

## **Danny Holtz & Kennedy Sheedy**

Preparing for a career in medicine is a challenge. Some people begin with the goal in mind but then become surprised and discouraged by the demands of getting there. Many discern the hard way that medicine isn't their future career, but they may find out something else is. They find new hopes and dreams to use their gifts and be of service to others.

Danny and Kennedy entered the world of medicine, faced the challenges, and have been addressing them one by one. They have discovered a match between their abilities for study and their life values. They have worked hard because they want to help other people, especially those facing challenges of their own.

When you see the various parts of your life coming together in harmony, it's a blessing, and you may discover something that enriches the picture even more. In their case, they found each other. They found someone with similar hopes and dreams, similar abilities to reach a goal, and similar values. They fell in love.

Medicine can explain a lot about how the human body works. But nobody can explain scientifically precisely how one human body becomes so attracted to another human body through the mystery of love.

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians contains a famous passage about love, but it also contains a lesser known section that Kennedy and Danny invited us to hear as the second reading for their wedding today. It speaks about another dimension of the human body—its spiritual dimension. Paul says "The body is... for the Lord, And the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power." God made these bodies not just for the enjoyment of taste, sight and sound, not just for exercise and for love, but also for him—to raise up our bodies to live with him forever.

Christians especially celebrate this belief throughout the fifty days of Easter Time. This belief has a special resonance with Danny and Kennedy because Easter was the day he proposed to her. Today they bring that pledge to its fulfillment when the two become one through the sacrament of matrimony. Throughout their married life they will share the joys of each other's company, values, and careers.

The bible also says that the reason we have love is that God loved us first. So, when St. Paul asks, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?" he's describing the love of God within us that takes possession of us.

Kennedy and Danny, the love you have for each other reveals the love God has for you and prepares you for the love you will share with others as a couple. You will also grow in appreciating the human body—how to keep it physically healthy, and spiritually healthy. As you tend to the health of others, you will discover more about how and why God made you—to dwell within you. As you meet more challenges in the future and overcome them too, God invites you to praise him for his many gifts and to rejoice always in love.