year of 1988 in preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2000. A Jubilee Year is a year "when all things are made new," which represents the birth of Christ. In that context and in anticipation of the symbolic Jubilee Year of 2000, the Pope is "imagining" that Mary would have been born in 1988 and Christ would have been born in the year 2000. This document is written in the form of a meditation. In a meditation, we ponder the truths of the faith and the role that plays in our own lives. In *Mulieris Dignitatem*, John Paul II meditates on the anthropology of man and woman, God's intention for their relationship, and the result of original sin. He also explores the relationship that Jesus had with women and the reason for the all-male priesthood.