



# The Real Presence

## Taga-Sambang Gabi ng Eukaristiya

(Nocte Adoratricum Eucharistia)



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### Meaning of *Eucharist*?

From *True Devotion to Mary*  
By St. Louise-Marie de Montfort

My dear friend, if you remain faithful to the exterior and interior practices of this devotion ... which I will point out later ... the following effects will be produced in your soul: You will obtain –

**1. Knowledge of your Unworthiness.** By the light which the Holy Spirit will give you through Mary, His faithful spouse ... you will perceive the evil inclinations of your fallen nature ... how incapable you are of any good ... apart from the grace, God bestows on you. With this knowledge of self, you will despise and think of yourself ... as a malevolent serpent seeking only to deceive. The Virgin Mary will thus share her humility with you so that you will not look down slightly upon anyone.

**2. Share in Mary's Faith.** Mary's faith is ... stronger than all the patriarchs, prophets, apostles and saints combined ... lively – animated by love enabling you to do everything only out of pure love ... firm – unshakable and steadfast amidst the storms and tempests of life ... active and probing – admitting you into the mysteries of man's final destiny in Christ and into the very heart of God Himself ... courageous – inspires you to undertake and carry out without hesitation, great risks for God and the salvation of souls.

This faith will be your flaming torch ... to enlighten those who live in darkness and the shadow of death ... to inflame those who are lukewarm ... to restore life to those dead in sin ... to transform those whose hearts are hard as marble by gentle argument ... and to strengthen you to resist the devil and other enemies of salvation.

**3. The Gift of Pure Love.** Mary will rid your heart of all scruples and inordinate servile fear ... and fill your heart with ... obedience to the commandments of her Son, holy freedom of the children of God and pure love of which she is the *treasury*.

Then you will strive to please God at all times ... to speak trustfully to Him ... to humbly beg His pardon when you offend Him ... and to continue on your way to Him.

**4. Great Confidence in God through Mary.** Thus – **(a)** You will approach Jesus ... always with and through, Mary your loving Mother; **(b)** By consecrating yourself to Mary, you give her all your merits, graces and satisfactions to dispose of as she pleases ... in turn, she imparts to you her own virtues and clothes you in her own merits; **See next Column >>>**



Birthday of Mary.

**(c)** Since you have given yourself completely to Mary, she who is generous than even the kindest benefactor, will give herself to you in a marvelously real manner. Thus, you may say without hesitation: *Totus Tuus, O Mariae! I am all yours, O Blessed Virgin Mary!*; and **(d)** Having given all that you possess to Mary ... in her trust ... to use or keep as she pleases, you will place less trust in yourself ... and much much more in her whom you have made your treasury. Wondrously, you may say: *The treasury of God, where He places all that He holds most precious, is also my treasury.*

**Communication of the Spirit of Mary.** The soul of Mary will be communicated to you to glorify the Lord Jesus. Her spirit will take the place of your spirit that it may rejoice in God, her Savior, but only if you are faithful to the practices of this devotion. St. Ambrose says: *May the spirit of Mary be in each one of us to rejoice in God!*



[BroDuffy: **Exodus 33:18-34:9** contains some of the most profound passages in the Bible ... speaking to us of how God makes Himself known – encountered – in a personal and direct way. *You shall stand on the rock* (remember Peter as *Rock*?) ... you will wait for Me ... in solitude, detached, alert and available for the moment I wish, since I give My favors to whomever I wish.

*I will cover you with My hand.* When God wants to favor you with divine union, He becomes Master of your spirit for a long time. Then, He removes from you every word, every idea, and every remembrance ... and keeps you in an emptiness in which you cling solely ... to the presence of God ... dead to everything outside. *I will put you in the hollow of the rock.* And, thus you will remain until ... *the Lord has passed by. Then I will take away My hand:* You will realize that you have been ... within ... within!! ... God. Upon ending this time of total union with God ... Moses no longer has any ambition or personal desire ... but to realize the *divine inheritance* ... the Promised Land ... the Kingdom of God.]

**6. Transformation in to the Likeness of Jesus.** Cultivating our soul by fidelity to the devotion to her, Mary will, in due time, bring forth in you ... the fruit of her womb – Jesus. Many devoutly search for Jesus and all they repeat are the words of Simon ... before he was transformed into Peter: *We work hard all night and caught nothing* (Luke 5:5).

But, if we follow the immaculate path of Mary, living the devotion that I teach ... you will always work ... in daylight ... in a holy place ... and you will work but little. Why? Because ... there is no darkness in Mary since there was never any sin in her.

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**On Meaning of *Eucharist*?** Mary is a holy place ... a holy of holies ... where saints are formed and molded. Mary is a mold capable of forming people into the image of the God-Man. Anyone who is into this divine mold is quickly shaped and molded into Jesus ... and Jesus in to him ... at little cost and in a short time.

But, remember this: Only molten and liquefied substances may be poured into a mold ... hence, you must crush and melt the old Adam in you if you wish to acquire the likeness of the new Adam ... through, with, in and for Mary.

**7. The Greater Glory of Jesus Christ.** Thus you will give more glory to Jesus in a month ... than in many years of a more demanding devotion, because – **(a)** When you do everything through Mary as required by this devotion ... and you lay aside all your own intentions no matter how good they appear to you ... and you abandon yourself to Mary's intentions even though you do not know what they are, then you share the purity of her intentions which give more glory to God ... by the smallest, microscopic tick of her actions ... than all the angels and saints together have given or will ever give to God; **(b)** We are content to rely on Mary's dispositions when approaching, and speaking to, Jesus ... and consequently give greater glory to God ... for perfect glory is given to him who is meek and humble of heart; **(c)** Mary is eager to receive into her virginal hearts the gift of our actions ... imparting to them a marvelous beauty and splendor ... and presenting them herself to Jesus most willingly. Perfect glory is given to our Lord Jesus in this way ... than when we make our offering with our stained and guilty hands; **(d)** You never think of Mary without Mary perfectly thinking of God for you. You never praise and honor Mary ... without Mary joining you in praising and honoring God.

Mary is an echo of God ... speaking and repeating only of God. If you say *Mary*, she says *God*. When her cousin Elizabeth praised Mary calling her blessed, Mary responded with *My soul magnifies the Lord* – the faithful echo of God.

What Mary did on that day, she does every day. When we praise her, when we love and honor her, when we present anything to her, then God is praised, honored and loved ... and He receives our gift ... through Mary, with Mary, in Mary and for Mary.

(October 2013: Practices of the Devotion)

## The Blessed Virgin Mary

**Psalms 87.** The new Jerusalem is the Church ... the Mother of all peoples. And, the living image of the Church is our Blessed Virgin Mother, Mary ... Mother of all believers ... Mother of all the faithful. She is the City of God ... Zion!

**Reflection:** Meditate on Luke 1:26-38. In what ways are your devotions to Mary diabolical illusions? Why?



## The Holy Spirit

Taken from *Christian Community Bible: Catholic Pastoral Edition*. 6<sup>th</sup> ed.  
By Patricia Grogan, FCJ (1990)

**Acts 6:8 – 7:60 and John 6:22-59.** Stephen, being a Hellenist ... a Jew raised in Greek countries ... did not share the blind faith of the Jewish people ... in their Temple and its rituals. Stephen understood that ... the Church has to free itself from the molds of the past ... and to move away from the Jerusalem Jews ... if they refused to believe Jesus.

But, Stephen's long discourse ... reflects his hope for the conversion of the Jewish people. In time, this hope will fade with his murder and execution ... and the persecutions against Hellenist Christians initiated by the Hebrews, Jews who did not leave Israel and are unconverted to the Christian faith.

*You always resist the Holy Spirit* ... tending to take on the criteria and aims of any human group ... as the *Adoracion Nocturna Filipina* – peace with those in authority and power ... security for the future ... unity and strength for the Christian organization – than to get out of the boat ... leaving your comfort zones ... go on mission ... proclaim Jesus and evangelize.

The only way to escape ... from this return to *the synagogue* (the old ways) ... from *going back into Egypt* (into bondage) as a dog returns to its vomit (Proverbs 26:11) ... is to do what the first Christians did: They *got out of the comfortable zones* of their boats and went on mission – proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus.

## St. Joseph

From *Living the Beatitudes with St. Joseph*  
by Howard Joseph Q. Dee (2004)

**8th Mystery:** The Raising of Joseph to Life and his Ascension into Heaven. **Gift of the Holy Spirit:** Knowledge of God. **Beatitude:** Blessed are the pure of heart, they will see God.

**Meditation – 1 Corinthians 15:12** – Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. At St. Joseph's death, the redemption of man was yet to be accomplished by his foster Son ... so, the gates of Paradise were shut to those who died in grace ... including the martyrs and saints.

**Matthew 27:51-53** recounts that, after Jesus expired on the cross ... tombs of many holy people were opened and they rose ... awakened ... from their deathly slumber into life ... such as Sts. Joseph and John the Baptist ... and, after Jesus' ... **See Page 9, Column 1 >>>**

## Angels and Archangels

Taken from *Breakfast with the Angels*  
By Traci Mullins (1996).

St. Augustine writes in *City of God*, Book IX, Chapter 22: "The good angels ... hold cheap all that knowledge of material and transitory things which demons are so proud of possessing – not that these angels are ignorant of these things but because ... the Love of God is very dear to them and ... compared to the unchangeable Beauty of Holy Love, the *angels value less all things which are not of Love* ... so that they may enjoy that Good which is the source of their goodness."

*Tepidity – when you listlessly carry out your duties ... as an Adorer.*



### On Prayer

From *Christian Community Bible: Catholic Pastoral Edition, 6<sup>th</sup> ed.*  
by Patricia Grogan, PCJ (1990).

**2 Corinthians 12:1-13, on Extra-Ordinary Graces.** Paul recalls the favors .. the graces he has received from God. These favors ... are signs of God's signature ... showing the work of His *hands* .. thus revealing to us a small window to peer through and know a little bit of God ... to be led and transformed by Him and, ultimately ... to an experience of God totally unique from what most Christians experience ... though not that exceptional.

As in Paul's case ... there are times when God immediately ... takes over the spirit of His chosen one. Then, at other times, God ... through the Holy Spirit ... leads us gradually, though not necessarily gently from our viewpoint ... guiding us along a path of growth which, by His intervention, leads to the same end – transformation then ecstasy – when we are prepared for an ongoing union with God and no longer belongs to himself. This path leads us to contemplation.

Often times, we understand *contemplation* ... as a period of time dedicated to ... meditating on the things of God and discovering His presence in our lives. This understanding sees *contemplation* and *action* as opposites; but, in the examples of Jesus ... and as Paul expounds to his letter to the Corinthians ... *contemplation and action go together.*

More accurately, *contemplation* refers to a new, more direct relationship ... of our spirit with God. The late Rev. Fr. Thomas H. Green, SJ echoes this in *Weeds Among the Wheat: Discernment as the meeting point of prayer and action in the life of the Christian apostle.* Father Green lays down three pre-conditions for an authentic and faithful communal discernment: **(1)** Share a common vocation ... of life and vision – as in the *Adoracion Nocturna Filipina* – ... from the Holy Spirit; **(2)** Agree on a basic verbal expression of this charism – *What are the definitions of our goals and values?*; and **(3)** Commit to carry out those decisions reached through communal discernment ... to execute those decisions no matter what the cost – individually and/or corporately.

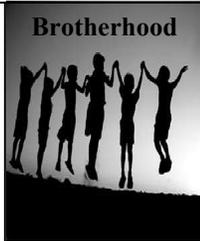
In this *contemplation* ... in this *discernment* ... it is not we who discover God and love Him but rather ... it is God ... Who initiates the encounter ... Who imposes His Presence on us ... giving us evidence of the Truth and of diverse Truths ... and eliciting from us a return of love. In God's hands, *contemplation* is the most effective process for transformation of the person ... because God takes over our freedom ... our spirit. Listen to Jeremiah 1:5.



### On Silence

From *The Ragged Edge of Silence: Finding Peace in a Noisy World*  
by John Francis (2011)

Kalmiopsis Wilderness, up north in Oregon, was my next stop. Many of us have chosen not to remember ... to forget ... that the wilderness is a source of a profound educational experience for ... **See Page 9, Column 1 >>>**



### Brotherhood

### Merton: A Biography

By Monica Furlong (1980)

At the beginning of the 1960s, Merton was still Novice Master. It is becoming obvious to Merton and his superiors that he could not – not write. Without the pressing need for money that pushes writers into print, Merton needed to write continually ... as a form of release from tension, which is suggested by his friend Robert Giroux.

Merton wrote: *It is possible to doubt whether I have become a monk but ... no doubt, I am a writer ... that I was born one and will probably die as one. I accept that my life is a paradox ... a source of my insecurity .... The very contradictions in my life are, in some ways, signs of God's mercy to me ...*

As Novice Master, he became known as *Uncle Louie* ... having a tremendous influence on the men under his care ... who were now going to Rome for studies ... producing a different atmosphere around the monastery from his old, closed world. Merton wrote them inquiring about their courses and their conversations with fellow students ... apprising them of developments in Gethsemani ... giving brotherly advice that endeared him to them: *Be good; keep your eyes open. Set your heart and your soul in the joy of Christ.*

Merton questioned with enormous vigor ... blind trust in authority ... the mechanization of their farm causing intolerable noise which broke the old contemplative peace ... the over-control of monks whereby the old ones imposed on the young ones the idea of closing their eyes and keeping their silence as the only possible way to be a monk ... which they knew it isn't.

Enormous changes were afoot in the Church. Everything previously accepted would be called into question ... even the structure of the Trappist Order. This awareness of change coincided with an extraordinary inner development ... and intense hunger about the world outside, in pursuit of which he expanded his reading horizon – poetry, ecology, philosophy, sociology, anthropology, ecology, philosophy and religion ... Protestant, Jewish, Buddhist and Hindu writings ... the problems of war, nuclear weapons, racial conflict and environmental pollution. It seemed as if the world was corresponding with him, sending books and visiting him.

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### On Apostolic Works of Mercy

From *In the Heart of the World* (1997) by Mother Teresa  
Edited by Becky Benenate

Be kind in your actions. Do not think that you are the only one who can do efficient work – work worth showing. This makes you harsh in your judgment of others ... who may not have the same talents you have. Do your best and trust that others do their best. And, be faithful in such things because it is in them that your strength lies.

After the sisters have finished their day – carrying out their service of love in the company of Jesus ... and through Jesus – we have an hour of prayer and of *Eucharistic adoration* ... when and where we come in contact with Him again. Every moment of prayer ... before the tabernacle ... is sure, positive gain. The time we spend in having our daily audience with God ... before and after work ... is the most precious part of the day. **(Continued October 2013)**



## On Leaders

From *Becoming a Spiritual Leader: A Life of the Apostle Peter* By Patrick Whitworth (2005)

**Formation.** Listen to Mark 17:1-13, Matthew 9:2-13 and Luke 9:28-36. Peter has answered the question: *Who is Jesus?* Now, the Father gives the definitive answer: *Jesus is His Beloved Son* ... the Eternal Love of the Father can only be satisfied by the Son ... Who shares His own Divinity. Jesus is the Messiah announced by the prophets.

From St. Luke's account of the Transfiguration of Jesus at Mount Tabor, His *core group* of Peter, James and John were asleep throughout this glorious event. Again, at Gethsemane, at a more critical time ... they were asleep. Waking up suddenly, they become witnesses to a summit meeting of Moses – representing the Law – and Elijah – representing the Prophets – with Jesus, God's Son and the Messiah.

After the Transfiguration, Jesus leaves behind His Galilean ministry and begins His approach to Jerusalem ... through Samaria. From this vantage point, we see the purpose of the summit meeting as: (1) To reveal the true identity of Jesus to His core group; (2) To allow Jesus to discuss His departure ... His *exodus* ... to be consummated at Jerusalem; and (3) To strengthen Jesus on the final phase of His mission.

**True Identity of Jesus.** The revelation of the true identity of Jesus comes in three forms: (1) The core group sees Elijah talking to Jesus with Moses; (2) Jesus' appearance is transformed; and (3) Confirmation of the Divinity of Jesus as the Father's Son and the Messiah.

A reply given to Jesus' question *Who do the crowds say I Am?* was *Elijah*. At the transfiguration scene, the core group sees Jesus talking to Moses and Elijah thus debunking that reply: *Jesus is not Elijah*. Take note of Matthew 17:10-13.

It was St. Like alone who wrote that the revelation ... and subsequent transfiguration ... occurred while Jesus was praying (Luke 9:29) – *As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed; His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning*. Mark declares that Jesus' clothes become whiter than any detergent or bleach could. Matthew says that the face of Jesus *shone as the sun*.

In Revelation 1:9, exiled on the island of Patmos, St. John describes Jesus as having *head and hair ... white like wool, as white as snow* .... The appearance of Jesus was both overwhelming and full of splendor! His face ... thus transformed ... became the place where men could see both the glory and salvation of God.

On three occasions during Jesus' ministry, the Father spoke from Heaven ... confirming ... the identity of Jesus: First at His baptism (Matthew 3:11) – *This is My Beloved Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him*; Second at His transfiguration (Mark 9:2) – *This is My Beloved Son; listen to Him*; Third ... recorded in John 12:27-36 recounting both Jesus' transfiguration and His agony in Gethsemane, when the voice of the Father thundered down from Heaven: *I have glorified Your Name and I will glorify You again!* **Next Column >>>**

On that third occasion ... Jesus explicitly says: *This voice was for your benefit, not Mine!* Jesus was to be both listened to and obeyed. Here was remarkable confirmation, indeed ... coming from the Father ... of Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16:16) – *You are the Christ, the son of the Living God!*

**The Mission of Jesus.** On Pentecost Sunday, we see Peter proclaiming to the crowd ... boldly and with complete clarity ... what Jesus had come to do. That would happen much later. But, here, on the mountain of transfiguration, Peter's knowledge of what Jesus would accomplish at Jerusalem ... was, at best, cloudy.

The total effect of the transfiguration on Peter ... was one of an overwhelming spiritual experience ... what has come to be called ... a *mountain-top experience* ... which was a part of Peter's overall preparation for ministry ... and his development as a spiritual leader.

**The Mountain-Top Experience.** Saints Luke and Mark put Peter on record as saying: *Master, let us put up three tents – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah*. Adding that Peter *did not know what to say*. Well, who would ... in those circumstances?

What could you say when ... on waking up from a sleep ... you are confronted by two of the greatest figures in your nation's history ... two figures of tremendous spiritual significance ... together with a person whom you have grown to know well ... and who is transformed right before your very eyes. Naturally, you would not know where to begin ... like Peter, who babbled any word that came to his mind. Peter was simply overwhelmed! **See Page 8, Column 1 >>>**



## On Virtue

From *Patience: How We Wait upon the World*  
By David Baily Harned (1997)

What defense has Patience against Impatience? The problem of Impatience is ... not the absence of God but our reluctance to pause and search for ... traces of His Presence as Impatience seeks to banish Divine Providence with its cynical counsel: *God helps those who help themselves*.

Patience knows that one is not free ... to help oneself ... apart from other people. Our freedom is ours because other people have given it to us ... with the sacrifice of their lives ... sometimes without us knowing what they have done for us ... *in butterfly effect*.

The security and reinforcement of Patience lie in our sense of *placement* ... which is inseparable from faith in Divine Providence ... and may be defined as our sense of the human face of God ... which He makes known to us ... through other persons.

Martin Luther applied the notion of vocation ... the Christian calling ... to the whole range of civil and ecclesiastical responsibilities that everyone faces, no matter how modest – a priestly calling is in no way superior to that of a farmer, soldier or tradesman.

We ... Adorers ... are called to serve God ... here and now ... not in some other place or some other time ... not in some different role or function. Where we find ourselves today ... our sense of *placement* ... is a way in which God blesses and sanctifies ... making a sacrament out of ... our ordinary, common life ... and relates and connects Himself ... to all the affairs of our life. Here ... in our *placement* ... our circumstances ... God links Himself with all of us ... in our lives ... in this place and in this time. **See Page 9, Column 2 >>>**

*You are more of a missionary when God finds you in obedience to His commands.*



## On Mission

From *Christian Community Bible: Catholic Pastoral Edition, 6<sup>th</sup> ed.*  
by Patricia Grogan, PCJ (1990).

**2 Corinthians 4:3** – *In fact, if this Gospel we proclaim remains obscure, it is obscure only for those ... whose minds have been blinded ... lest they see the radiance of the glorious Gospel of Christ ... Who is God's image.*

St. Paul sketches here the portrait of an apostle of Christ: **(1)** We do not lose heart nor are discouraged; **(2)** We do not proceed with trickery nor falsify the message of God; **(3)** Others discover in us the glory of God which shines in Christ's face – God's image; **(4)** We carry the death of Jesus that His life may be revealed in us; and **(5)** We believe in ... and that is why we speak *through, with, in and for* ... Jesus.

Listen to John 20:22 – *He breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit.* A new world has begun. Although humanity continues to sin and to make mistakes, the first of its sons ... the new Adam, Jesus Christ ... our eldest brother ... is sharing fully the Holy Life of God.

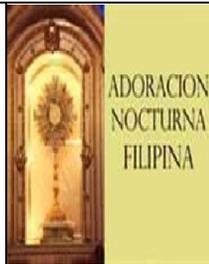
Jesus desires that we, Adorers ... inherit and share with Him ... the Holy Life of His Father ... which is why Jesus gave away all of Himself to us: His life, which His Father had given Him (John 15:15) ... His joy amid sufferings and sorrows (John 15:11) ... the keys to His Kingdom (Matthew 16:19) ... His own glory which was His even before creation (John 17:22). He gave all in all ... to all ... withholding nothing, not even His own life.

Jesus' life was simply ... the revelation, in time, of God's eternal purpose ... to save for Himself a people ... which is what the disciples needed to learn first ... not in theory but in practice ... in many ways, every day – He washed their feet ... He denied Himself the comforts and pleasures of the world ... He refused popular acclaim and prestige ... He ministered to the sick and infirmed ... He comforted the sorrowing ... He preached the Gospel of Love to the poor. His disciples may not always understand God's revelations ... but they would never mistake it for something else.

But His taking delight in teaching, training and forming His disciples, Jesus constantly renewed His consecration of ... setting apart ... Himself to God. Jesus' loving service to others constituted His sanctification (John 17:18-19) – *And for their sakes I sanctify Myself that they themselves also may be sanctified in Truth.*

Jesus' sanctification was not meant for His benefit but for His disciples that they too may be sanctified in Truth ... and that, through His life-example ... His disciples would also arrive at a commitment ... similar to that of Jesus. His whole evangelistic plan hinged on this commitment and dedication ... and the fidelity, loyalty, faithfulness – obedience – with which His disciples gave themselves to their mission of Love to the world about them.

The service to be rendered by His disciples would be measured against a yardstick ... **See next Column >>>**



## The ANF Constitution & By-Laws

### Part II, Section II, Chapter III – Officers of the Section Executive Board.

**Article 82.** Father Director appoints the lay members of the Board, including the Section President.

**Article 83.** Father Co-Director is in charge of the establishment, maintenance, formation and development of Tarcisian Turnos.

**Article 84f.** The Section President communicates with the Diocesan/Archdiocesan/Regional/National Council ... which communication includes the submission of all requisite reports.

**Article 85.** The Vice-President supervises the work and government of the Tarcisian Turnos.

**Article 86.** The Secretary submits reports to the Diocesan/Archdiocesan/Regional/National Councils. But the entire Chapter, Article 84f and this Article are silent on who will do the reports.

**Article 87.** As St. Paul encourages us, assistants are needed.

**Article 88.** Read with Articles 30 and 66, the responsibility ... for remitting dues to the Section and all the Councils ... resides in the Turno Treasurer. But, cost-wise, it is expedient ... to save money ... for the remittance to take the path of least resistance – that is, from Turnos to Section to the Diocesan/Archdiocesan/Regional Council and, finally, to the National Council.

**Note:** The third paragraph of Article 88 ... read in conjunction with Articles 66f and 113a ... establishes the Treasurer as custodian of ANF assets. **(October 2013: Part II, Section II, Chapter IV)**

**On Mission ...** a standard of performance: Calvary Love ... to love one another as He loved them (John 13:34-35). By this love, they were to be regarded as His disciples.

And, the Spirit of God enabled His disciples ... Adorers too ... to carry on the redemptive mission of evangelization ... not by any human ingenuity. Jesus is God ... in revelation; the Holy Spirit is God ... in operation – the Agent of God actually effecting through men the eternal plan of salvation.

Thus, evangelization is not a human undertaking but a *divine project* ... the work of the Holy Spirit, undertaken with humans ... who have allowed the Holy Spirit to have complete charge ... over their lives ... the human and the divine at work together. Do you ... Adorer ... want to be a part of this divine project? Do your part.

Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit to His disciples ... more frequently ... because He was going back to His Father in Heaven ... and Jesus recognized a problem: His disciples might lose heart upon His death thus He promises them ... an Advocate ... Another Comforter ... the Holy Spirit ... Who will fill the disciples' hearts with their Master ... **The Real Presence.**

With His Resurrection, the limitations imposed by a bodily existence on Jesus were all removed. With His return to His Father ... the Blessed Comforter would come to take His place. Now, Jesus would be with them always ... never to leave them nor forsake them.

Jesus tells His disciples to wait and be patient ... until His promise becomes a reality to them. The super-human work He demanded of His disciples ... Adorers ... required supernatural help – and endowment of power from on high. This happens on Pentecost Sunday.

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*This man built but was unable to finish – sadly, in spite of his own will and the grace of God.*



### Tarcisian Challenge:

#### Lead the Youth Closer to Christ

Ten-Minute Devotions for Youth Groups

Edited by Mike Nappa (1993)

**These devotions are meant to help youth to understand and apply God's Word in Bible studies for deeper meaning in their activities.**

**Lesson Five: Theme** – Christian Responsibility .

**Scripture Reading** – The Parable of Stewardship.

**Overview:** Examination of Christian Responsibility.

**Preparation:** Bible and snack-rewards.

**Experience:** Form 4-member teams; designate teams from A-Z with members of 2-4. Have teams select spots in the room as their home base; tell them to stand on their bases. Say: *Each numbered 1-4 team-member is responsible for finding a particular item and bringing it back to your home base. First team to have all its members back on base with their assigned items receives a snack-reward:* **1** – Bring an item from the garden. **2** – Bring an item from the office. **3** – Bring something red. **4** – Bring something blue. *Be back here in three (3) minutes. Ready? Go!!!*

**Response:** Award the snack to the winning team. Say: *Discuss these questions in your respective teams. The number I call out will share your team's answer: Share your feelings as the game unfolded. How did you overcome the difficulties you faced in fulfilling your responsibilities?*

Read aloud Luke 19:11-27. Each team discusses the questions below; one reports to the larger group: *Which attitude about Christian responsibility does Luke 19:11-27 present to you? How are these responsibilities similar to the ones you had during the game? What elements of our game help us to be more like the first or second servant of the parable?*

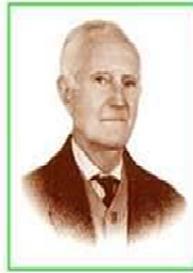
**Closing:** Have a few recite their prayers aloud asking for help from the Holy Spirit for guidance in a specific area of their lives to be a more responsible Christian. Then, provide snacks for all, if possible.

[BroDuffy: Tarcisians got talents! How may we help you prepare emerging Tarcisian talents for the world stage?]

**On Brotherhood ...** Rules were continually changed to adapt to the phenomenon of Thomas Merton. Ideas, which flowed through Merton's head, flowed straight into the heads of the novices ... and into the heads of other monks. Merton believed in disturbance, he was the disturbance.

Merton may possess psychic energy four times of ordinary men ... but his body paid a heavy price for the adventures of his mind and spirit ... causing him considerable distress in stomach and bowel, notoriously sensitive to emotional stress ... attacks of colitis ... trouble from a damaged vertebra and sinusitis ... causing mild irascibility and paranoia.

His correspondence with friend Naomi Burton showed her ability to care about his problems, survive his rage and tell him what she thought: *Be calm however difficult it is. Remember that hot communiqués are better left to cool over an open window, over night, if not longer. See Page 8, Column 2*



**Alberto Capellan Zuazo.** Declared Venerable on 06 April 1998 by Pope John Paul II. For beatification, do pray: *O God, You granted Your servant, Alberto Capellan Zuazo, a great love for the mysteries of Your Body and Blood, and the charism of finding and serving You in the poor: make me also able to pass through this life intimately united to You, serving You in the neediest of our brothers and sisters. Deign to glorify Your servant, Alberto, and grant me through his intercession this favor that I ask of You (state request).* Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

## HEROES OF THE FAITH

### How to Say Goodbye by Eric R. Kingson

From *Cancer* by Nora Piehl, Editor (2007)

[BroDuffy: In 1998, Joan Kingson was diagnosed with colon cancer which eventually spread to her liver. She died in 2001. Listen to her husband Eric share an account of Joan's last days.]

Joan was relatively comfortable and in good spirits, enjoying time with our son Aaron, daughter Johanna, sister Cathy and some close friends. Doctors and nurses thought Joan was special: She was dying ... yet she remained engaged with her family and friends ... in good humor and, ever the teacher, allowed medical and nursing students present during procedures and discussions over sensitive matters.

What frustrated Joan, though, was her great difficulty to write letters ... to me and to the kids ... because she would be missing out on major life events. So, we asked a friend to videotape her. Joan's messages are sources of strength and a reminder of the amazing woman I was gifted with to marry:

[Eric] *Your spirituality gives me strength because I know that you know ... that I am not leaving you at all ... though we can't make this journey together anymore .... You have said many times that you want me in the flesh ... but I am also ... so ready to be released. And, I really hope you can get to the joy of being released. I know you respect me and that feels wonderful. You are so receptive ... intuitive and spiritual ... that even though I grieve for the grief you feel, I feel like it's cleansing ... and I want you to feel my release as much as you can, though you might find it difficult to accept .... I love you.*

[Aaron and Johanna] *I adore you both ... you taught me a lot. I go with a feeling that ... I will be with you in every way ... though this bag of bones and flesh will not allow me to be present ... my spirit will be where you are. I believe so much in you kids and I am so very proud of you .... Love you both!*

[Cathy] *I want you to know that you are one of the most precious persons in my life. You have a deep sense of appreciation of my release because I know how wonderfully hard you have worked to protect me ... from more pain or intervention, or more western medicine. And you have worked that very tight and difficult line ... to both support and understand Eric. I love you dearly. Thank you.*

The hardest good-byes were with Aaron ... See Page 10, Column 2 >>

## Apparitions & Miracles: Science vs. Religion?

From *The Miracle Detective: An Investigation of Holy Visions* By Randall Sullivan (2004)

Shortly before the dawning of AD 2000, the U.S. National Science Institute published a poll citing that 70 per cent of America's physicists and astronomers did not believe in God. According to scientist-priests working at the Vatican Observatory, that statistic is impressive given that ... their fields of observation have produced ... more evidence of Divine Majesty than all others combined ... noting that the first astronomer to suggest the Big Bang Theory was Catholic priest, and Belgian Abbe Georges Lemaitre.

Major scientists have observed that the Big Bang Theory is consistent with the Genesis concept of creation. Yet, no great mind has been able to construct a viable theory of how galaxies could have formed, given the universe's expansion speed of 186,000 miles per second. Perhaps, this realization prodded Albert Einstein to write in 1936: *Everyone seriously involved in the pursuit of science becomes convinced that a Spirit is manifest in the laws of the Universe – a Spirit vastly superior to that of man, and one, in the face of Whom, we, with our modest powers, must be humble.*

The scientist-priests at the Vatican Observatory tell the story of an historic meeting between George Lemaitre and the amateur-astronomer Eugenio Maria Giuseppe Giovanni Pacelli known as Pope Pius XII (02 March 1876 – 09 October 1958). Excited by early test results supporting the Big Bang Theory, Pius XII suggested to Abbe Lemaitre that the Church leaders endorse it. Lemaitre advised against it, observing that ... *a religion that tied itself to 20<sup>th</sup> century science ... was bound to look foolish in the 22<sup>nd</sup> century.*

Rev. Fr. Peter Gumpel, SJ was involved as postulator in efforts to secure the beatification of Pope Pius XII — opened on 18 November 1965 by Pope Paul VI. Activist groups warned that beatification of Pius XII would damage Catholic -Jewish relations. Peter Gumpel, born 15 November 1923, is now nearly 90 years of age and had devoted more than two decades to a four-volume report on Pius' heroic virtues, and urged the *Magisterium* not to yield to the accusations. Later, Gumpel found himself accused of anti-Semitism.

John Cornwell's *Hitler's Pope* (1999) revived accusations that Pius XII ... as the Vatican's Secretary of State in the 1930s, had helped Hitler's rise to power ... and was an anti-Jew who ignored Nazi atrocities. However, *Encyclopædia Britannica* described Cornwell's depiction of Pius XII's anti-Semitism as lacking credible substantiation.

Kenneth L. Woodward stated in his *Newsweek* review of 27 September 1999, that *errors of fact and ignorance of context appear on almost every page*. Paul O'Shea, in *A Cross Too Heavy* (2008) summarized Cornwell's work by saying *it was disappointing because of its many inaccuracies, selective use of sources, and claims that do not bare any scrutiny*.

[BroDuffy: According to *Wikipedia*, in May 2007, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints ... See Page 11 Column 1 >



## Money as Sacrament

Taken from *Managing God's Money: A Biblical Guide*  
By Randy Alcorn (2011)

### Perspectives that Prevent Faithful Money Management

**1. Money is Bad: A False Spirituality.** Two equally incorrect beliefs about money are that it is always evil and that it is always good.

To regard money as evil and thus useless for God's purposes is foolish; to regard it as good and thus overlook its potential for spiritual disaster is equally foolish.

Money is not the root of evil. 1 Timothy 6:10 – *The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil*. Evil does not reside in money; it resides in human beings.

Money may be used to buy a slave, purchase sex, bribe soldiers, policemen, judges, Adores and lawmakers ... to buy cocaine ... and to fund terrorist acts. Money may be used to buy freedom for a slave ... to purchase little girls and women from prostitution dens ... to entrap law enforcers and law makers who break the law ... to finance campaigns against smugglers, drug dealers, gun runners, and pork barrel violations ... to adopt orphaned children ... etc.

The goal is to ... handle money with discipline and respect, learn contentment amid material abundance. Generating income is necessary; it is a God-ordained fact of life on Earth. Choose to live simply with simple needs so that a large portion of your income helps the needy and the destitute. Let us battle materialism – not by withdrawing from society ... but by serving God faithfully within it.

(October 2013: The Fake God of Materialism)

## EVERYTHING IS GRACE

### Everything Is Grace

From *The Grace Effect; how the Power of One Life Can Reverse the Corruption of Unbelief* (2011)

By Larry Alex Taunton

There is a simple means to determine the goodness of any society ... or any organization, such as the *Adoracion Nocturna Filipina*; it is found not in economic or political terms but in how it treats the poor, the widowed and orphans.

Orphanages are mirrors ... reflections in microcosm of society ... a random sample with which to measure the virtue of the whole. Our experiences ... in adopting an orphan in the Ukraine ... gave us a glimpse into that country's societal soul. See Page 11, Column 2 >>



### The Butterfly Effect

By Andy Andrews (2011)

[BroDuffy: Commonly used, *chaos* means *a state of disorder*. In a field of mathematics called *chaos theory* – having broad applications in the arts and sciences – it seeks to describe the behavior of dynamic systems which are highly sensitive to initial conditions. Stated in a different way: The future ... your future and mine ... is determined today ... by what you and I do ... by what you and I do not do; tomorrow does not approximately determine the future.

Meteorologist Edward Norton Lorenz laid down the foundation of *chaos theory* in the 1950s by disputing the appropriateness of the practice of using linear statistical models in meteorology when, as he held, atmospheric phenomena ... See Page 13, Column 1 >>>

*Compassion: We will never know ... how much a simple smile does to another person.*



## Health Tips

From *The Whole Grain Diet Miracle*

By Dr. Lisa Hark and Dr. Darwin Deen (2006)

Whole grains – unpolished red and/or brown rice – are higher in protein than refined grains; high protein diets can reduce hunger. People who eat whole grains may eat less and that may be part of the reason they weigh less.

Many whole grains are excellent sources of fiber; studies have shown that high-fiber intake is also associated with less hunger. Whole grains contain starches that are digested more slowly, resulting in a lower blood-glucose concentration and insulin level ... compared to those eating refined carbohydrates ... such as white rice, white flour and refined sugar. Lower levels of insulin mean that less fat is stored and you are less hungry at the next meal.

If you eat whole grains for breakfast, you will eat less food at lunch and dinner. **(To be continued October 2013)**



**On Leaders ...** More than anything else, the transfiguration ... this mountain-top experience ... was a defining moment ... a pivotal point ... in the development of Peter himself, as a person ... and of Peter as a spiritual leader. Although he still did not know the mission of Jesus ... there was no doubt in Peter's mind as to the true identity of Jesus.

This conviction of Peter ... as to Jesus' identity ... was largely assisted by ... a product of ... the words he had heard from Jesus and the revelations to Peter by the Father ... the blinding sight of the glory and majesty of Jesus ... and the wonderful glimpses of Heaven and the future – all of which he would remember and recall ... and from which he would gain inspiration ... strength and conviction.

In his teachings and epistles, Peter would always refer to and use ... the memory and the historicity of the transfiguration ... where Peter himself was transformed ... to emphasize the TRUTH that Jesus is the Christ ... the Messiah ... and that His teaching is not the peddling of a cleverly-devised myth.

**Lesson Learned – 1/3.** Leaders need a series of moments of transfiguration ... of transformation ... to better minister in a culture which is quick to seduce and convert us into its own world or run us dry of spiritual energy.

Spiritual leaders set aside time ... opportunities ... for affective prayer – prayer which affects you ... prayer which has an effect on you ... prayer which transforms you – from one degree of glory to another. Without time for affective prayer ... our leadership quickly becomes visionless or dry. We may seem to be leading ... going through all its motions ... being endowed with a lot of fancy titles of ... *Jefe, President or Director* ... but not touched nor charged by ... the Holy Spirit ... nor allowing the Holy Spirit to re-charge us.

Adorers need moments on the mount of Transfiguration to be repeatedly transformed, where ... our awareness of *The Real Presence of Jesus* is re-freshed ... **See next Column >>>**

our remembrance of *His True Identity* is re-newed ... and our involvement with *His Mission* is re-invigorated ... that mission which was completed at Calvary and ... which is now offered to the world through the Holy Spirit.

Adorers ... should seek out such places and times ... of transfiguration ... and put ourselves in silence and in the way of such refreshment. Leaders need to remember to prioritize this ... but it applies to all Christians, in general ... and to all Adorers, in particular.

**Lesson Learned – 2/3.** *Uncommon* supernatural experiences have been given to God's people **(1)** in times of *great stress* or difficulty; **(2)** at *critical points* in His plan of salvation; and **(3)** when the Spirit of God has been poured out in *unusual measure*.

Such experiences are akin to the Kingdom of God which may be earnestly sought for like the merchant in search of fine pearls ... or stumbled upon as the farmer who accidentally hits gold in his field, or seem to occur spontaneously as Paul's Damascus experience, or a critical point in God's salvation history as was the appearance of Gabriel to Mary on which the history of the world truly turned.

These mountain-top experiences ... these pivotal moments ... are the intersection of ... the eternal with the earthly ... the divine with the human ... where prayer and action meet. That intersection is formative of discipleship.

**Lesson Learned 3/3.** Moments-of-transfiguration experiences are both informative and overwhelming ... as it was to Peter, James and John ... both add to our understanding and transport us into another realm beyond our senses where we are unable to incorporate such experiences into our normal rational thought and comprehension.

These experiences may be ON-OFF moments meant to ... encourage us in our leadership and/or discipleship training and development ... be part of a revival ... or a source of re-refreshment which God grants us at a particular time as He has done on many occasions in our lives ... such as God's appearance to Elijah at Mount Carmel ... or Paul's vision of being ... *taken up to third heaven* (2 Corinthians 12:2).

**Warning:** *Mountain-top experiences* should not be sought for its own sake ... which is a hallmark of our present culture – the craving for the spectacular ... the sensational ... and the magnificent. Our focus is to be on Jesus Himself ... not on such experiences.

Energizing, exhilarating and invigorating *mountain-top experiences* may be, Jesus had to come down the mountain and face ... fulfill, accomplish, and complete ... the mission He was charged with in Jerusalem – the salvation of mankind by His Passion, Death and Resurrection (*first*) and by His Second Coming (*second*).

On the way, Jesus and Peter would have three instructive conversations on leadership ... about: **(1)** Discretion or Valour – Matthew 17:24-27; **(2)** Forgiveness – Matthew 18:21-35; and **(3)** Rewards – Matthew 19:16-30. **(October 2013: Discretion or Valour)**

**On Brotherhood ...** *Learn to gracefully say NO often.*

Writes Merton: *One is faced with the harrowing idea of emulating the blind obedience of Adolf Eichmann* [BroDuffy: Eichmann was Hitler's butcher of Jews] ... *such that in obeying one's superiors, one is really doing wrong and offending God ... having to do what one believes is wrong is a most monumental mistake.*

**(To be continued October 2013)**

***Every encounter is an occasion for evangelization. Don't waste it. A smile, warm and happy is sufficient.***



**On St. Joseph ...** resurrection on that first Easter Sunday ... these risen saints entered the earthly city of Jerusalem and were seen by many ... and then ascended into ... the Holy City of Jerusalem (Refer to Psalm 87 of August 2013 edition of *The Real Presence*).

Imagine great rejoicing and celebration ... as the risen Jesus appears to His Mother ... with St. Joseph and all the martyrs and saints. Blessed indeed is St. Joseph who is pure of heart ... sees God face-to-face ... and is gifted with a personal and intimate knowledge of God – the ultimate gift of the Spirit of God to those who live the Spirit of the Beatitudes.

**Prayer:** *St. Joseph, many times we fail to live the Spirit of the Beatitudes ... but we trust in your fatherhood ... as father of the Divine Mercy. Merciful father, do not abandon us to the evil one. Send us the angels and saints ... to guard and guide us. Draw us closer to the hearts of your Son and His Mother and speak a kind word to them on our behalf ... that, one day, we may enter Paradise in the company of your Holy Son ... and the angels and saints. Amen.*



**On Silence ...** over-civilized humans. At Slide Creek, I made camp among abandoned mining equipment and fallen shacks. I rediscovered variegated hues of green ... ferns and grasses, bushes and small trees, blue huckleberries and red chokeberries ... a gray-flash from fat squirrels darting about ... groups blue jaybirds swooping from limb to limb with raucous laughter ... and, at night, the canyon was black beneath a starry sky with the moon above the canyon ring casting silver shadows on the river, splashing across the rocks.

I stayed for five days. Two days later, I arrived at the mining claim operated for the last 17 years by two prospectors, Ruth and Perry Davis. Ruth had gone to see the dentist. Perry understood that I was on a kind of word fast. I camped outside their cabin. At night, warmed by the old wood-burning stove and the soft glow of the oil lamps, I let the music pour from my banjo – staccato in G, filled with trills and rolls.

To my delight, Perry danced, strutted and kicked his heels, all the while puffing on his pipe. Perry said, like an absent-minded professor: *All that glitters is not gold ... there's enough gold here ... but the gold I'm talking about is the gold of being-here. We keep our mining to a minimum. We take only what we need and disturb as little as possible.*

The Davises' mining claim is the opposite of what you'll find in mines all over the world ... their place is bordered by the serenity of a garden. Perry said: *What you are doing ... walking and not talking is – Recapitulation ... like going back to the beginning of things ... looking back in time ... working your way through all the successive stages of human development to where we are now ... going back to learn something. Recapitulation is a good teacher.*

**Lesson Eleven on Silence:** Painting from Memory.  
**Objective:** Further Develop your Inner Landscape.

See next Column >>>



**His Eminence**  
**Gaudencio B. Cardinal Emeritus Rosales**  
**Archbishop of Manila**

Born 10 August 1932 at Batangas City.  
Sacerdotal Ordination: 23 March 1958 in Manila.  
Episcopal Ordination: 28 October 1974 in Manila.



**His Excellency**  
**Most Rev. Crispin B. Varquez, D.D.**  
**Bishop of Borongan**

Born 05 December 1960 at Sevilla, Bohol.  
Sacerdotal Ordination: 14 April 1989.  
Episcopal Ordination: 18 October 2007..



**His Excellency**  
**Most Rev. Leonardo Z. Legazpi, OP, DD**  
**Archbishop Emeritus of Caceres**

Born 25 November 1935 at Meycauayan, Bulacan.  
Sacerdotal Ordination: 17 December 1960 at Manila.  
Episcopal Ordination: 08 August 1977 at Manila.

**On Silence ...** Today, we seldom take the time to sit and contemplate the landscape we are living in ... even while walking. Take, say, ten minutes or longer ... take in the scenery then turn your back to the scene. From memory, paint that on paper ... or in your mind's eye. The idea is to improve your recall of the moment ... to exercise your ability to remember ... so that you will not forget!

I take with me ... on my sketch pads ... in my mind ... memories of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. **(To be continued October 2013)**

**On Mission ...** Not everyone is given the privilege of seeing the Comforter doing His work in the world today: The multitudes who followed at a distance ... the Pharisees who stubbornly refused to accept His Word ... the ordinary Jews who chose not to walk in His Light. Only those who followed Jesus ... all the way ... came to know the glory of the experience of the Spirit of Christ.

The most striking illustration of the deliberate way that Jesus withheld teaching ... from those who did not want it ... is the way He guarded His own association with the Messianic Promise. Jesus did not declare that He was the Messiah to the religious rulers of Jerusalem ... until He was on trail and asked point-blank if He was the Christ. Jesus would not cast His pearls before those who did not want them ... the pigs.

Any evangelistic work without the Holy Spirit is ... lifeless and meaningless. Only as the Spirit of Christ ... in us ... exalts the Son ... are men drawn into the Father.

We can not give away our life to Christ ... if we do not possess our own life – meaning, that someone or something else ... such as money, real estate, power, greed, the vices of alcoholism, gambling, drugs, sex and, now, the internet and video games ... owns our life ... our time. Conversely ... our having the very ability to give away our life to Christ, through the Holy Spirit is proof of our possession of our life – meaning that, we are possessed in the Spirit of Christ.

Nor can we withhold ... hold back ... not give ... our life to Christ ... if we possess it as a steward of the Spirit of Christ ... when our lives no longer belong to ourselves.

**(October 2013: Principle No. 5 – Selection)**



**His Holiness Pope Francis**

Jack Persico of *The Guardian* gave these remarks: *I was baptized a Catholic but I have left the flock decades ago. The new Pope fights poverty and complacency wherever he sees it. He could be a superhero even for an atheist like me.*

**Episcopal Ordination – October 2013:** His Eminence Gaudencio B. Cardinal Emeritus Rosales; Bishop Crispin B. Varquez of Borongan; and Archbishop Emeritus Leonardo Z. Legazpi of Caceres.

**Foundation Anniversaries – October 2013:**

- 47<sup>th</sup> Year – Section 34 Southern Cebu (29 October 1966);
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Year – Section 43 Alaminos (30 October 1971);
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Year – Section 44 Urdaneta (30 October 1971);
- 38<sup>th</sup> Year – Section 53 Gapan (18 October 1975);
- 25<sup>th</sup> Year – Section 97 Nagcarlan (29 October 1988);
- 25<sup>th</sup> Year – Section 98 Catanauan (15 October 1988);
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year – Section 143 Paranaque (24 October 2008);
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Section 153 Calamba (13 October 2010); and
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year – Section 161 Paete (13 October 2012).
- 93<sup>rd</sup> Year – Turno One Natl Council (10 October 1920);
- 93<sup>rd</sup> Year – Turno 3 San Vicente Ferrer (23 October 1920);
- 90<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 28 Paco (16 October 1923);
- 89<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 64 Dulag, Leyte (15 October 1924);
- 75<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 140 Boac (29 October 1938);
- 75<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 142 Boac (29 October 1938);
- 60<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 270 Paombong (17 October 1953);
- 60<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 279 Jaro (25 October 1953);
- 60<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 280 Dauis, Bohol (04 October 1953);
- 60<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 292 Bayombong (24 October 1953);
- 55<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 601 Masantol (19 October 1958);
- 55<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 640 San Antonio, Quezon (04 October);
- 55<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 654 Candelaria (25 October 1958);
- 55<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 655 Sto. Domingo, Ilocos Sur;
- 50<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 841 Barcelona, Sorsogon (29 October);
- 50<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 849 Cabatuan, Isabela (18 October);
- 50<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 850 Echague, Isabela (19 October 1963);
- 45<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 990 Bacnotan, La Union (26 October);
- 35<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 1181 Bagong Silang, Labo (28 October);
- 30<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 1270 Sta. Teresita, Batangas;
- 25<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 1402 Odlot, Bago (15 October 1988);
- 20<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 1478 Tangos, Baliwag (17 October);
- 20<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 1480 Bautan Munti, Pilar; and
- 15<sup>th</sup> Year – Turno 1626 Sta. Lucia, CSF (03 October 2003);
- 40<sup>th</sup> Year – Tarcisian Turno 35 Sto. Rosario, Hagonoy);
- 35<sup>th</sup> Year – Tarcisian Turno 97 Abucay (1978);
- 30<sup>th</sup> Year – Tarcisian Turno 139 Gerona (07 October); and
- 20<sup>th</sup> Year – Tarcisian Turno 232 Masinloc (09 October).

**Birthdays – October 2013:** Archbishop John F. Du of Palo; Bishop Jacinto A. Jose of Urdaneta; Bishop Honesto F. Ongtioco of Cubao; Bishop Mylo Hubert C. Vergara of Pasig; Bishop Emmanuel T. Cabajar of Pagadian; Bishop Ruperto C. Santos of Balanga; Archbishop Emeritus Diosdado A. Talamayan of Tuguegaro; and Bishop Emeritus Leo M. Drona of San Pablo.

**Constantinople — Legacy: The Church**

From *Christianity and Human Rights* by Paul Seighart  
 Printed in *Law & Justice: The Christian Law Review* (1989)  
 Published by *The Edmund Plowden Trust*  
 Editor by Rev. Fr. Richard Regan, SJ

I dare suggest, therefore, that, having finally embraced the notion of human rights ... preaching it so powerfully for a whole generation, my Church might now consistently apply ... to her own internal and temporal affairs ... some of the precepts which I quoted before from (Saint) Pope John XXIII's *Pacem in Terris* ... and which I quote again below, with the change of only a few words:

*In today's world, the first thing to look for in a society's legal system is some sort of charter... of fundamental human rights ... expressed in clear and concise language, and forming an integral element ... in the way that society is governed.*

*A declaration of the rights and duties ... which subject s and rulers have towards each other ... must make it clear that the duties of rulers are ... to acknowledge, respect, harmonize, protect and promote ... their subjects' rights and duties.*

*If office-holders ... or rulers ... violate or neglect to take into account human rights, they not only fail in their duty ... they lose all authority to command obedience.*

So, there it is ... and I believe it has to be said ... over and over again, until something is done about it ... because there are now ... 1988 ... only three of the world's great powers which have not yet adhered to a single human rights treaty – the USA, the People's Republic of China and the Holy See.

It is a little-known fact that there is no organ or official in the Roman Curia who is responsible for human rights in the Church. *Someone* should be charged with it. In a great and influential institution which takes such a leading part in preaching this important subject, there is no one formally answerable for its practice.

**(October 2013: Rights of the Laity)**

**Errata – August 2013 Issue:**

1. On Miracle: Page 7, Column 1, paragraph 5 – Bruno was burned.
2. On Leaders: Page 8, Column 2, paragraph 4 – ... the Son has ....
3. On Leaders: Page 9, Column 1, paragraph 5 – ... be slapped ....

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**On Heroes ...** and Johanna. Joan was concerned with how the children would handle the loss but optimistic about the children she had raised and their capacity to live good, happy and kind lives. On May 10<sup>th</sup>, friends stayed overnight in the room with Joan and me. I slept seated on a chair next to Joan ... left hand on her chest ... right hand on her head ... my hand by her left side ... coaching her: *Hon, it's time to let go. It's time to die.*

The next morning, May 11<sup>th</sup>, I woke up to find the night nurse beside the bed, feeling Joan who was still warm. *Is she gone?* I lovingly asked. She checked her heartbeat. **See Page 11, Column 1 >>**

**On Heroes ....** The DNR order was implemented: *Do Not Resuscitate*. Joan had been released ... at peace ... the room exuded that peacefulness. But, how missed she was ... and she still is. (October 2013: Alternative Lifestyle)



**On Apparitions ...** recommended that Pius XII be declared *Venerable* which Pope Benedict XVI did so on 19

December 2009, simultaneously making the same declaration in regard to Pope John Paul II. Benedict XVI's signature on the *Decree of Heroic Virtue* was regarded by some as public-relations blunder, though acceptance of Pius XII as a savior of Europe's Jews is regarded as *proof of fidelity to the Church, the Pope and the Tradition* by neo-conservative Catholic groups.

Pinchas Lapide, a Jewish theologian and Israeli diplomat to Milan in the 1960s, wrote in his controversial book *Three Popes and the Jews* (1967) that Pius was instrumental in saving at least 700,000 but probably as many as 860,000 Jews from certain death at Nazi hands. American Rabbi and historian David Dalin, published *The Myth of Hitler's Pope: How Pope Pius XII Rescued Jews from the Nazis* in 2005, reaffirming previous accounts of Pius XII having been a savior of thousands of Europe's Jews.

On the other hand, Rabbi Marvin Hier Marvin, founder and dean at the Simon Wiesenthal Center said in 22 December 2009 that ... *there would be a great distortion of history* if Pius XII were canonized. Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence, the head of Sydney's Great Synagogue said in 24 December 1999: "How can one venerate a man who ... seemed to give his passive permission to the Nazis as the Jews were prised from his doorstep in Rome? Such comments ignore the case of Israel Anton Zolli, the Chief Rabbi in Rome from 1939-45, who, with his second wife, became a Catholic immediately after the end of World War II and took the name of *Eugenio Maria* in honor of Pius XII.

Of the 43 speeches Pope Pius XII made as Papal Nuncio, 40 denounced the emerging Nazi ideology. In 1935, he wrote an open letter to the Bishop of Cologne describing Hitler as a false prophet of the ilk of Lucifer. In 1938, a report written, by Pope Pius XII for American President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and filed with Ambassador Joseph Kennedy, declared that the Church regarded compromise with Hitler's Third Reich as *out of the question*.]

In the Holy See, there was an attitude that ... the investigation of prophetic revelations would sort themselves out in due course ... that watching and waiting is its preferred approach. In fact, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith had announced its intention update its criteria for distinguishing between true and false apparitions ... asserting that the plethora ... the abundance ... of reported apparitions during the during the past 20 years had forced the church to protect itself from the negative consequences of unwarranted devotions that multiply by imitation.

The Congregation's recent announcement about its updated standards of authenticity noted that ... See Next Column >>

eleven of the 295 alleged apparitions that were investigated by the Church between 1905 and 1995 had been approved – meaning that ... fewer than one in twenty-five are deemed to be ... authentic.

Rev. Fr. Augustine DiNoia, an American theologian recently assigned to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, observed that ... time was perhaps the greatest tool the Church could employ in its investigations. False claims of revelations had a way of revealing themselves over the years ... such as Magdalena of the Cross ... often because the devotional cult they inspired simply dried up and withered away ... or, in some cases, because the *seers* needed to confess their doubts and errors as they approached death.

Even some truly mystical events were simply personal phenomena, and not intended to result in any sort of broader impact. Negative judgments by bishops had been overcome, most notably at Lourdes, and in several other instances as well.

DiNoia added that apparitions involving matters of real importance to the Church as a whole, on the other hand, tended *not only to sustain the devotions they inspired* but also to prove themselves by the fruits they yielded. (October 2013: Authenticity Standards)



**On The Grace Effect ...** At this point, I better explain first what I mean by *the grace effect* ... of *common grace* which is altogether distinct from *saving* or *special* grace.

In *Christianity and Culture* (1960), the famous theologian T.S. Eliot defined *common grace* as that ... which curbs the destructive power of sin ... maintains in some measure the moral order of the universe thus making an orderly life possible ... distributes in varying degrees God's gifts and talents among men ... and showers untold blessings upon the children of men.

Practically speaking, how does God allow for the workings of *common grace*? (1) God sustains the natural order by ... upholding the universe by the power of His Word (Hebrews 1:3) ... giving to all mankind their life and breath and everything else (Acts 17:25).

(2) God blesses mankind by restraining our evil nature ... by engraving His commandments in their minds (Romans 2:15) ... which finds expression in our conscience ... compelling us to help someone in need or to seek forgiveness from those we have wronged ... or our conscience may lead us to the Cross itself.

1 Timothy 4:2 warns us that conscience may be perverted and, finally, killed. Conscience works ... by rudely rousing us from our moral slumber. Violated often enough, however, the voice of our conscience grows ever fainter. When that happens ... and human nature is left to indulge its evil appetites and obscenities, we become ... *full of jealousy, murder, strife, deceit, bad will and gossip* (Romans 1:29) ... whose fruits are ... the holocausts of Hitler, Stalin and Mao ... the genocides of Africa, Cambodia and the Middle East ... the massacres of innocent men, women and children.

(3) God blesses unbelievers by the presence of authentic Christians in their midst ... thus preparing these unbelievers for a relationship with Jesus (1 Corinthians 7:10-14). Here, *common grace* does more than negate the evil impulses of mankind ... it is a positive force for good. As one experiences grace in his own life, he extends grace to others.

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## The Grace Effect

Through the inward transformation of the individual, there is a corresponding outward transformation of society. This is an observable phenomenon ... what I call *the grace effect* – simply defined: *That life is demonstrably better where authentic Christianity flourishes.*

The Word of God ... Jesus, living and active ... is so powerful that it resonates with ... is echoed by and reflected in ... by our experiences in everyday life. Hence, we find parallels for heavenly things in earthly things .. the Divine interacting with the human – slavery mirrors our bondage in sin ... marriage is reflective of our relationship with Jesus – for, indeed, such are the sacraments.

In the Gospel of John, chapters 13 and 14, Jesus bids His disciples farewell, alarming them. Jesus offers them words of comfort: *I go to prepare a place for you ... I will not leave you as orphans ...* (John 14:2-18) Of the many spiritual truths reflected in Jesus' life, adoption is the most profound. God adopted us – rebellious and sinful beings – as His own children, heirs to a great promise and a great hope.

Let us now allow for a short history of the Ukraine and Russia as a background of their present state of affairs ... in respect to its poor ... the widowed and the orphans.

The waist of Europe serves as the corridor of the West into the heartland of European Russia ... up the Ural Mountains into Asian Russia ... and is a vast, open plain ... stretching from the Baltic Sea in the north-west to the Black Sea in the south-east ... of which, a third is occupied by Poland and Byelorussia and two-thirds by the Ukraine.

Into this corridor marched the armies of Napoleon Bonaparte and Adolfo Hitler against Russia ... and, in turn, those of Josef Stalin's Red Army into Germany. Lacking any natural borders behind which its peoples may take refuge, such as the Swiss Alps, the Ukraine has been the doormat to invading armies ... both East and West.

First in AD 988, came the Vikings or Norsemen – related to the Normans of Normandy, France and those who invaded England on 27 September 1066 under William the Conqueror. Then, the Mongols came in AD 1241. Ukrainians imitated the Mongols in everything ... except their methods of warfare ... becoming a nasty and ruthless people but were sissy-slapped by Turks, then the Poles, Turks again ... Lithuanians, Swedes, Turks again ... Russians, Germans, Russians again ... Germans again, Russians again ... etc.

This proverb made its appearance in Ukraine: *Those sitting above can easily spit on those below* perhaps due to their pervading hopelessness in the face of conquering armies and unscrupulous home-grown gangsters. In World War II alone, it is estimated that 7-11 million Ukrainians died – about one-third of the population.

In 24 August 1991, the Ukraine managed independence for the first time in its long, tragic history ... See Next Column

... of conquest and occupation ... enslavement and collectivization ... state-engineered famines and purges ... fascism and communism. This country deserves a break. Yet, 16% of Ukrainians ... with more sympathetic to the idea ... want to reunite with Russia ... like the Jews under Moses desiring to go back to Egypt ... wanting to give justice to Proverbs 26:11 – *A dog returns to its vomit.*

On Friday 26 April 1986 0123H, a Swede nuclear power station detected abnormally high levels of radiation in winds ... coming somewhere inside the Soviet Union. A nuclear meltdown ... 100 times greater than Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-bombs combined ... occurred at Reactor Number Four at Chernobyl ... in the Ukraine.

The Ukrainian government gave no official announcement of the event. By Sunday, residents of nearby Pripyat were quietly evacuated. In Kiev, sixty miles south of Chernobyl, unaware Ukrainians celebrated May Day. As a sticky, blob-like substance fell from the sky, Communist Party *apparatchiki* left Kiev – with their families.

Realizing that the secret could no longer be contained, the government issued an announcement of the accident without mentioning health risks ... and buried the report in a nightly news program. Kievans rushed out to leave the city ... a massive exodus crowding all exit-roads ... only to be blocked by gun-wielding militia. All those without approved passes were directed back to Kiev.

Journalist Anna Reid refers to the Chernobyl disaster as ... *a saga of bureaucratic and technical incompetence and irresponsibility ... of sloth and mendacity ... of plain contempt for human life.* A 2005 WHO study estimates that 56 died inside the nuclear power plant; 4,000 died later ... excluding 600,000 people exposed to radiation.

Operations at the power plant shut down in 2000 ... due mainly to international pressure. Today, thousands of people reside inside the evacuation zone ... an area considered to be unsafe for another 200 years. Seventy-five years of communist rule were not without effect ... same say, the communists still rule!

The fruits of such a culture are ... proverbs of helplessness and a regard of human life as less than sacred. All these are reflected in people's attitudes toward the poor, the sick and the orphan. [BroDuffy: Our Government's *Conditional Cash Transfer Program* hands out upwards of **P30** billion which, for one million families over a 360-day year, yields **P83.33** per day and **P27.78** per day for three million families. At **P60** billion, the three million families will receive **P55.56** per day.]

In the city streets of Kiev, Ferraris, Lamborghinis and Porsches – add Rolls-Royce in the Philippines – abound; at the port of Odessa, impressive yachts dock regularly. Such displays of wealth and power are extravagant in the best of circumstances ... and become crass and arrogant in the face of children in orphanages ... reflective of those in the culture at large.

Government aid is inadequate. Very few Ukrainians or Russians adopt or volunteer for these abandoned children. There is little help offered from the Islamic world ... countries where the slave trade continues to thrive and flourish. [BroDuffy: *The Humanitarian Response Index: Measuring Commitment to Best Practice*, published by the Development Assistance Research Associates in 2008, lists 22 donor countries, all predominantly Christian nations, except Japan. China and Russia are not in the list; nor any Islamic country.]

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## The Grace Effect

As with most aid, most adoptions are to parents from Western countries – overwhelmingly, those from the United States of America: Since 1986, American parents have adopted nearly 84,000 children from Eastern Europe and countries of the former Soviet Union.

Why do Americans do it? It is a result of Christianity's influence in America ... the grace effect.

(October 2013: Suffer the Children ... the Orphans)



**On The Butterfly Effect ...** involved in weather forecasting are nonlinear. His work culminated in the publication of his 1963 scientific paper *Deterministic Non-Periodic Flow in the Journal of the Atmospheric Science* and, with it, the foundation of *chaos theory*.

*Sensitivity to initial conditions* is popularly known as *the butterfly effect* – a reference to the paper submitted by Lorenz in 1972 to the *American Association for the Advancement of Science* entitled *Predictability: Does the Flap of a Butterfly's Wings in Brazil set off a Tornado in Texas?* In other words, the *Butterfly Effect: A small act ... all actions – and the lack of actions – have great consequences. Eternity ... your eternity and mine ... is determined NOW.*]

Do you really matter? Do you make a difference? Does the universe notice you? Listen to Andy Andrews expound on *The Butterfly Effect*: On a hot, humid day of 02 July 1863, 150 years ago, with the American Civil War on its second year, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, a Colonel in the Union Army ... stood at the far left edge of a group of 80,000 Union soldiers ... deployed over a five-mile long line of fields and hills ... from Culp's Hill to Cemetery Hill to Cemetery Ridge to the Round Top Hills – Big and Little, with Little Top adjoining Cemetery Ridge and Big Top isolated from that long line by an open field ... in a quiet, small market town known as Gettysburg in the state of Pennsylvania ... about 60 miles northwest of Washington.

Writes Brice Catton on *The Hallowed Ground: The Story of the Union Side of the Civil War* (1955): *On these heights, the Union Army of the Potomac under its new commander, General George Meade, waited for the assaults of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia under the command of General Robert E. Lee. But, wherever they chose to stage their fight, the Confederate soldiers would have to march uphill ... a losing battle. The Battle of Gettysburg would rightfully take its place in history as the most crucial battle of the American Civil War.*

*Yet, the Confederate Cabinet of President Jefferson Davis had given the winning General Lee their approval to his proposal ... to march north into Pennsylvania and, by mid-May 1863, the invasion was ordered. But, Lee's Army of 90,000 men ... on the march ... would be on its own in a strange land ... scooping up ... See Next Column >>>*

*supplies of food and water from the fat Pennsylvania country ... driven by an inexorable compulsion ... to keep moving or starve because it lacked a supply line.*

*By end of June 1863, Lee's Army was strung out on all of 60 miles of Pennsylvania highway ... from Chambersburg in the west to York in the east ... all looking down on a dot on the map – Gettysburg. Lee's ablest and principal subordinate, Lieutenant General James D. Longstreet, objected to Lee's choice of battlefield. He suggested they sit tight and let the Yankees do the charging. But, Lee, lacking supplies for a siege, made the inescapable decision: The enemy is there; I will attack him.*

*Lee's strategy was simple: Look for the weak links. Attack the flanks then the center. Amid an intense bombardment, Longstreet drove his army corps up at the Union lines ... along Cemetery Ridge and took an isolated mark, Big Round Top Hill. Next on his field of vision was Little Round Top Hill – where Joshua Chamberlain was in command of the Union 20<sup>th</sup> Maine Regiment.*

Chamberlain's orders were to defend Little Round Top Hill ... at all costs. If the Confederate Army over-ran the hill, Lee would gain the high ground ... the Union Army would be put to rout. The Hill was critical to the success of the Union defensive line.

The first Confederate charge came at 1430H against Chamberlain's 385 men. He faced off a second charge ... a third ... a fourth ... and he was now down to 80 men with only two rounds ... two bullets ... left for each soldier. The Confederate 15<sup>th</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Alabama Regiments, reinforced by the 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Texas Regiments, marched up the hill for a fifth charge ... the high-pitched rebel yell reaching up toward the ears of Chamberlain and his men.

Chamberlain mounted the defensive wall of flat rocks, turned his back on the rebels, looked on his men ... and gave his order: *Fix Bayonets!!!! Execute a great wheel of the entire regiment. The left swings first! Do it Now!!!!* Then, the Colonel turned to face the enemy, pointed his sword directly downhill, slashed the air with the blade ... and, with a power born of courage and fear, the school teacher from Maine roared: *Charge! Charge! Charge!!!!* His men lifted their voices to match their leader's ... and they went tumbling over the wall and ran downhill ... and into history.

The Confederate Army suffered 28,063 dead – a little less than a third of the strength of its army; the Union Army suffered 20,000 dead. Historians determine that if Confederate General Lee won the Battle of Gettysburg, he would have rushed down to Washington, DC forcing Lincoln to capitulate and surrender. The Confederate States of America would have won the Civil War.

That means ... North America would have been divided into nine countries ... and, when Hitler swept across Europe and Hirohito invaded Asia and the Pacific ... there would not have been a United States of America ... to call on its men and women to fight and win ... two wars on two fronts at the same time.

The hydrogen atoms created at the point of creation 15 billion years ago make up our bodies today. The effect of one man's actions and sacrifices 150 years ago ... ripple through our lives today. Everything you do ... and do not do ... matters ... to all of us ... forever! You have been created to make a difference in the world. You have within your power to change the world. See Page 13, Column 1 >>>



**On The Butterfly Effect ...** Know that your actions cannot be stored and hoarded ... saved for later ... or used in favor of a very select few. By your hand, millions ... billions ... of lives will be affected, caught up in a chain of events began by you this day.

The very beating of your heart has meaning and purpose. Your actions have value ... far greater than silver and gold. Your life and what you do with it today matters in eternity!

In the Preface of his book *The Bigger Bang* (2002), James Lidsey writes: *This book presents ... the most fundamental questions about the origin and early evolution of the universe. Along the way, we discover ... how the world of the very small – as described by the physics of elementary subatomic particles – and the world of the very large – as described by the astrophysics of the universe – are inextricably linked by events which wove them together in the first few moments of the universe's history.*

Reflection: Meron bang effect sa iyo ang common grace ... saving grace at amazing grace ... ang butterfly effect at ang grace effect? O wa-effect ang mga ito?



### Points to Ponder

**Matthew 20:1-16.** Those who built the chapel are mistaken if they think that they have rights over the community, as the clergy are mistaken when they do not accept the participation of lay persons.

**Rev. Fr. Andrew M. Greeley (05 February 1928 – 29 May 2013)** in his novel *The Archbishop in Andalusia* (2008) writes: *God, as the wise man Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa (Vicar General of the Papal States in 1459) taught several centuries ago, is a coincidence of opposites of both male and female. Those characteristics we see ... in men and in women ... are combined in God. We can thus imagine God either way if we want.*

*Muslims have ... great devotion to the Blessed Mother, though without any statue of her. And, there are more lines in the Holy Koran about her than in the New Testament.*

**Julie Ackerman Link** in *Our Daily Bread* Philippine Star 05 July 2013 issue: *We know that Jesus is our friend. To be His friend, we need to listen to what He wants us to do ... and to bring others into friendship with Him. Friendship with Christ requires our faithfulness. Are we His friend?*

**T. S. Eliot** in *Christianity and Culture* (1960): It is with the background of Christianity that ... our arts have developed ... the laws of Europe have been rooted ... and all of our thoughts have significance. A European may not believe that the Christian faith is true ... and yet, what he says, makes and does ... spring out of his heritage of Christian culture and depend upon that culture for meaning .... I do not believe that the culture of Europe could survive the complete disappearance of the Christian Faith .... If Christianity goes, the whole culture goes.



### Pope John XXIII From Wikipedia

Pope John XXIII (born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli; 25 November 1881 – 03 June 1963), was thead of the Catholic Church from 28 October 1958 to his death.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was the fourth child of fourteen born in a Lombard village to sharecroppers, and ordained a priest on 10 August 1904, serving in various posts including an appointment as Papal Nuncio in France (1944), Bulgaria and Greece. Pope Pius XII made Roncalli a cardinal on 12 January 1953 in addition to naming him the Patriarch of Venice.

Roncalli was elected Pope in 1958 at age 77 on the sixth scrutiny – after eleven ballots – his election was imminent given the type of candidate the cardinal electors wanted. Novelist, Father Andrew M. Greeley in *White Smoke: The Next Papal Conclave* (1996) writes of it: *On occasions in human history, like the election of Pope John XXIII, when the Holy Spirit, to show that She could do it, turned human weakness, ignorance and presumption into a situation where She could take over – though, normally, we, humans ... churchmen ... endeavor to give Her large obstacles to overcome.*

Pope John XXIII was the first pope to take the name *John* upon his election in more than 500 years, and his choice settled the complicated question of official numbering attached to this papal name. He surprised those who expected him to be a caretaker pope by calling the historic Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), the first session opening on 11 October 1962. He did not live to see it to completion, dying on 03 June 1963 of stomach cancer, four-and-a-half years after his election, and two months after the completion of his final and famed encyclical *Pacem in Terris*. His passionate views on equality were summed up in his famous statement: *We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike.*

Pope John XXIII made many passionate speeches during his pontificate, one of which was on the day that he announced the Second Vatican Council in the middle of the night to the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square: *Dear children, returning home, you will find children. Give your children a caress and say: This is the caress of the Pope!*

Pope John XXIII was buried in the Vatican grottoes beneath Saint Peter's Basilica on 6 June 1963 and his cause for canonization was opened by his successor, Pope Paul VI, who declared him a Servant of God. In addition to being named Venerable in the years that followed, he was beatified on 3 September 2000 by Pope John Paul II alongside Pope Pius IX. Following his beatification, his body was moved from its original place to the altar of Saint Jerome where it could be seen by the faithful.

By-passing the traditionally required second miracle, Pope Francis declared John XXIII a saint based on his merits of opening the Second Vatican Council. He is expected to be canonized alongside John Paul II by the end of 2013. John XXIII today is affectionately known as the *Good Pope* and in Italian *il Papa Buono*.

The feast day of John XXIII is not celebrated on the date of his death, as is usual, but on October 11, the day of the first session of the Second Vatican Council. He is also commemorated in the Anglican Communion.