



The Real Presence

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Meaning of *Eucharist*?

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

1. Exterior Practices. Some assert that true devotion is in the heart ... that externals invite vanity. Also, real devotion shall be hidden and private. Listen to Matthew 5:16 – *Let men see your good works ... your Eucharistic adoration ... so that they may glorify your Father in Heaven.* St. Gregory says: We perform these external actions not to please men nor to seek their praise – That certainly is vanity. Let us do these external practices before men only to please and glorify God.

Those who desire to take up this devotion of Consecration to Jesus through Mary, we refer you to the Montfort Fathers in the Philippines through Rev. Fr. Carmelo C. Esteban, SMM at totustuusjourney_phils@yahoo.com. The Montfort Fathers are in Manila, Bulacan, Cebu and Davao.

2. Interior Practices. Here are some very sanctifying interior practices for those who feel called by the Holy Spirit ... to do everything *through* Mary, *with* Mary ... *in* Mary and *for* Mary ... in order to do it more perfectly *through* Jesus, *with* Jesus, *in* Jesus and *for* Jesus.

a. Through Mary. Do everything *through* Mary. Always obey Mary and be led by the spirit of Mary ... the Holy Spirit of God. Mary was never led by her own spirit but always by the Spirit of God, Who made Himself Master of her to such an extent that He became her very spirit.

Among the many servants of Mary, only those who are truly and faithfully devoted to her are led by her spirit ... a spirit which is gentle yet strong ... zealous yet prudent ... humble yet courageous ... pure yet fruitful. Romans 8:14 says – *Those who are led by the Spirit of God are ... children of God.*

The person who wishes to be led by the spirit of Mary ... by the Spirit of God must ... renounce his own spirit, self and will to the spirit of Mary, and place and leave your selves in the hands of Mary and declare *Totus Tuus Mariae! I am all yours, Mary!* ... renew your act of consecration to Jesus through Mary on a daily basis.

b. With Mary. Do everything with Mary. All our actions must look upon Mary as Perfection Herself and the perfect model of very virtue ... fashioned by the Holy Spirit for us to imitate.

In our every action, always consider first how Mary would act on it ... if she were in our place ... by meditating on – (1) Her lively faith ... whereby she gave her assent to be instrument of God's plan of salvation; (2) Her deep See next Column >>>



Mary of the Rosary



humility ... whereby she chose silence, surrender and submission to the Divine Will ... as her placement ... as her circumstance; and (3) Her truly divine purity ... unequalled on this side of Heaven.

c. In Mary. Do everything *in* Mary. Realize that Mary ... is the true Paradise of Jesus ... which bore Him for nine months ... where He worked His wonders and displayed His riches with the magnificence of God Himself ... where grows the real Tree of Life, the fruit of life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil which bore the light of the world.

Be delighted to remain ... *in* Mary ... rest there peacefully and confidently; abandon ourselves unconditionally to her, so that: (1) We are nourished with the milk of her grace and her motherly compassion; (2) We may be delivered from all anxiety, fear and scruples; (3) We are safeguarded from the devil and the world ... from sin and our enemies. Our Lady says that those who dwell in her will never commit serious sin; and (4) We may be formed in Jesus ... and Jesus formed in us ... because her womb is the house of the Divine Secrets ... where Jesus was conceived.

d. For Mary. Do everything *for* Mary ... as her personal servant and slave ... completely given to her service ... not as the ultimate end for Jesus alone is our ultimate end. Mary is our advocate ... our mediatrix ... the easiest way to reach Jesus.

Good servants and slaves do not remain idle; we should undertake to carry out great things for our noble queen. Relying on her protection, we defend her privileges when questioned ... uphold her good name when attacked ... attract everyone when possible to her service ... speak up against the distortion of this devotion to Mary which outrages her Son ... and apply ourselves to spreading this true devotion.

As reward for your services, expect nothing in return ... save the honor of belonging to such lovable Queen and the jopy of being united through her ... to Jesus, her Son, by a bond that indissoluble in time and eternity.

Remember ... don't forget ... Mary is the unique mold of God ... designed to make living images of God at little expense and in a short time. Anyone who finds this mold ... this pearl ... and casts himself into it ... is soon transformed into our Lord. Glory to Jesus in Mary! Glory to Mary in Jesus! Glory to God Alone!

Note: Gamitin po natin ang *The Real Presence* sa mga pagpulong ng ating mga Turno/Section/Council. Ipa-xerox po natin ito at ipamigay sa mga kasamang *Adorer* at sa mga hinihimuk nating sumama sa ating gawaing pagsamba sa Eukaristiya.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

From *NOT FOR SALE: Raising Awareness and Ending Exploitation*. Published by *CHASTE – Churches Alert to Sexual Trafficking across Europe* (2007). Edited by Carrie Pemberton, Alison Myers and Lucy Berry

Testimony: From Nigeria through Ghana to Holland 2005 – About a dozen women were brought out of Nigeria with me. I did not see them again but I met other women. I worked six hours on the street and seven hours in a sex den. I was so exhausted I went home only to sleep. If I slept instead of working, I was beaten up. Every week someone came to fetch the money I made on the streets. I still owe at least 20,000 pounds to those who kidnapped and sexual trafficked me – How I shall ever be free!?

Testimony: I did not want to pole-dance any more. I did not like what I was doing. He then beat me up and raped me. I was sold to this guy who brought me to England – I was to work for him now. If I go back home, I won't have hands or legs or head, they will find me. I am very scared.

Testimony: Police Detective, South Yorkshire, England – A case of child trafficking prosecuted under the new counter-trafficking legislation was that of a 15-year Lithuanian girl who received a cold-call at her home for a summer job opportunity ... told that she would be selling ice cream in the United Kingdom ... sold three times – the last, at a fraction of her original purchase price of 4,000 pounds, *as a virgin*, upon arrival at Heathrow.. After 3 months of rape, forced sex, battery and humiliation, she managed to escape her new owner. We captured her traffickers with her co-operation.

CHASTE: No young girl grows up in life desiring to be a prostitute. She ends up in prostitution through many routes. It would do well to close down these routes to eliminate women trafficking. But, we also have to focus on the men who exploit and traffic women, and patronize sex dens where women are kept solely for sexual gratification.

Helping individual women and children is not enough. Alterations in the law and more resources are essential if such trafficking is to be halted. Until we address the demand for pay-as-you-go sex, women and children will be tricked and betrayed. We are all morally accountable. Money, personal involvement and local-Church involvement are needed now!

Sweden forbids buying sex from another person. Experience has shown that prostitutes become victims of their past and are exploited. And, prostitution and trafficking of women and children is organized by criminal networks. Swedish legislation ensures that any man who buys sex from another person is becoming, albeit marginally, part of the criminal network, supporting it financially by buying sex.

Will you continue to be involved, actively or passively, in growing criminal networks which sexually-traffic women and children? Or do you want to support our work that aims to make all of traffickers of women and children a criminal act? We need you. **Get involved.**



The Holy Spirit

Alternative Therapy Saved My Life

By Gabriella Messina; From *Cancer* by Nora Piehl, Editor (2007)

[BroDuffy: Gabriella Messina had never smoked in her life. But, in 1945, at age 31, she was diagnosed with lung cancer. Listen to her story.]

I was seated at my naturopathic – alternative therapy based on preventive, holistic care contrasted with allopathic – physician's office ... when I coughed and bright red blood spewed from my mouth. My doctor put me into a cab with directions to the hospital's emergency room.

I went to a friend's birthday party, instead, as I promised. A few minutes into the party, friends rushed me to the hospital. Tests revealed a large, malignant tumor up my right bronchial tube, leaching into my lung and the outer lining of my heart ... a form of cancer called adenoid cystic carcinoma.

My right lung was removed and the prognosis was discouraging: The cancer had spread into some of the surrounding lymph nodes. My oncologist recommended weeks of radiation therapy; otherwise, there was a 50-60% chance of recurrence. Deep down, I realized that to be healed of cancer I had to restore not only my physical body but also my mind and spirit ... all three had been wounded. I ate well, exercised and never smoked.

The protocol of my physician meant a lifestyle change – an organic diet, a detoxification regimen, massive doses of vitamins, minerals and pancreatic enzymes which aid digestion. His theory is that, in high quantities, the digest cancer cells, too.

I adhered strictly to my prescribed almost-vegetarian diet consisting of raw organic produce, whole grains and nuts, beans and some fish – no poultry, meat, refined sugars nor processed foods. I lowered my stress level with yoga and meditation.

I let go of my anxieties, drive for perfection, my controlling behavior and lots of painful feelings. Some healers believe that grief is stored in the lungs – where my cancer was. Today, I'm cancer-free ... living every moment and creating the life I always wanted.



St. Joseph

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

9th Mystery: The Exaltation of Mary and Joseph. **Gift of the Holy Spirit:** Love of God. **Beatitude:** Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of Me; rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in Heaven for thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Meditation – **Matthew 22:34-40.** *The Pharisees and the Sadducees gathered ... tested Him by asking which commandment in the Law is the greatest.* Listen also to 1John 4:7-20. **See Page 3, Column 1 >>>**



Angels and Archangels

From *Breakfast with the Angels*. By Traci Mullins (1996). **Ezekiel 1:22-24.** *Two wings covered each creature and stretched out to the other's wings ... as they moved, their wings roared ... like the voice of God or the shouting of a mighty army.*

Watch out ... You who leave your Catholicism at home ... and go to Congress a different person.



On Prayer

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

Psalm 34:8-16. Listen to the experience of the poor and the humble. God becomes very close to those who have no other support except Him. ⁸*The Lord's angel encamps round those who fear Him and He keeps them safe.* ⁹*See and feel the goodness of the Lord; blessed is the one who finds shelter in Him.* ¹⁰*Fear the Lord, all you His saints for those who fear Him do not live in want.* ¹¹*The mighty may be hungry and in need but those who seek the Lord lack nothing.* ¹²*Come, listen to Me, My sons; I will show you how to fear the Lord.* ¹³*If you desire long life, if you want to enjoy prosperity,* ¹⁴*keep your tongue from falsehood, keep your lips from deceit.* ¹⁵*Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.* ¹⁶*The eyes of the Lord are turned towards the righteous; his ears are inclined to their cries.*



On St. Joseph ... The Blessed Virgin Mary has completed the first phase of her mission, taken up to, and enters, Heaven body and soul, in glory, amid trumpet blasts; the second phase continues to this day.

St. Joseph welcomes his Blessed spouse ... the Holy Family is united at last ... in the omnipresence of the Holy Father. Truly, blessed are the lonely for they shall be exalted ... their reward is great in Heaven.

Love of God encompasses all gifts of the Holy Spirit: Fear of the Lord, Piety; Counsel; Fortitude; Understanding; Wisdom and Knowledge – these are the fruits of the Love of God. When our hearts respond to Love of God with our own love, Love of God implanted as a gift in us brings forth the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our heart ... becoming depository of God's treasures ... enabling us to take to heart His commands.

Mary responded perfectly to God's command with her Love of God: *Be it done to me according to Your Word.* Joseph's Love of God compels him to act justly in every situation, rendering to each his due, with a love that is kind and merciful. Mary and Joseph are our models of perfect Love of God.

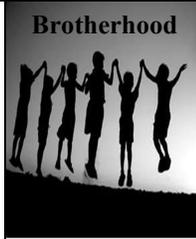
Prayer: *Saint Joseph, your poverty gained for you the eternal riches of Heaven; your humility crowned and clothed you with authority in the Kingdom of God. Father Joseph, guide my family to live the way of Jesus and Mary ... that we may never be unjust to any person but render justice to every one. Please prepare a place in Heaven for me and my family, and for all those who are just and unjust to us. Amen.*



On Silence

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

After a 14,000-foot climb up Mount Shasta in northern California, I found the college I wanted to attend ... and was accepted at what is now Southern Oregon University which had innovative programs for the non-traditional student. Though initially insecure **See Page 9, Column 1 >>>**



Brotherhood

Merton: A Biography

By Monica Furlong (1980)

For Merton, the 1960s were a period of deeper involvement with the suffering of the world, in contrast to those early years at Gethsemani in which he had seen his task as one of total detachment from the world. There was little change at the monastery ... what was different was that Merton had ceased to collude with the world-denying strain of monasticism.

Writes Merton: *To choose the world is not merely denying a pious admission that the world is acceptable because it comes from the hand of God To choose the world is to choose to do the work I am capable of doing ... in collaboration with others ... to make the world better, more free, more just, more livable – more human.*

Merton chose to be no longer the righteous youth of *The Seven Storey Mountain* but the guilty bystander committing the great sin of acquiescing silently to evil and its wickedness with the pretentious excuse that authority had ordered him to do so ... like Adolf Eichmann and the gas chambers at Auschwitz.

In 1963, his Trappist Order forbade Merton to touch upon the subjects of war and peace ... that task is better left to those who know enough about the problems. What had been implicit in his monastic life, from the beginning, was a longing for union with God ... and, in his intense struggle toward that union, he had stumbled on new truths about the world: *If I have written about inter-racial justice or thermonuclear weapons, it is because these issues are terribly relevant to one great truth: Man is called to live as a son of God. Man must respond to this call ... to live in peace with all his brothers and sisters in the One Christ.*

Rev. Fr. John S. Higgins, SJ wrote in Merton's *Theology of Prayer* (1971): *Merton emphasizes that men cannot live together if they do not love one another; and, they cannot love one another ... if they do not love God, their common Father. Man's love for his fellow man comes from his communion with God in prayer ... where man becomes aware of his inner or real self and, in so doing, realizes that he cannot live merely for himself ... but that he must live for others; above all, he must live for God – in Him and with Him.*

Merton wrote about the Auschwitz gas chambers which killed millions of Jews ... quoting the calm business-like exchange of letters between manufacturers of the gas chambers and their Nazi clients ... of the sensible rules of the camp that harnessed efficiency to lunatic and murderous ends **See Page 6, Column 1 >>>**



On Apostolic Works of Mercy

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

The sisters do small things – helping children and visiting those who are isolated, sick and lack everything. In one of the houses of the sisters visited, they found a woman who had died alone; her body was already decomposing. The neighbors did not even know her name.

When someone tells me that what the sisters ... what you are doing ... is irrelevant ... that you limit yourselves to things that are little less than ordinary, I reply that, if the sisters helped only one person, then that one reason is enough for their work.

(Continued November 2013)



Good Shepherd

On Leaders

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

Formation: The Question of Discretion or Valour. Listen to Matthew 17:24-27. There are times when offense must be given because what is at stake is the very essence of the Gospel or the Kingdom of God – hence, we have to stand up, be courageous and choose *valour* – but ... there are also times when *valour* is needless – hence, we choose *discretion* and do what we have to do ... not by standing up and arguing passionately but quietly ... and in an unobtrusive manner.

Indeed, it could be that ... when we choose *valour* ... the offense taken will only serve to obscure the Gospel which you are preaching. And, we will need the guidance of the *Holy Spirit* ... which principle to apply and when ... in our choice of *discretion* or *valour*.

In Church, when the laity converge ... there is plenty of scope for *causing offense* ... where patterns and traditions have been laid. Some have left their parish, even the Church ... because they had the courage to introduce change into areas of Church life where none was welcome ... in areas of music, furnishings, vestments, policies and language – its suitability for divine worship ... not bad language.

The preceding paragraph serves to illustrate the *deep attachment* ... of both the clergy and the laity on ... the *outward expression of faith* than on its essence. May the clergy be allowed to conduct Mass with an ear-ring? Allow women to hear Mass wearing clothes which *others* deem to be revealing? Allow men wearing gym shirts and shorts?

Too often, one man's comfort is another's irritation. Church culture changes, spirituality changes and, increasingly, in any congregation, you can have people from four generations present. The effect of this is that differing age-groups gravitate to familiar and comfortable ways of worship.

We note that Jesus has been more than willing to give huge offense ... and to choose *valour* ... to the Pharisees when issues of important principle were at stake ... so much so that the Pharisees were incandescent with rage against Him. On this occasion, as recorded by Matthew 17:24-27, Jesus chooses *discretion* as the better part. Listen ...

In Exodus 30:11-16, God lays down on Moses a system of tax collection to support Temple authorities and sacrificial rites. The tax could be paid in Tyrian coinage and in person at the Passover festival ... thus the need for money changers.

Men twenty years old and over were to pay the tax. To avoid inconvenience of the crowds in Jerusalem ... it was the custom of tax collectors to make a sweep of outlying districts a month before Passover.

Rabbis were apparently exempt from the tax ... as were the priests in the Temple ... and probably ... the tax collectors were instructed by the authorities to inquire whether Jesus paid this tax or if Jesus claimed exemption as one of the self-appointed rabbis.

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* On Leaders * On Virtues *

The scene is: From the mountain of transfiguration, Jesus and His apostles return to Capernaum – the center of their operations in Galilee – and stay at Peter's home where the tax collectors find them. Naturally, they spoke to Peter as head of the household to inform him about the tax due for payment each year in the month of *Adar* (February to March) – about a month before Jesus was crucified.

Surely, Peter would have thanked the tax collectors for reminding him of his duty to pay tax. Maybe the tax collectors knew that Jesus was inside Peter's home and so they inquired of Peter: *Does your Master pay the tax?* Peter replies, perhaps with too much confidence and certainty: *Yes, he does!*

After his encounter with the tax collectors ... Peter returns to the *presence* of Jesus ... only to run smack into an equally loaded and probing question from Jesus: *Simon, whom do the kings of the Earth collect duty and taxes – from their sons or from others?* Quite rightly, Peter replies: *From others*, without thinking, maybe.

Originally, in the days of Moses, the tax was implemented by the divine command to Moses to maintain the Tent of Meeting or the sanctuary. In Jesus' time, was it still legitimate to raise the tax for the upkeep of the Temple?

But, legitimacy isn't the issue here. Jesus was teaching the principle of the relation of the disciples to the State ... and its authorities – the Temple priests, the Roman governor, the soldiers, the tax collectors etc – who claimed power over them and placed obligations upon them.

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On Virtue

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

Placement also strongly affirms ... the related-ness and connective-ness of our self ... our person ... to the various phases of our life – our childish dependence or adult mutuality, the frailty of age or the twilight of our years.

And, we know that we are *truly* placed into our situation depending on ... our *responsiveness* – slow, lukewarm or swift – to the needs of other persons ... such that, *our presence in their lives* anchors us so that we are no longer *adrift – displaced* ... that is, in the wrong place ... in the wrong time.

Persons who came before us ... parents and grandparents, mentors and professors ... relatives and elders ... have given us our freedom of movement, expression and religion ... with its distinct definition, contours and landmarks ... such that we are no longer on *terra incognita* ... unknown territory ... but on fertile, familiar terrain.

Your placement ... wherever you have been placed ... your life-circumstances ... is a gift that is not granted to everyone hence there are ... displaced persons ... persons who are adrift because of their impatience and indifference ... unanchored, with no place of their own though they own many parcels of land, mansions and vehicles ... because *they are in the wrong place and the wrong time* ... as wanderers and tourists ... *spiritual vagrants*, victims and, in turn, victimizing transients and wanderers.

In the midst of suffering caused by displacement ... our sense of *placement* ... our presence contributes to the healing and health of ... other persons. We could be inhuman ... See Page 6, Column 1 >>>

Many are led astray by their personal theories; pretension undermines reason.



On Mission

Taken from *The Master Plan of Evangelization*
By Robert E. Coleman (1963)

Principle No. 5 – Demonstrate: Jesus shows them how to live. Listen to John 13:15 – *I give you an example that as I have done, you also may do* My Way of living with God and men. Jesus recognized that ... it was not enough to get people into His spiritual communion. We needed to know how our experience and encounter of Him was to be maintained and shared ... if His teachings were to be perpetrated in evangelization.

Prayer Life. Jesus often lets His disciples see Him conversing with His Father. The Gospels call our attention to Jesus' practice of prayer ... from His baptism to His death. His disciples realized that ... prayer was a part of His secret of life.

Jesus did not force the lessons on them. He simply kept on praying ... until the disciples got so hungry that they themselves asked Jesus ... to teach them how to pray. Jesus kept impressing on His disciples the importance of a life of prayer ... to comprehend the realities of His Spirit ... and to learn how to practice it with consistency ... so that much fruit ... would come from their lives.

Scriptures. There are over 160 references in the Gospels where Jesus alludes to the Bible of His day — of which two-thirds are to Old Testament books. Jesus' ability to freely recall Old Testament passages impressed on the disciple the necessity of learning the Scriptures by heart ... and letting them become the authority of their own pronouncements.

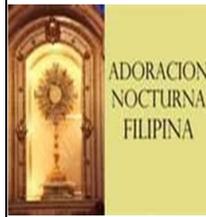
When the devil tempted Jesus, He withstood him by quoting Scriptures (Matthew 4:1-11). Thus, when we, Adorers are tempted to disobey God ... recall what we have learned and choose to obey. Remember, do not forget.

Hence, the Scriptures coupled with the spoken Words became, for them, the objective basis for their faith in Christ And it was made clear to them that, if they were to continue in His fellowship by the Spirit ... after He was gone ... they would have to abide in His Word (John 15:7).

Winning Souls. By personally demonstrating every aspect of His personal discipline – His practice of worship, His concern for rituals and the laws of society, His attitude in regard to civil and social responsibilities, to name a few – and all the while working on His ministry ... Jesus was also teaching His disciples how to evangelize and deal with men ... to win people and to win souls.

Teaching Naturally. Jesus was the Master ... teaching but not letting His method obscure His lesson ... nor His presentation cloud His Truth. He Himself was His method. In this day of techniques and gimmicks, well-illustrated hand-outs and multi-colored charts ... laptops and power pointers, deemed essential to the work of teaching, the Teacher practiced with them what He expected them to learn.

Evangelization was lived before them in spirit and in technique ... watching and learning ... recognizing the needs of all classes of people and the best **See next Column >>>**



The ANF Constitution & By-Laws

Part II, Section II, Chapter IV – Other Section Officers.

Article 89-91. [BroDuffy: Within reason, Section officers always defer to the wishes of the Section Director, the Parish Priest and/or the Mass celebrant. For Flag Bearers, please take note of Annex I, Article D, item 3, page 116 – No movement with respect to the Flag is to be made during the Mass. Items 4-6 allow movement during the Vigil.]

Article 92. The audit is conducted preferably prior to the presentation of the Treasurer's report; the Auditor affixes his signature to the said report after the conduct of the audit yields a clear report of findings and in accord with generally accepted accounting procedures.

Article 93. The composition of the Promotional Team is very clear. It is very UNclear as to who is the Team Leader; and the Tarcisian is not included ... as are the Section's Co-Director and Vice-President.

Articles 94-95. The Organizer's duty is to establish/maintain/revive dormant *Turnos* – that is, thirty (30) *Turnos* in each parish! The Promoter/Inspector is concerned with the conduct of the *Turnos* – in meetings, vigils, assemblies. In Acts 9:32-43, Peter acts out his role as *Inspector* of the Churches – the word Bishop means *Inspector*.

Articles 96-99. Please refer to comments on Articles 94-95.

(November 2013: Part II, Section II, Chapter V – Section Meetings)

On Mission ... methods of approaching them ... observing how He drew people to Himself, winning their confidence and inspiring their faith ... opening to them the way of salvation ... calling them to a decision ... for rich and poor, health and sick, friend and foe alike ... and the disciples watched the Master Soul-winner at work ... and the Master's teaching method ... just came out naturally.

Class in Session – Always. At His classes, His disciples observed His Word and Deed. If a parable or story was unclear, all they had to do was to ask the Mater to explain hence His parable of the sower (Matthew 13:6) is explained in Matthew 13:18 and the parable of the weeds (Matthew 13:24) is explained in Matthew 13:37.

When the disciples seemed reluctant to confess their bewilderment to Him, Jesus took the initiative to clear up the matter. The story of the rich young ruler is typical (Matthew 19:16-30).

Principle in Focus. Jesus did not ask anyone ... to be or to do anything ... which He first had not demonstrated in His own life ... and being constantly with His disciples ... thereby proving its workability and its relevance to His mission in life. It is well enough to tell people what we mean ... but it is infinitely better to show them how to do it. People are looking for a demonstration not an explanation.

The Jesus Principle Applied. You, Adorers, who train men, women and youth ... for world conquest ... must be prepared to have them *follow you* ... even as you follow Christ (1Corinthians 11:1). *Follow you* means you become the model ... the exhibit ... and, by way of your qualities and characteristics, they will hear and see Christ in you (Philippians 4:9) ... thus you impart and demonstrate your way of living to these men, women and youth.

Apply this principle into your lives ... into your training methods to show the way to those you are training ... **See Page 9, Column 2 >>>**

An hour of study ... for Adorers ... is an hour of prayer.



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 Six: Theme – Taming the Tongue.

Scripture Readings – James 3:3-12.

Overview: Examine how unkind words *depress* speech.

Preparation: Tongue depressors for all, pencils and Bibles.

Experience: Give each person a tongue depressor. Demonstrate how to properly depress the tongue with it. Say: *Use the depressor on your tongue as I did, walk around the group and compliment as many people as you can. Keep the depressor firmly pressed on our tongue.*

After several minutes, allow them to remove the tongue depressor and tell them to share with the group their answers to these questions: *What did you feel while talking with your tongue depressed? Did you understand the words being said to you? Do you ever realize that tongue depressors keep you from expressing encouragement just as negative and unkind words keep you from communicating positively with others?*

Response: Form groups of 3 but no more than 4. Hand them the Bibles for each group to read James 3:3-12. Ask them to share with their group each member's answers to the questions: *How do you feel when hearing good words and, then, bad words coming out from the same mouth? What form of help do you need from God to help tame our tongue?*

Closing: Have the kids throw their tongue depressors to symbolize their freedom to speak good things. Say: *Let us use words to build up others instead of tearing them down.*

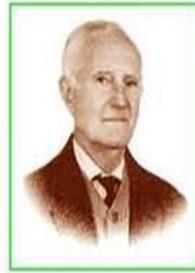
[BroDuffy: Tarcisians got talents! How may we help you prepare emerging Tarcisian talents for the world stage?]

On Brotherhood ... Inside of him, Merton carried a fear of the *dehumanized* man who did what he did for good, logical reasons or simply obeyed orders. He wrote, at length about Karl Adolf Eichmann, a Christian and a man not psychotic ... but who was responsible for the torture and death of millions. Merton observed that it was the sane men we now had to fear the most.

Alex Kershaw, in his book *The Envoy: The Epic Rescue of the Last Jews of Europe* (2010) writes that, on 11 May 1960, Israel's Mossad agents seized Eichmann in Buenos Aires, Argentina. That date was Eichmann's wedding anniversary.

(To be continued November 2013)

On Virtue ... if we were not Impatient with what they suffer ... because they have their reasons to be *impatient* with their suffering. In this sense, *Impatience is a virtue ... not a vice ... and nothing but Patience teaches us to know when Impatience is justified, how Impatience is most productively expressed and what means are legitimate for Impatience to employ.* (November 2013: The First Work of Love)



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



Michael Joseph L. McGivney was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, USA, to Irish immigrants, Patrick and Mary Lynch on 12 August 1852, the eldest of 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or childhood. Michael attended the local district school, but left at age 13 to work in the spoon-making department of one of the brass mills.

At 16, Michael entered the *Séminaire de Saint-Hyacinthe* in Quebec, Canada, on to Our Lady of the Angels Seminary in New York and the Jesuit's St. Mary's College in Montreal, leaving for home to help raise his siblings, due to his father's death in June 1873. He resumed his studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland and was ordained to the priesthood on 22 December 1877 by Archbishop James Gibbons at the Cathedral of the Assumption. He died from pneumonia on the eve of the Assumption, 14 August 1890, at age 38.

Knights of Columbus. From first-hand experience of the devastating effect on families of the untimely death of the father, McGivney, as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, founded the Knights of Columbus on 29 March 1882 with a small group of parishioners to help strengthen the faith of the men of his parish and, in the event of their death, to provide financial assistance to the widows and orphans they left behind.

The Knights of Columbus was among the first to recruit blood donors with formal efforts dating back to 1937. The order now has over 1.8 million member families and 15,000 councils. During the 2012 fraternal year, \$167 million and 70 million man-hours were donated to charity by the order.

Cause for Canonization. In 1996, the Archdiocese of Hartford opened an investigation into Fr. McGivney's life, towards the formal recognition by the Church of his sainthood. Named postulator of his cause was Rev. Fr. Gabriel B. O'Donnell, OP. The investigation was closed in 2000, and the case was passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Vatican City. On 15 March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Fr. McGivney, thus declaring him *Venerable*.

Rev. Fr. Gabriel B. O'Donnell, OP – One aspect of the canonization process of the Servant of God, Rev. Fr. Michael J. McGivney that many find intriguing is the requirement of miracles. One miracle must occur before beatification, for the candidate to be declared *Blessed*. A second miracle must take place **See Page 11, Column 1**>>

Study in earnest. To be salt and light, you need knowledge ... capability.

Apparitions & Miracles: Science vs. Religion?

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

While most physicists and astronomers do not believe in God, members of the largest profession believe in a personal God — these are the physicians ... perhaps the most religious professionals. 99% of doctors surveyed ... believe that religious faith can heal a sick person ... 75% of them believe that ... the *prayers of other persons* can contribute to a patient's recovery.

Scientific research over the past 25 years bears them out: Seriously ill patients who are prayed for — even those who do not know about those prayers — face better chances than those who are not prayed for. Essentially, to those doctors: *Prayer works!* Dr. Herbert Besson of the Harvard Medical School says: *If spirituality were a drug, we would not be able to manufacture it fast enough to keep up with demand.*

Most investigators of *medical miracles* ... are changed by their experiences even as they passionately strive to protect their professional reputation from the taint of *marvelism* ... of the spectacular.

Among the most impressive conversion produced by bearing witness to a miraculous healing is that of ... Alexis Carrel, the French-born Nobel Laureate awardee ... who was present at Lourdes in May 1902 ... when a young woman, on the brink of death, returned to *perfect* health by the application of waters ... from the spring that Bernadette Soubirous had discovered nearly half a century earlier.

Alexis Carrel, age 29, had just delivered the scientific paper delineating the basis for organ transplants, winning for him the Nobel Prize in 1912. On 28 May 1902, as a favor to a medical school classmate, Carrel agreed to replace him as the physician assigned to a train transporting sick persons from Lyon to the Lourdes Shrine in the Pyrenees Alps.

On board the same train was Marie Bailly, age 23, smuggled aboard by family members ... in defiance of a *ban* in the Lourdes shrine ... on those near death [BroDuffy: *Goodness Gracious!*].

Bailly was in a semi-conscious state, suffering from a severe case of *tubercular peritonitis* ... that her abdomen was so hideously distended ... *parang buntis sa laki pero nakakataas ng balahibo* ... by the rock-hard masses that encased her viscera ... the abdominal cavity.

Bailly was in great, constant pain which Carrel eased with morphine. Bailly survived the trip but, reaching the Shrine, doctors *refused* to allow her submersion and immersion ... into the sacred pool ... explaining that she was too far gone [BroDuffy: *A case of a finite being knowing better than the Infinite Being*].

Marie Bailly, *pleaded* ... *begged* ... her case, asking if someone might be so kind to pour pool-water on her swollen belly. Alexis Carrel was present as three large cups of spring water were poured on her swollen See Page 8 Column 2 >>



Money as Sacrament

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

Perspectives that Prevent Faithful Money Management 2. It's All about Money: The False God of Materialism.

God created us to ... love people and use things; but materialists ... love things and use people. Many have become addicted to, depressed, obese and dis-eased for using and ingesting products which are manufactured for the profit motive alone. The best and the brightest ... take advantage of the others who have less in life.

Materialists live out what they learned ... at home and in school, from friends and media ... and from their leaders in government and in churches. Here is an alternative: *Really love others. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good* (Romans 12:4).

God tells us: *Do not return to Egypt* (Deuteronomy 17:16) ... to pride and sinfulness, to stubbornness and bondage. Jesus warns us: *Watch out! Guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life ... does not consist in the abundance of possessions* (Luke 12:15).

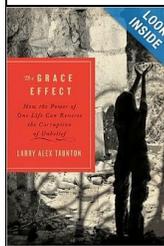
Greed surfaces in possessiveness and covetousness — to what we have ... being selfish with what we own ... not quick to share ... and to what we want, not what we need ... longing for and being pre-occupied with having what God has not given us ... having a passion to possess what is not ours.

Every item you add to your possessions is one more thing to think about ... to talk about ... to clean, repair, display, re-arrange and replace when ruined ... and push you to re-define your priorities — making yourself unable to serve God through other people. Hence, Jesus reminds us that wealth, and subsequently, worries, can choke us, making us unfruitful (Matthew 13:18-23).

Seeking fulfillment in money, land, houses, cars, clothes, television, computers, cell phones, luxury cruises ... leave you bound and gagged by materialism ... and, like addicts, you think that your only hope lies in getting more of the same. Meanwhile, unheard amid the clamor and noise of our possessions ... the voice of God tells us that, even *if materialism does bring you happiness* in your life — it won't — you would be totally unprepared for the next life.

If we maintained God's perspective even for a moment and saw how we go through life accumulating, hoarding, displaying and *servicing* our possessions ... we would have the same feelings of horror and pity that any same person has ... when viewing asylum inmates ... endlessly beating their heads against the wall.

(November 2013: Fatal Dangers of Materialism)



The Grace Effect

How the Power of One Life Can Reverse the Corruption of Unbelief (2011) By Larry Alex Taunton

While all the socialist states under the charge of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) had all declared independence, it is naïve to assume that its influence ended in 1991. Economic policies, educational philosophies, political institutions ... did not change overnight. Many did not change at all ... as in the orphanages.

The orphanages provided a perfect laboratory for the educational theories of communism ... based on the Soviet army and its system of labor camps. When the Bolsheviks See Page 11, Column 2 >>

Jesus began to do and to teach. First — action, that you may learn; then, teach.



Health Tips

From *The Whole Grain Diet Miracle*
By Dr. Lisa Hark and Dr. Darwin Deen (2006)

Diabetes risk is 25-40% lower in those with a higher whole grain intake, compared to those eating very few whole grains.

Higher fiber intake helps to control blood sugar in diabetics, potentially allowing them to use less medication and to have better control of their blood sugar levels.

Substituting whole grains for the refined grains in your diet will improve your insulin sensitivity, help you lose weight and reduce your risk of developing diabetes.

(To be continued November 2013)



On Leaders ... Observe the methods of governance of rulers: *Do rulers collect tax from their own family (the sons) or from their subjects (others)?* In Jesus' time, the answer was: *From the subjects ... the others ...* unless the ruler's family was a rival for power thus had to be impoverished with tax collection.

Observe also that, in principle ... since God Himself had called for this tax through His servant Moses ... Jesus, *being the Son of the Father*, and His apostles, *being His brothers and sisters ...* were *per se* free of any obligation to pay the ecclesiastical tax. However, the freedom does not excuse His apostles and disciples ... nor us, Adorers ... from the responsibility to do good to our fellowmen while on Earth.

In the context of corrupt and despotic over-bearing rulers today, 1Peter 2:11-25 teaches that *For the Lord's sake, submit yourselves to human authority ... or those sent to punish evil-doers and encourage those who do right. God wants you to do good so that you may silence those who ignorantly criticize you; do not use your freedom to cover up for evil ... properly respect everyone; love the brotherhood of believers, fear God and honor civil authority.*

The key point is that the submission of the Christian ... to every authority instituted among men ... is marked by free choice for the Lord's sake ... enabling Christians to live as good citizens ... as a true disciple of Jesus ... in a world *where power and authority will certainly be exercised ... abusively and corruptly.*

Essentially, the tax is meant to support what we today call as ministry and worship. Jesus Himself could have sent for Judas and paid the tax from the common purse without much fanfare ... but Jesus was emphasizing ... underlining ... establishing ... the point that the disciples' freedom and dignity were more important ... than the greed for power and authority, money and comfort. Nevertheless, Jesus and His apostles pay the tax ... for other reasons ... so as not to offend the authorities.

Lesson Learned – 1/3. There are times when we can choose not to offend – discretion – to help advance the Gospel or the Kingdom of God. There are times when we should stand up, speak up and force the issue, and **See next Column >>>**

receive a lot of criticism – both constructive and destructive – in the process. Hence, the question: When is *discretion* better than *valour*? When do we choose *valour* over *discretion*? Do you speak up, or keep silence, on an issue?

Lesson Learned – 2/3. Galatians 2:7-5:18 is an example of Peter *wrongly* choosing discretion instead of *valour*. Peter and Paul have been given their respective mandates: Peter was to preach to the Jews and Paul to the non-Jews ... the pagans ... the Gentiles.

Peter and Paul were in Antioch (present-day Syria) about 500 kilometers north of Jerusalem, which had a sizable Jewish community since 260 BC during the reign of *Antiochus Epiphanes*. Peter ate with non-Jews, certainly in the company of Paul. When relatives of Jesus, the apostle James – not James, brother of John – who perhaps was already Bishop of Jerusalem arrived for a visit, Peter withdrew and separated himself from the Gentiles ... maybe because Peter did not want to offend James and his group of Jewish Christians.

Or, maybe because Peter really did not regard Gentile Christians as genuine unless they were circumcised ... thus risking the essence of the Gospel – that man is not justified by observing the Law but by faith in Jesus Christ ... and, finally, giving offense to the Gentile Christians where none was due. It may be argued that Peter offended the wrong people; he should have given offense to James and his group ... but Peter's fear of what these Jewish Christians would say about him overcame his better self.

Hence, we see Paul's reaction to Peter's conduct in his letter to the Galatians. Peter vindicates himself later in Acts 15.

Lesson Learned 3/3. In contrast with Peter, Paul easily finds his way between issues of Gospel principle and issues of mission. Paul chooses not to give offense unnecessarily to the people he sought to reach ... not to offend those he is visiting, teaching and forming

In his letters to the Galatians and Colossians, Paul strongly insists not to revert to the teachings of the *Judaisers* – Jewish Christians who insist on circumcision of all believers. But, in Acts 12:6:3, we find Paul circumcising Timothy to be more acceptable to the Jewish community ... as Timothy was known to have a Greek father.

Circumcising Timothy was necessary not because Timothy's faith was defective ... but because that action would advance the Gospel in the Judean region. Though his action appears to collude with the *Judaisers*, Paul acted on the basis of his missionary principle: *To the Jews, I became like a Jew ... that by all means possible, I might save some* (1Corinthians 9:19-23). **(November 2013: Forgiveness)**

On Miracles ... distended belly ... and he saw that the blanket covering her lower torso lowered perceptibly. Carrel pushed back the blanket and saw ... that Bailly's abdomen was flat... that no discharge of any part could be observed.

That evening, Bailly sat up in bed for the first time in six months ... and ate dinner, without vomiting. She got up early the next morning and had dressed herself on her own by the time Dr. Carrel appeared to ask what she intended to do with her life now. She replied: *I will join the sister of Charity to spend my life caring for the sick.*

Dr. Carrel investigated her case thoroughly, confirming that Bailly had been released by the doctors in Lyon, thinking that she would not live another week. He arranged for **See Page 9, Column 1 >>>**

Apply the same amount of diligence in your studies ... to your interior life.

On Silence ... about enrolling in a degree program while maintaining a vow of silence, the professors were satisfied with my work but I was not exempted from classroom participation or oral presentation ... and I was always able to get my point across – without sacrificing my vow of silence.

I enjoyed the discipline of attending classes, studying and interacting with the school community. I took classes I was interested in – prior learning experience (PLE), creative writing, anatomy, natural history and the environment.

Our PLE instructor drew a timeline on a chalkboard, with a beginning and end of our lives. As a home work, we were to point out memorable times in our lives – the good and the bad – and what we would want to do with the rest of our lives on Earth. Again, I stared at Death in the face.

In a course *Living in the Environment*, biologist Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* taught me that the *environmental crisis and climate change is not about pollution and waste but of re-directing mind and spirit from self to the common good*.

Set to graduate, father, his cousins and sister, daughter and her 12-year old grand-daughter Maria ... came to the commencement exercise. They all said lots of words of encouragement and affirmation. Listen to father: *I'm really proud of you ... but now what are you going to do ... not talking and riding a car? That won't work in the real world! Things are already difficult enough for black folks without you tying a stone around your neck! Man, stop this foolishness!*

Father showed me the San Francisco newspaper with a picture of me in cap and gown on the front page with the large bold print: **Bay Area Man Graduates in Silence**. His sister Lucy chided my father: *Now, what do you think of Johnny?* To which father replied: *I still think he's crazy ... that's why they put him in the newspaper! Ha!Ha!Ha!* We shook hands and said our good-byes.

Lesson Twelve on Silence: Meditation.

Objective: Lengthening your Meditation Time.

Keep doing the work that is required of you – *labada ... luto ... plantsa ...* drafting and drawing ... reading and writing ... thinking, planning and doing – but, inside, be contemplative. Speak, if you have to then return to your contemplation. Go to that place where you have found peace and silence. Sit ... kneel ... as you wish.

This exercise brings silence ... and the sacred closer to all that we do. **(To be continued November 2013)**

On Miracles ... Bailly to be examined by physicians and psychiatrists until she joined the novitiate in Paris on December 1902. She lived without relapse for the next 35 years as a Sister of Charity.

Dr. Carrel remained reluctant to discuss the case of Marie Bailly. His written account of the five days he spent with Bailly in 1902, entitled *The Voyage to Lourdes* was not published until 1948, four years after the doctor's death. Dr. Alexis Carrel, born on 28 June 1873, **See next Column >>**



His Eminence
Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal
Archbishop Emeritus of Cebu
Born 06 February 1931 at Mogpog, Marinduque.
Sacerdotal Ordination: 17 March 1956, Lucena.
Episcopal Ordination: 30 November 1971, Lucena.



His Eminence
Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle
Archbishop of Manila
Born 21 June 1957 at Sampaloc, Manila.
Sacerdotal Ordination: 27 February 1982 at Manila.
Episcopal Ordination: 12 December 2001 at Manila.



His Excellency
Most Rev. Ramon C. Arguelles, DD, STL
Archbishop of Lipa
Born 12 November 1944 at Batangas City.
Sacerdotal Ordination: 21 December 1969 Manila Cathedral.
Episcopal Ordination: 06 January 1994 at St. Peter's Basilica.

On Mission ... and this revelation of your life to others ... must include *the practical out-working in life of the deeper realities of the Holy Spirit*. Apply the Master's method ... if you want your training method to bear the fruit it rightfully deserves ... the Holy Spirit.

Yet, mere knowledge is not enough ... a time for action comes. Knowledge unapplied to living is a stumbling block to Truth. Jesus trained men to do a job ... and when they knew enough – not all – to get started Jesus saw to it that they did something about the lessons they learned.

The application of this principle is so pronounced that it needs to be considered as another part of *His strategy of world conquest ...* through trained and spiritually alert ... men, women and youth.
(November 2013: Principle No. 6 – Delegation of Authority)

On Miracles ... raised in a devout Catholic family and educated by Jesuits ... never resumed practice of the religion he abandoned as a university student.

From Paris, Carrel kept permanent home at Rockefeller Institute becoming a New York celebrity – as recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1912. Charles Lindbergh counted Carrel as his best friend. Marie Bailly named Carrel as witness of her cure.

On his death-bed in 1944, Carrel called for Trappist monk Alexis Presse whom he met in 1939... and confessed that he believed Bailly's healing had been a miracle ... and received the sacraments.

In 1964, the Church's *International Medical Committee*, with the *Bureau Medicale* at Lourdes, announced that it could not approve Marie Bailly's healing as miraculous ... because doctors at that time had not considered the possibility of pseudo-osciosis – that is, psychologically-induced mimicry of pregnancy [BroDuffy: Phew!].

Remote possibilities, scientific skepticism and theological biases ... muddy the healing waters at Lourdes and confound those who endeavor to employ medical science to authenticate supernatural cures. Of **6,500** reported miraculous healings at Lourdes' *Bureau Medicale*, **2,500** cases are categorized as remarkable; only **69** have been approved by the Church's International Committee ... the most recent on October 2012. **(November 2013: Authenticity Standards)**



His Holiness Pope Francis

Philippine Daily Inquirer dated 21 September 2013 quotes *La Civiltà Cattolica*: Pope Francis said that the Church *had locked itself up ... in small-minded rules – prioritizing moral doctrines over serving the poor and the marginalized*

Episcopal Ordination – November 2013: His Eminence Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle; His Eminence Ricardo J. Cardinal Emeritus Vidal; Bishop Nereo D. Odchimar of Tandag; Bishop Christian V.F. Noel of Talibon; and Bishop Carlito C. Cenzon of Baguio.

Foundation Anniversaries – November 2013:

21st Year – Diocesan Council of Daet (30 November 1992);
17th Year – Diocesan Council of Tarlac (16 November); and
8th Year – Diocesan Council of Cubao (18 November).

79th Year – Section 2 Guinobatan (07 November 1934);
44th Year – Section 38 Lumban (15 November 1969);
42nd Year – Section 45 Tanauan (20 November 1971);
36th Year – Section 54 Marikina (19 November 1977);
34th Year – Section 56 Apalit (18 November 1979);
34th Year – Section 57 Bacolor (25 November 1979);
34th Year – Section 58 Flordianablanca (25 November 1979);
34th Year – Section 59 Sta. Ana, Pampanga (18 November)
32nd Year – Section 65 Pasay (05 November 1981);
32nd Year – Section 66 North Manila (14 November 1981);
31st Year – Section 71 Candelaria (06 November 1982);
31st Year – Section 72 Lucban (06 November 1982);
31st Year – Section 73 Unisan (06 November 1982);
29th Year – Section 83 Tiaong (17 November 1984);
28th Year – Section 85 San Agustin, CSFP;
27th Year – Section 89 Siniloan (30 November 1986);
26th Year – Section 93 Military Ordinariate;
25th Year – Section 99 South-Cebu (November 1988);
22nd Year – Section 113 Pagbilao (23 November 1991);
21st Year – Section 114 Jose Panganiban (30 November);
17th Year – Section 121 Capas (16 November 1996);
17th Year – Section 122 Paniqui (16 November 1996); and
15th Year – Section 126 Sta. Mnica, Mexico (16 November)

90th Year – Turno 35 Kawit (18 November 1923);
75th Year – Turno 141 Pilar (12 November 1938);
65th Year – Turno 165 Hagonoy (30 November 1948);
60th Year – Turno 277 Tigtoon, CamSur (23 November);
55th Year – Turno 625 San Jose, Calumpit (29 November);
50th Year – Turno 851 San Agustin, Baliuag
50th Year – Turno 852 Brixton Hills, QC (27 November);
50th Year – Turno 854 Tupi, Cotabato (10 November);
50th Year – Turno 855 Caliran, Davao (08 November);
45th Year – Turno 1002 Mambulo, Libmanan;
40th Year – Turno 1097 Mayantoc, Tarlac (04 November);
30th Year – Turno 1271 Dampalit, Malabon;
30th Year – Turno 1275 Sto. Domingo, Mexico;
25th Year – Turno 1395 Meralco Village (26 November);
25th Year – Turno 1397 Compostela, Cebu (22 November);
25th Year – Turno 1398 Bakias, Bacolod (26 November);
25th Year – Turno 1399 Fuentebella, Bacolod; **See next >>**

Constantinople — Legacy: The Church

John 17:1-26 sees Jesus praying for His own holy people – a people consecrated to God – according to the Spirit of Truth Who was promised to Israel and Who will instruct us interiorly. In praying for His people, Christ also prayed for the assembly of His people – the Church – to whom He entrusted His mission.

The principal duty of the Church is to know God. From knowledge will spring good works and love – the beginning of wisdom which moves us into eternal life in which we will see God as He is.

Christ prayed that His Church be the sign of unity in a divided world. It is necessary for the world to see in its midst the Church One and United.

St. Luke records in Acts 20:17-38 Paul’s discourse:

- 1. Personal Concern.** The responsibility of every apostle ... every leader ... every Adorer ... is to prepare leaders to be really responsible for their communities without constantly needing to be pushed;
- 2. Invitation to follow his example.** Leaders ... Adorers ... must *not live at the expense* of the community if they do not perform a real service and are *not generously committed*;
- 3. Warning to be watchful.** It is too late to worry about a community ... such as the *Adoracion Nocturna Filipina* ... once glaring errors have appeared and divisions have occurred. We do not own the Church ... *we are its servants*: The Church belongs to Jesus who won it by the price of His own Body and Blood; and
- 4. Reminds us Adorers.** Those who deign to serve Jesus have to respond to His call to self-sacrifice; *otherwise, we only serve our selfish desires.* **(November 2013: Rights of the Laity)**

Errata – September 2013 Issue:

1. On Leaders: Page 4, Column 1, paragraph 6 – ... St. Luke ... and Page 8, Column 2, paragraph 1 – ... completed at ...
2. On Tarcisians: Page 6, Column 1, paragraph 3 – ... more like ...
3. On Money: Page 7, Column 2, paragraph 4 – ... Adorers ...
4. On Silence: Page 9, Column 1, paragraph 1 – ... groups of ...
5. On Birthdays: Page 10, Column 1 – ... of Tuguegarao ...

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40th Year – Tarcisian Turno 56 Meycauyan (09 November 1973);
40th Year – Tarcisian Turno 57 Pandi (10 November 1973); and
40th Year – Tarcisian Turno 58 Tugatog, Malabon (17 November).

Birthdays – November 2013: Archbishop Ramon C. Arguelles of Lipa; Archbishop Ernesto A. Salgado of Nueva Segovia; Bishop Jose C. Bantolo of Masbate; Bishop Leonardo Y. Medroso of Tagbilaran; Bishop Christian V.F. Noel of Talibon; Bishop Pedro D. Arigo of Puerto Princesa; Bishop Rodolfo F. Beltran of Bontoc-Lagawe; Bishop Filomeno C. Bactol of Naval; Bishop Martin S. Jumoad of Isabel, Basilan; Bishop Leonardo S. Tumalak of the Military Ordinariate; Archbishop Emeriti Leonardo Z. Legaspi of Caceres and Oscar V. Cruz of Lingayen-Dagupan.

On Heroes place after the beatification for canonization. In that ceremony, the *Blessed* is declared a saint.

In Fr. McGivney's case, several miracles have been reported, the nature and details of which will be made public after the Church makes its judgment regarding their authenticity, to respect the Church's authority and to protect the privacy of those involved in any reported miracle.

Why is there so much interest in miracles? A miracle is a sign from God that manifests his divine power and calls the Christian faithful to conversion. When God miraculously intervenes in a human situation, we are called to respond with deeper faith and more profound humility.

Most miracles in canonization cases today are healings, though not all. Miracles of resuscitation and the spontaneous generation of limbs are also recorded. In any healing, the restoration of health must be whole and complete, without any aid of medical intervention; it must be clearly attributable to God's grace.

For example, the reported miraculous healing of a woman suffering from liver cancer would be dubious if she had received some type of chemotherapy or radiation treatment earlier in her illness.

The world of science is called upon to investigate these reports, and it must be clear that there is no medical or scientific explanation for the healing event. A complete record of the entire medical history of the case is gathered and becomes part of a report that is sent to Rome.

Once in Rome, medical experts examine the case to determine its merit. A positive judgment regarding any reported miracle is sent to the Holy Father.

Moral miracles such as the conversion of a person or the success of a religious movement are not considered proper subjects for reported miracles. Such events are hard to prove and may not be permanent.

Only the pope can decide to advance a candidate's beatification or a canonization. He looks for a sign from God – a miracle – as an indication that it is indeed God's will that a Servant of God be named *Blessed* or declared a saint. A miracle is sometimes called the *digitus Dei*, a Latin phrase meaning the *finger of God*.

We are in a time of waiting and praying. We have made our report to the Vatican. With faith and hope we look to the day when Father Michael J. McGivney will be raised to the honors of the altar. To report a favor you attribute to Father McGivney's intercession, visit www.fathermcgivney.org.

(November 2013: Authenticity Standards)

On Grace Effect ... seized power in Russia in 1917, Anatoly Lunacharsky, a Ukrainian ... was made Soviet Commissar for Education and the Arts ... who hoped to build a network of children's homes for all Soviet children ... as the best way of raising children – a genuine See Next Column >>



On The Grace Effect ... socialist upbringing ... away from their homes, family, parents and community.

Lunacharsky genuinely believed that the State could do a better job of raising children than their parents – the fathers and mothers. However, very soon, it became very clear that the gap between the State's enthusiasm for this plan ... and its actual ability to carry it out ... was ... oceanic!!!

The children ... who were without homes – a result of World War I, the Bolshevik *coup d'etat* ... the civil war ... and a state-induced famine – numbered in the millions!!! Any plan that called for the *seizure* of children ... who already had a home ... with a family ... was obviously ... UNworkable!!!

The Commissar could not ... avoid noticing the huge scale of the problem. Homeless children – *besprizornyye* is the derogatory term used to literally mean *the ones without supervision* – roamed the streets ... begged in trains ... slept in trash bins ... so bad were conditions in the children's homes that ... many children preferred life on the streets.

One observer noted: *I declare ... without exaggeration ... that we have ... not children's homes ... but children's cemeteries and cess-pools.* Life on the street ... meant a life of crime. A 1935 law decreed that such children ... when arrested, would be tried as adults ... and sent to labor camps or employed by the KGB ... or shot, it found to have venereal disease.

Parents and schools were to model their structure on the Soviet State itself ... loyalty was to the State ... not to the parents. Children were encouraged to report ... politically incorrect ... teachers, parents and relatives. Tyranny was thus extended to every aspect of Soviet life.

Overcoming poverty was never accomplished by socialist policies and governance ... their economic policies achieve something else equivalent to the opposite of the *Midas touch* – creating want where previously there had been none!!!

According the Russian Interior Ministry, of orphanage *graduates* ... 30% enter a life of crime ... 40% are addicted to alcohol or drugs ... 60% of girls become prostitutes ... 10% will commit suicide. The *non-graduates*? 30% die by age 18 – so much for the much-vaunted Socialist Utopia ... the Communist Paradise.

True ... orphanages are not as squalid as before ... the improvements are largely due to international aid. Foreign NGOs provide what the governments will not ... such is the prevailing attitude toward their own sick and fatherless Of these NGOs meeting the needs of these children, many are Christian.

Exodus 22:21-23 comes to mind: *Do not harm the widow or the orphan. If you do and they cry out to me ... I will hear them. My anger will be aroused ... and I will kill you with the sword ... and your own wives will be widows and your own children ... orphans.*

God is a God of grace ... a God of sacraments. He is also a God of justice. A society that has no regard for its children ... born and unborn ... has no regard for its future – in this future or the next.

[BroDuffy:]D.M. Thomas' *Alexander Solzhenitsyn: A Century in His Life* (1998) recalls that the Russian See Page 12, Column 1 >>>

Great Civil War of 1917-1936, prior to the finally triumph of communism, more than 30 million lost their lives due to the ideology of the new Trinity — Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels and Vladimir Lenin. Scores of peasant revolts rose against this ideology and this shocked Lenin which made him draw up a new policy of terror.

The founder of Russian Marxism, Georgi Plekhanov, described the peasants as barbarian tillers of the soil, cruel and merciless, beasts of burden whose life provided no opportunity for the luxury of thought. Lenin saw them as fiercely and meanly individualistic. According to Khrushchev, Stalin saw the peasants as scum ... and they comprised 90% of the Russian people.

In 1932, decisions were taken which ensured that millions from the Ukraine, Kuban, Don and Lower Volga would die of starvation. Collectivization and *dekulakization* (deletion of the peasants) had wrought havoc with the harvest ... and poorest weather had further damaged it.

In these places, the famine would be deliberate ... which the regime wanted to lay waste. Impossibly large requisitions of grain from the towns were ordered. Bands of activists were sent into the villages to make sure every last ear of wheat was collected.

Watchtowers were erected in the fields. The peasants toiled and starved. The limbs of women and children swelled; and, if they did not have the strength to rise, were threatened to be shot unless they gave up hoarded grain.

The ends justified the means ... that for the sake of the triumph of Communism, everything was permissible ... even to kill millions and millions of people. *All is permitted if God does not exist.*

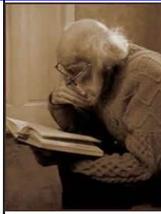
People *in extremis* behave in a way which supports the idea that they are sub-human. Those who became cannibals, for instance — women who went mad and cooked and ate their own children. Hundreds of Ukrainian cannibals were reportedly serving life sentences in the Baltic-White Sea Canal prison camps in the late thirties.

The vigilantes watched from towers to make sure a woman was not stealing a few grains of corn for a dying child and had plenty of food. Day and night, the food was guarded by militia keeping the starving peasants and their children away. At very low prices, bread, meat, poultry, canned fruit and delicacies. Wines and sweets were served to the district bosses ... the dining hall contained twenty different articles of food. Around these oases, famine and death raged.

Ironically, Nadezhda Alliluyeva, Stalin's wife, became a devout churchgoer during these years; her religious feelings consoling her — or, adding to her torment — that she had married a monster, and (it was not unconnected) that she was a sister to her own children.

At a banquet, the night before she committed suicide ... or was murdered ... she shouted at the revelers: *I hate you all! Look at this table ... and the people are starving!*

(November 2013: Adopting Sasha!)



Points to Ponder

Genesis 32:22-32. Jacob's prayer does not show the resigned attitude which is characteristic of believers. Praying not only consists in accepting God's Will, Ways and Works ... as having been written in advance in Heaven ... or in asking for the strength to accept it.

Praying also consists in ... putting pressure on God ... storming and besieging Heaven with our petitions ... confident in His promises and *knowing that He listens to us*. If we could not *have some part in the divine decision-making process* ... concerning us and the governance of the world ... the Covenant would be a fraud.

Jeremiah 1:9-19. Every Christian's mission: *To uproot and destroy ... to build and to plant* ... that is the mission of any worker in the Lord's vineyard. There can be no compromise ... between ... a *semblance* of Christian life ... and ... *authentic* faith. The genuine apostle must destroy ... old institutions and organizations ... methods and systems ... which are inimical to the commands of God ... in order to build Heaven on Earth.

Ezekiel 33:11. *I do not want the wicked to die but rather that he changes his evil ways and live.*

Psalms 150. The Book of Psalms concludes with a song performed to be a symbolic orchestra. To be full and complete, praise of God requires the participation of all nations, races, civilizations and culture.

Luke 5:1-11. *Apostle* means *sent*. Christ chooses His apostles and sends them in His Name. But, where will He find someone to send except among those who are willing to cooperate with Him? We wonder why so many Catholics ... Adorers ... listen to the Gospel but so few ... Adorers ... really cooperate with Christ.

Prayer Requests:

1. For the speedy recovery of body, mind and spirit, in accord with the Will of God, of: (a) **His Eminence Ricardo J. Cardinal Emeritus Vidal**; (b) **Sis. Esmeralda Yap**, TTJ-Cebu, recovering from hysterectomy; (c) **Sis. Tammy Faunillan**, TTJ-Cebu, for critical rheumatic heart disease; (d) **Sis. Rita Chua**, TTJ-Cebu, for cancer of the uterus; and (e) **Sis. Teresita Espinosa**, TTJ-Cebu, for breast cancer;
2. For the eternal repose of the soul of: (a) **Edith C. Caruncho** (BroDuffy's friend, Alexander's mother); and
3. For the joyful birthing of Leny C. (BroDuffy's daughter-in-law) to a healthy son come first week of October 2013.

Bro. Jaime D. Lambino, President of Section 106 Muntinlupa, shares these inspiring words from a remarkable man, *Henry Ford*:

1. Make best-quality goods at low cost and highest wages possible.
2. Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress and working together is success.
3. Don't find fault, find a remedy.
4. Failure is the opportunity to begin again, more intelligently.
5. Whether you think you can, or you think you can't — you're right.
6. He who stops learning is old at 20 or 80.
7. Vision without execution is just hallucination.
8. You don't have to hold a position in order to be a leader.
9. Success: Do more for the world than the world does for you.

Whom God loves, He disciplines; He scourges every child He acknowledges.