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REVIVING THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE

This is the first in a four-part series which coincides with the USCCB's strategic focus on a Eucharistic Revival and 2024 Eucharistic Conference.

by Fr. Anthony Brankin

Fr. Faber, a Nineteenth Century Anglican convert to the Catholic Faith, called the Mass the most beautiful thing this side of heaven.

What a wonderful context to begin any discussion of our Catholic Mass — that it is the most beautiful thing this side of heaven. Perhaps we can therefore discuss the



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Mass in this article within the context of the American bishops' call for a three year program of Eucharistic Revival.

Now, when we mention "Eucharist" and Eucharistic revival, we must remember that we are talking simultaneously about

Jesus, His Real Presence in the Host, our reception of Holy Communion, and the Mass itself, particularly insofar as the Mass is a Sacrifice. And, I say "particularly" about the "Mass as sacrifice" because:

1. *when we are aware that the Mass, the Eucharist, is a true, mystical Sacrifice, plucked out of the Eternal Sacrifice that occurred two thousand years ago;*
2. *and, it perdures throughout Eternity and is placed on our altars right now;*
3. *and, when we realize that that is what is happening,*

then we are better able to involve ourselves in the Mass and therefore better able to pray, to talk to God and allow God to talk to us.

When we know that the Mass is more than just the nice priest saying nice words to the nice people, and them saying nice things back to him, then we can make real spiritual progress.

I remember years ago I read in a parish bulletin a definition of the Mass:

"The Mass is where we gather, we remember, we celebrate."

I am sorry that definition is not only boring, its stupid. Would you be a martyr for that? I wouldn't.

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SEARCHING FOR THE HEART OF EASTER

by Rick Merfeld

History is the unfolding drama of God's creation, redemption, and salvation story. Since the beginning of this love story, God has been calling a people to be His own. Holy Scriptures tell us of all the ways God has reached out to people across time.

At the core of Christ-centered faith is not people searching for God, but God searching for people, heart to heart.

This heart-centered invitation has been God's way from the beginning. In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses recounts the great acts of God's love as He brought the people out of the land of Egypt. There are 23 references in Deuteronomy to the heart as God shares His commandments and calls on people to trust him.

God also called the Israelites to keep it simple: "This commandment that I give you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it too distant from you. No, the word is very near to you, it is in your heart and in your mouth, so that you might do it." (Deuteronomy 30: 11, 14)

God expressed himself in human form when Jesus was born at Bethlehem. We learned about the heart of God when Jesus cried at the death of his friend, Lazarus (John 11: 35). Jesus also showed anger when the people turn the temple into a den of thieves. (Matthew 21:12-14)

We saw how intimately involved Jesus was when he shared his body and blood as the new covenant. (Matthew 26: 26-27) Then

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'TIS THE SEASON

This year (2024) provides us with a rather unique *early* opportunity to embrace our Catholic faith and appreciate the depth of the “what” and “why” we believe. Despite the many worldly distractions that interrupt and interfere with our prayer life, consider these opportunities to re-focus this Spring. This really is *The Season* to reflect and celebrate.

March is formally the Month of Saint Joseph, with his Feast Day on March 19 - the actual day of the Spring Equinox.

We can, and should, reflect on Joseph's role as the foster father of Jesus. Among other opportunities, recognize his efforts during your Joyful Mysteries as he led the Holy Family to Bethlehem for the Nativity as well as the Presentation.

This year, the entire Holy Week of our faith occurs in March, with Easter Sunday on March 31st!

In the last issue, I tongue-in-cheek used a headline in this column that opened with “Breaking News!” I almost used it again, but by time this issue gets in your hands, you may already know that Lionsgate Entertainment is scheduled to re-release *The Passion of the Christ* on March 22nd to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the movie.

As painful as it is to watch - at least it was for me - I will do so again

As we continue to celebrate in April, which is the Month of the Holy Eucharist, we can really relate and perhaps more prayerfully reflect on additional Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

Divine Mercy Sunday jumpstarts April on the first Sunday, which immediately precedes the celebration of the Annunciation on Monday April 8.

May, of course, is the Month of Our Lady. It is also when we should be observing fasting and abstinence in preparation for the Ascension of our Lord on May 9. (The faithful typically observed the Rogation days by fasting and abstinence in preparation to celebrate the Ascension, and farmers often had their crops blessed by a priest at this time.)

In addition, Pentecost is celebrated on May 19th and ember days follow as they precede Trinity Sunday on May 26.

My point of reciting all of these prayerful and celebratory occasions, is that even if you struggled with your Lenten sacrifices, these three Spring months certainly provide many opportunities to immerse yourself within our faith.

Greg Yoko, Publisher

LETTERS TO THE OX

Dear Mr. Yoko,

I write regarding your introductory essay from the past issue titled “Breaking News!!! The World will be coming to and end!”

You write “...yet we cannot even change the direction of the wind, make it rain, stop it from snowing, extinguish wildfires, or redirect hurricanes and tornadoes. Silly People.”

I just wanted to share with you out of the State of New Hampshire this year:

HB (House Bill) 1700

Prohibiting the intentional release of polluting emissions, including cloud seeding, weather modification, excessive electromagnetic radio frequency, and microwave radiation and making penalties for violations of such prohibitions. (1-17-2024)

Also, if you see an airplane trail that does not disappear, you are seeing a “chemtrail,” not a “comtrail” that will shortly dissipate. Chemtrails are full of harmful chemicals like aluminum and barium. The chemtrail

will enlarge to a hazy cloud cover.

I plan to call my state representative and ask for a similar law here in Georgia.

(This letter was edited for brevity.)

Sincerely, A.M., Georgia

I love your magazine. Could you send a copy to two of my friends?

L.S., Michigan

Can you place a new family on your mailing list? They have been church shopping and are now in RCIA!

K.H., Iowa

Thank you for your prayers and Masses as well as the fine work at the radio station. It is most important in this age!

J.S., Wisconsin

Please accept my donation for the radio station. Keep up the sacrificial work – your efforts are going to pay off for God's Kingdom. They already are. Love you guys!

K.G., Iowa

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Reviving the Eucharistic Miracle from page 1

However, when we are aware that the Mass is the unbloody Sacrifice of Our Lord in His moment of oblation and immolation — when we are aware that the Mass is the moment in which we are able to place ourselves on the Cross with Jesus in His sacrifice before the Father, then we can actually enter into that very sacrifice with our minds, our hearts and our souls and even our bodies.

When we can imagine the Angel swooping down from Heaven and taking those gifts on the altar — Jesus and us — to the Father, when we know that something is actually happening at the Mass, we begin to get excited.

Then, of course, when we receive His Body and Blood in Holy Communion and knowing and affirming in our heart that this truly is Jesus, the Bread of Life, the Cup of Salvation, the Food of Angels we begin to experience real communion with Our Lord — remembering that Communion means, literally, union with.

I have always recommended that when we go back to our pews after Holy Communion we should lower our heads, cover our eyes and then whisper — actually whisper — our prayers to Jesus. If it is Jesus, then we should talk to Him just as we talk to others. We can tell Him with our very lips what we need. We tell Him what is in our hearts. And we listen for Him to respond.

This is what is meant by the phrase active participation at Mass. It means that our ceremonies and prayers tell us what is happening, and then gently lead our souls to love. It's an interior thing.

There is no more superficial understanding of active participation at Mass than to think it means that everyone is shouting and singing — the louder the better. It does not mean that everyone is running around the sanctuary and touching everything and everyone in sight.

Participation at Mass is so much deeper than noise and activity levels. When we know what the Mass is and what is invisibly happening, we can pray more deeply; and that makes us better persons. And then, one Mass goer at a time, the world is changed and made better

This is not unimportant.

So what the Eucharistic revival is about is that the bishops are trying to renew and deepen our belief and love and devotion for Jesus at Mass and in Holy Communion.



They have finally realized that our Catholic people's faith in the Eucharist is flagging, fading, growing weak and maybe even evaporating.

Look at the numbers. Who is not aware that too many Catholics don't go to Church anymore?

In pre-covid Chicago — Mass attendance was about 20%. Post Covid — it's down to about 10%. That's not good.

When I graduated from the seminary high school in 1967 Mass attendance was at about 75%. Now it's 10%. That's quite a decline.

As Jesus Himself asked "when the Son of man comes will He find any faith?" If we continue the way we are going, I am afraid that He won't find much faith at all.

Those statistics are bad enough, but did you know that of all the Catholics in the USA — and that means whoever says they are Catholic — (and that includes people who haven't been to church since their First Communion) almost 70% of Catholics do not believe that Holy Communion is the Body of Christ. For them Holy Communion is just a piece of bread.

But of course, if you don't believe that Holy Communion is the Body and Blood Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus, why would you go to Mass? What would be the point? You could just stay home and watch cartoons.

So the bishops have realized that we have a problem; and that is why they have called for this Eucharistic revival — complete with conferences and articles and sermons and the occasional procession. They are all in the fondest hopes of resurrecting our old Catholic fire and faith and devotion to the Eucharist.

I for one am glad they are doing it.

But I wonder if they are putting the cart before the horse. Maybe the bishops need first to discover the causes of our Eucharist malaise.

Maybe they (and we) need to ask 'What happened? How did we get to this point? What decisions were made over the years that weakened and injured our understanding and love for Holy Communion?'

Someone once told me that when you lose something you usually go back to the last place you had it.

And I think that's right because then we can trace our steps forward and pay careful attention to the missteps and mistakes we made along the way that brought us to the need for a Eucharistic revival.

I think that might be the way to solve the Eucharistic crisis. End the mistakes and begin the revival. †

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BE PREPARED FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

by Monica Daly

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 7th this year.

However, before Divine Mercy Sunday, we are asked by Our Lord, to pray the Novena to Divine Mercy, including the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

This novena begins on Good Friday and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday.

These are the words given to St. Faustina by Jesus:

“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.” (St. Faustina’s Diary, 699)

Jesus tells us in Mathhew 11:28-30, “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

For each of the nine days of the novena, our Lord gave Saint Faustina a different intention:

Day 1: All mankind, especially sinners;

Day 2: the souls of priests and religious;

Day 3: all devout and faithful souls;

4: those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Jesus;

5: the souls who have separated themselves from the Church;

6: the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children;

7: the souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy;

8: the souls detained in purgatory;

9: souls who have become lukewarm.

“I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death” (Diary, 1209).†

If you are seeking the full Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets, perhaps the best resource is

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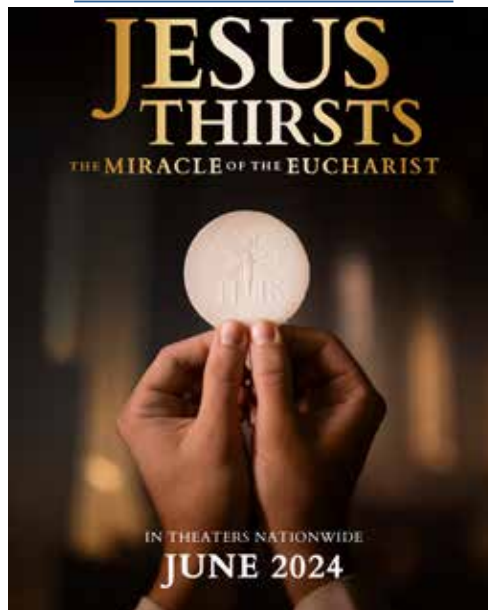
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Deep within each human soul, there exists an intense craving for connection, purpose, and love — a thirst that only God can satisfy. Yet, the question remains: How does one fulfill this yearning?

The Catholic Church teaches that the Eucharist is the most profound means by which God shares Himself with humanity.

However, a 2019 Pew Research Study unveiled a concerning reality: only one-third of practicing U.S. Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.



In Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist, we embark on a global journey to rediscover and revive the transformative power of the Eucharist. Engaging in dialogue with notable Catholic figures, the film explores the biblical origins of the Eucharist and shares personal stories of individuals whose lives have been transformed by the Blessed Sacrament. This exploration makes it unmistakably clear that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol, but is indeed Jesus Christ Himself — fervently desiring to quench our spiritual thirst with His boundless love.

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Of Mary There is Never Enough

by Brad Markham

St. Augustine famously wrote, “The new is in the old concealed; the old is in the new revealed,” in reference to the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. There are two persons for whom this rings most true, in the typology of Mary and the typology of Christ. Both are found hidden virtually everywhere in the Old Testament.

Many of us regularly pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Litany of Loreto as it is commonly referred to. Tradition calls this mediaeval litany the Litany of Loreto because it was faithfully used and preserved at the House of Loreto. This house is traditionally understood to have been a house of the Holy Family that was miraculously transported in 1290 to Loreto. There, the Litany was preserved and comes down to us from the Middle Ages.

In the prayer there are 12 invocations of Mary as Mother, 6 recognize her as Virgin, 13 of her names are derived from the Old Testament, and 4 that call her helper or advocate. It is easy to see the Marian dogmas preserved in this prayer, most especially the dogmas of Divine Maternity, Perpetual Virginity, the

Immaculate Conception, the Assumption and the yet undefined dogma of Mediatrix of all grace.

The prayer reads as follows:

Litany of Loreto

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Christ have mercy.

V. Lord have mercy. Christ hear us.

R. Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Holy Mother of God, pray for us.

Holy Virgin of Virgins, pray for us.

Mother of Christ, pray for us.

Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Mother of Mercy, pray for us.

Mother of Divine Grace, pray for us.

Mother of Hope, pray for us.

Mother Most Pure, pray for us.

Mother Most Chaste, pray for us.

Mother Inviolable, pray for us.

Mother Undeified, pray for us.

Mother Most Amiable, pray for us.

Mother Most Admirable, pray for us.

Mother of Good Counsel, pray for us.

Mother of our Creator, pray for us.

Mother of our Savior, pray for us.

Virgin Most Prudent, pray for us.

Virgin Most Venerable, pray for us.

Virgin Most Renowned, pray for us.

Virgin Most Powerful, pray for us.

Virgin Most Merciful, pray for us.

Virgin Most Faithful, pray for us.

Mirror of Justice, pray for us.

Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.

Cause of our Joy, pray for us.

Spiritual Vessel, pray for us.

Vessel of Honor, pray for us.

Singular Vessel of Devotion, pray for us.

Mystical Rose, pray for us.

Tower of David, pray for us.

Tower of Ivory, pray for us.

House of Gold, pray for us.

Ark of the Covenant, pray for us.

Gate of Heaven, pray for us.

Morning Star, pray for us.

Health of the Sick, pray for us.

Refuge of Sinners, pray for us.

Solace of Migrants, pray for us.

Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us.

Help of Christians, pray for us.

Queen of Angels, pray for us.

Queen of Patriarchs, pray for us.

Queen of Prophets, pray for us.

Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Queen of Martyrs, pray for us.

Queen of Confessors, pray for us.

Queen of Virgins, pray for us.

Queen of all Saints, pray for us.

Queen conceived without Original Sin, pray for us.

Queen assumed into heaven, pray for us.

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

Queen of Families, pray for us.

Queen of Peace, pray for us.

V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

R. Spare us, O Lord.

V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

R. Graciously hear us, O Lord.

V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we thy servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body, and by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may we be freed from present sorrow, and rejoice in eternal happiness.

Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

The Woman is found all over the Old Testament and this Litany is a testimony to her biblical and traditional titles as found

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Of Mary There is Never Enough continued

in scripture. We will focus on the 13 titles that come from the Old Testament and traditional devotion to her to demonstrate Mary's central importance in salvation history, and to prove that Catholic Marian devotion is scriptural and what Jesus wants!

Mirror of Justice - Wisdom 7:26

For she is the brightness of eternal light, and the unspotted mirror of God's majesty, and the image of his goodness.

Mary is the mirror of God. She has often been referred to as the moon, which reflects the light of the sun. We of course hear echoes of the Magnificat here, "My soul doth magnify the Lord."

Seat of Wisdom - Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 24: 1-3

Wisdom shall praise her own self, and shall be honoured in God, and shall glory in the midst of her people, And shall open her mouth in the churches of the most High, and shall glorify herself in the sight of his power, And in the midst of her own people she shall be exalted, and shall be admired in the holy assembly.

The Incarnation took place in Mary's womb and thus she became the Seat of Wisdom, the seat of Christ in the "midst of her people." Christ dwelt in Mary's womb and Mary's home as the Incarnation of Wisdom itself.

Cause of our Joy - Luke 1:47

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my savior.

Here Mary extols her joy at the Incarnation happening in her womb. She expresses the joy of the Church in receiving the Savior. Thus, she is the cause of our joy as receiving the God-Man.

Spiritual Vessel, Vessel of Honor, and Singular Vessel of Devotion - 2 Timothy 2:21

If any man therefore shall cleanse himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified and profitable to the Lord, prepared unto every good work.

Mary, the vessel through whom Jesus

came into the world, becomes the spiritual vessel, concealing the God-Man's divinity in His humanity, born of the flesh of the Woman; the vessel of the Holy Spirit, bringing Christ to the world. As the vessel of honor, she is the Immaculate Conception, the one chosen from all eternity to be that pure vessel through whom the God-Man would enter the world. None other was worthy and without her perfection, Christ would not have passed into the world. She is the singular vessel of devotion, because there was never a question of her will being distinct from the divine will. If Christ had lacked courage and denied the crucifix, she would have driven the nails herself because of her devotion to the Father.

Mystical Rose - Canticles (Song of Songs) 2:1-2

I am the flower of the field, and the lily of the valleys. As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.

The rose is a symbol of life and as St. Maximilian Kolbe relates, Mary is the icon of all of the love of creation for the Creator. "As the lily among thorns, so is my love among daughters." The rose is also known for its thorns, and no one, besides Christ Himself, bore the thorns of the Passion more vehemently than Mary.

Tower of David - Canticles (Song of Songs) 4:4

Thy neck, is as the tower of David, which is built with bulwarks: a thousand bucklers hang upon it, all the armour of valiant men.

There are many reasons to call Mary the Tower of David. She is Our Lady of Victory, responsible for victories in battle throughout Catholic history, famously at the battle of Lepanto. She is "terrible as an army set in array," to the enemies of God.

Tower of Ivory - Canticles (Song of Songs) 7:4

Thy neck as a tower of ivory. Thy eyes like the fishpools in Hesebon, which are in the gate of the daughter of the multitude.

God sings His love of creation to Mary as the icon of the love of creation for God. St. John Henry Newman relates that Mary is a tower because she stood by Jesus in

His passion, while all the other apostles, save John, abandoned Him. A tower suggests something that stands above all others in its proximity. So too, Mary stood high above all the other followers of Jesus. Newman relates that towers are, "heavy, obtrusive, graceless structures, for the purposes of war, not of peace; with nothing of the beautifulness, refinement, and finish which are conspicuous in Mary. It is true: therefore she is called the Tower of Ivory, to suggest to us, by the brightness, purity, and exquisiteness of that material, how transcendent is the loveliness and the gentleness of the Mother of God."

House of Gold - Apocalypse (Revelation) 21:21

And the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

St. Newman relates, "Therefore it is that Mary too is called golden; because her graces, her virtues, her innocence, her purity, are of that transcendent brilliancy and dazzling perfection." Gold is our most precious metal symbolizing all of Newman's descriptors for Mary. She is also a house because the God-Man came to dwell in her most pure womb. St. John is above describing the New Jerusalem or heaven, of which, again, Mary is an icon of the place where God comes to dwell amongst His people.

Ark of the Covenant - 2 Kings 6:9 (2 Samuel)

And David was afraid of the Lord that day, saying: How shall the ark of the Lord come to me?

Luke 1:43

And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

Mary is the ark in which the bread of life, the Law, and the Word of God came to dwell. Brant Pitre relates in *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* several other parallels to Mary from Luke's Gospel to the Old Testament. The Glory of the Lord and cloud overshadow the ark in *Exodus 40:34-35*, just as the Holy Spirit

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overshadows Mary (Luke 1:35). David arises and leaves for the hill country (2 Kings (2 Samuel) 6:2) as Mary arises and leaves for her cousins' home in the hill country (Luke 1:39). David leaps before the ark (2 Kings 6: 15-16 (2 Samuel) and St. John leaps in Elizabeth's womb upon hearing Mary's voice (Luke 1: 41-42).

Finally, the ark remained in the hill country for 3 months (2 Kings 6:11 (2 Samuel), just as Mary remained in the hill country three months (Luke 1:56).

Gate of Heaven - Ezekiel 44:1-2

And he brought me back to the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary, which looked towards the east: and it was shut. And the Lord said to me: This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall pass through it: because the Lord the God of Israel hath entered in by it, and it shall be shut

This an obvious reference to Mary's perpetual virginity. She is the gate that the Lord God of Israel entered in by, the Gate of Heaven.

Morning Star - Luke 1:78

Through the bowels of the mercy of our God, in which the Orient from on high hath visited us

While this passage from Luke is a reference to Christ Himself, Catholic tradition has applied the name to Mary as well for she is the one through whom the morning star has come unto us. Since the morning star announces to us the coming of the day, so too Mary is the horizon for the coming of the sun of justice.

Catholic tradition rightly sings Mary's praises as the Woman of revelation. We see how the titles grow from biblical typology and grow through traditional devotion. St. Louis DeMontfort tells us that even the slightest sigh of Mary for a soul is feared more by the devil than all the prayers of other saints. St. Alphonsus Liguori relates story after story of poor sinners with even minimal devotion to our great Mother, being saved because of her prayers. We can never honor her enough.

De Maria Numquam Satis! †

DUBUQUE'S CENTENNIAL CROSS

Rebuilding of the Centennial Cross in Dubuque's Key West community is scheduled to start soon.

Plans are being finalized, and construction is slated to start soon on the rebuilding of the Blue Cross in Key West, Iowa. This iconic landmark will receive a complete overhaul: A new and taller version will replace the old cross that has graced the southern Dubuque skyline since 1937.



The plan is to pour a new concrete footing and erect a new cross that will be lit on both sides with LED lighting. When completed it will stand 137-feet tall and will be visible over the tree line that has blocked the sight of it for the last number of years.

Conlon Construction has been hired as the general contractor for this project. "We're proud to have been selected for this project, especially since my grandfather, R.F. Conlon, built the original cross in 1937," said Tim Conlon, chief executive officer of Conlon Construction.

A not-for-profit organization, Centennial Cross Incorporated, has been formed and is devoted to managing the fundraising, construction, and maintenance of the cross. The group has raised more than \$150,000 of the \$350,000 goal, which will pay for the construction of the cross and establish a fund for future maintenance.

They plan to build a permanent display in Mt. Olivet Cemetery telling a little bit about the history of the cross as well as listing individuals and businesses that donate \$10,000 or more.

All donors of \$100 or more will be acknowledged on the group's website, www.centennialcross.org.

"The cross was originally constructed to commemorate the Centennial of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and has stood as a beacon of hope and Christian faith for more than 80 years. Now we are asking the public to help us bring back this treasured landmark," said Tim McCaffery, president of the group. †

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we watched the heart of Jesus break as he bled and died on the cross. But it didn't stop there. The story continued after the resurrection.

Do you remember the encounter on the Damascus Road? Jesus revealed himself to two disciples by connecting the dots in the Old Testament. The two said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32) And when Jesus raised his hands to bless the food, the nail holes in his hands were revealed.

Those present at the table recognized the Lord in the breaking of the bread.

St. Paul reveals the quality of relationship we have with God when we believe. "For you did not receive a spirit of slavery leading to fear; rather, you received the Spirit of adoption, enabling us to cry out, 'Abba! Father!'" (Romans 8:15)

Do you see it? This is not an intellectual connection. This is personal. We have a love-sick King who longs to be close to us, heart to heart. This is what the first Christians fed on. And the Church grew. Keep this in mind the next time you confess your sins and approach the altar of Holy Communion.

I hope this helps you get settled in the present, but don't lose sight of the future and the yet unfolding drama.

Jesus gave us clues on how it would play out. And, he shared with us his longing for the completion of his bigger mission.

"I have come to spread fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already blazing! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it has been completed! Do you think that I have

come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.

"From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." (Luke 12:49-53)

Look around! There is division and confusion in our world today, in our Church, and in our homes. Are these the flames of the fire? Could

it even be burning to a climax soon, the finish that Jesus was talking about?

This Easter season let's get personal with Jesus. Call out to Christ each day. Invest time in God's word. Start by simply reading the words. Let the sentences draw you in. Let the paragraphs capture your thoughts. Let the books move your mind. Let the word of God change your heart.

Don't get caught up in the chaos of the world; get caught up in the peace of Christ. Don't get lost in doubt and confusion; get caught up in the clarity of Christ. Don't get caught up in the hate of the world; get caught up in the love of Christ.

Jesus is the heart of Easter. But it doesn't stop there. Jesus continues to search out people to share in the awe and intimacy of a heart-to-heart connection. May each of us experience the heart of Christ in a special way this Easter.†

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Biblical references are taken from the New Catholic Bible.

THE CANTATA OF LOVE

by Katherine O'Brien

The Cantata of Love:

A Verse by Verse Reading of *The Song of Songs* by Fr. Blaise Arminjon, SJ

This book provides insight from many doctors of the Church. Full of temple images and connections with many other Old Testament books.



The Song of Songs is found in the center of the Bible, and is the expression of the heart of God.

The third of the three Wisdom books of Solomon (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes/Sirach, & the Song), this poetic depiction of God's immeasurable love for Israel, for the Church, for each individual soul is often misunderstood. Fr. Arminjon gathered commentary on the Song from St. John of the Cross, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis de Sales, Origen and others; then masterfully wove them into this very readable book full of nuggets well worth meditating upon.

If you want to know more deeply that God loves you, despite your sin and brokenness, this book published by Ignatius Press will help you, whether you read it from cover to cover or open it here and there.

God is love and that love exceeds all understanding. Nonetheless, over and over again, God expresses love to us, soaking us in it.†

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ST. DISMAS, THE GOOD THIEF: A TIMELESS CALL TO REDEMPTION

By Emma Woelfel

Throughout the riches of Christian history, God's mercy has manifested in diverse ways, finding expression through pivotal individuals of extraordinary faith. Among these, St. Dismas stands out as a captivating embodiment of the saving power of redemption. Recognized as the good thief that died beside Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, St. Dismas is renowned for, as Venerable Fulton Sheen observes, being the saint who boldly "stole heaven." The last minutes of his earthly life serve as a profound testament of God's abundant mercy, offering a compelling lesson for all to courageously put trust in God. St. Dismas' life becomes a timeless lesson—a call to embrace repentance, seek forgiveness, and trust in the transformative power of faith.

The Gospels of Matthew and Mark depict Jesus being crucified next to two thieves, one on his right and the other on his left. Luke's Gospel further distinguishes one of these thieves as repentant, acknowledging Jesus' innocence and his own guilt. It's this penitent thief, tradition holds, who is known as St. Dismas. This name is not likely the true name of the good thief, but was ascribed to him because it traces its origins to the Greek word for "sunset" or "death."

While the Gospel accounts provide no insight into Dismas' backstory, a legend from apocryphal sources describes that during the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, they encountered a group of thieves, among whom was Dismas. In a remarkable turn of events, Dismas is said to have been overcome with compassion and successfully persuaded his fellow thieves to let the Holy Family continue their journey unharmed. However, it is apparent that Dismas lived a life of sin, given that he was being put to death. Despite being dubbed "the good thief," it is plausible that he was more than a common thief, likely a revolutionary or rebel. The harsh punishment of death by crucifixion was only reserved for the most egregious crimes, which underscores the gravity of his transgressions.

In the waning moments of St. Dismas' life, he comprehends and accepts the crimes he committed led him to his crucifixion. He implores the mocking criminal, who reviles Jesus to save them, to



fear God, acknowledging the just nature of their punishments compared to the Jesus' innocence. Jesus had the power to do what the criminal asked, but Dismas realizes that the Cross was part of Jesus' plan in a mysterious way, so Dismas ascends to his own cross. He found himself in his last moments, facing the consequences of his actions, yet in the presence of Christ, he experienced a transformative moment of spiritual awakening. Despite the agony of crucifixion, Dismas recognized the divinity in Jesus and humbly sought mercy. His words to Jesus, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," reflect a humble act of faith (Luke 23:42).

Although nothing changed for St. Dismas in an earthly way, Jesus' proclamation, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise," altered everything (Luke 23:43). These words, filled with divine assurance, echo the desire we all long for in the final moments of our lives – to be with Jesus, the ultimate goal.

St. Dismas' conversion is a powerful reminder that holiness is not reserved for the perfect or the sinless. Rather, it is a path open to all who, like the good thief, acknowledge their need for God's mercy. Despite seeming irredeemable to all who looked on to the crucified, when Jesus looked at St. Dismas, He saw this child of God returning home with a sincere hope. Jesus shows us that no one is beyond saving, regardless of societal judgments or the heinousness of sins. We should hope for all people in our lives to allow God to work in them, even those seemingly far from Christ. We too must better allow God to work in our lives and not postpone accepting Christ into the messier parts of

our lives until it is too late, so we can enjoy Him on Earth more fully.

The feast of St. Dismas is celebrated on March 25th as it is the traditional date for Jesus' crucifixion. On this same day, the Church also celebrates the feast of the Annunciation. Through this synchronicity, we too can recognize the transformative power of grace in our own lives by saying 'yes' to God's will for our lives, as exemplified by our Blessed Mother and St. Dismas.

St. Dismas' story challenges us not as a mere historical narrative but as a catalyst for each of us to confront our own weakness and respond to the call of divine mercy before our inevitable death. Are we, like St. Dismas, willing to acknowledge our sins, seek forgiveness, and place our trust in the mercy of a loving God? Or do we find ourselves clinging to the vices of our past, oblivious to the transformative grace awaiting our acceptance?

St. Dismas, pray for us, so that we too can be in Paradise with our Lord! †

PRAYER TO ST. DISMAS THE REPENTANT THIEF

Saint Dismas, you were closer to Jesus in His agony on the cross, than even His Beloved mother Mary . . . Because of YOUR sincere and open confession of your sins to Jesus, as you hung beside Him on Calvary . . . and because of your true sorrow and repentance for them . . . You alone, of all the great Penitent Saints were directly canonized by Christ Himself; and you were assured of a place in Heaven with Him on that very day!! . . .

Good Saint Dismas, now in paradise with the Lord, I ask you to intercede for me this day, as I express my sincere sorrow and repentance for my sins. I ask the Lord to forgive me and grant me the grace of perseverance so that I will never desert Him again . . . and at the end of my life . . . may I hear from Him the same words that He spoke to you: **"This day you will be with Me in Paradise."** †

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Matthew 6:21

FALLING IN LOVE WITH MY FAITH

by Mark Hoeger

This past year has been almost a new start for me. I'm not really sure where to begin, or even when this all started, but the Holy Spirit has been taking me to some new and interesting places in my faith journey. Now the hunger has been deepening to see what is ahead and where we go from here.

I do believe it has to do with the anniversary of our son Jeremy's passing away 15 years ago on Dec. 9th, the feast day of St. Juan Diego. Another factor is that every Saturday, when we do the Pilgrim Virgin program, the depths of those prayers, and the prayer to Our Lady of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe, has had a profound affect on my journey.

I have started watching more YouTube videos on Our Lady of Guadalupe. Every time I watch one, it leads me to another one that has even more in-depth information and insight on just how amazing our God is and how He works with and through Mary our Mother, and the Mother of God.

There are just a couple of the YouTube videos I have watched on Our Lady of Guadalupe and found them so fascinating it's hard not to keep watching them. Some links are provided at the end of this article.

However, one has to take time to appreciate the depth of each video and realize just how much we are loved and how little we know.

The video titled Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Flower World has a much deeper meaning and is truly fascinating and opens up a whole new world about how very little we really know about the past. It also ties in with the message of St. Juan Diego in the modern day.

My personal observation of this message has led me to believe it has to do with human sacrifice. All the way from 1500 BC, to the Aztecs, to modern day abortion.

Our Lady continues to cry tears of sadness for the sins of all mankind, but especially the mutilation of babies in the wombs.

The Aztecs did not kill their enemies during their wars, they captured them and then to appease the gods, would tear out their hearts as the sacrificial offering.

Are we any different today? Abortion is the scourge of the land, and even though Roe v Wade was overturned, it seems like the battle has only increased.

The Guadalupe and the Flower World Prophecy has a much deeper meaning and one I will continue to try and understand. It should open more doors to the understanding of the messages Our Mother is giving to us.

On another note, it seems like every day I have seen or heard something new and different (at least to me) about Mary and Her many titles.

During the weekly Pilgrim Virgin home visits, one of our prayers

is the Litany of Our Lady. This past year I kept thinking how we repeat the words, but do we really understand the realm of what we are praying, and how I should take more time to really delve into each title.

Well, low and behold, I'm in Adoration at the Chapel on Dec. 19th and what do I find in one of the pews, but the book, *HOLY MARY: Getting to know and Love Our Blessed Mother through Her Magnificent Titles*.

Wow, not just another coincidence by a long shot. I couldn't wait to start digging in to it and learn more about Our Mother Mary.

Each title in the book goes into the explanation of its deep meaning and why She is deserving of all these titles and many more which could fill a thousand books.

She was chosen by God to be the Mother of Jesus.

Mary is the fairest of all the flowers, the sweetest lily of the valley, the purest of all that has ever lived, and the Mother of Divine Grace, as all Grace comes from God, but flows through His Mother to us.

A few lines from this book really sets apart Mary from all the angels and saints.

"Jesus was, by nature, without sin. Mary, preserved by a special privilege of divine grace from the stain of original sin, was exempt from any actual stain,

even from the least imperfection.

Her mind was in perfect harmony with His mind: her heart pulsed only in union with that of Her Savior: Her soul was filled with joyous rapture in her ecstasy of devotion to Him. Never for one moment in her life did she displease Him in thought, word or deed.

She knew no evil. No shadow of sin ever clouded her life, no stain of any kind ever darkened her soul."

Getting to know and love Mary through more reading, a deeper understanding of Her love for us through Her many titles, and being open to hearing Her direct us to Jesus through prayer and meditation, is one of my goals for 2024 and beyond.

I hope it will be one of yours as well. †

YouTube video links with supplemental information:

Our Lady of Guadalupe & the Flower World Prophecy
www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEuCj7Uaja0

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WORKS OF MERCY

by Rick Merfeld

Since the organization was founded in 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been dedicated to meeting the needs of children, adults, and the elderly around the world. Volunteers and staff have been pursuing this Mission in Dubuque, Iowa, since 1858. I know. We don't look that old!

We are best known for our dedication to the corporal works of Mercy including feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

Through the tireless work of our volunteers, **we serve, on average, 500 people a month.**

Over a recent 12-month period, we paid out over \$150,000 in just housing and utility assistance. We also distributed new bed mattresses, box springs, and frames to 180 households in the greater Dubuque community through our Better Sleep, Better Health program.



It takes many volunteers to walk with neighbors through the process of initial connection to final assistance. It also takes a band of volunteers who pray for us and partners who provide financial support. From hello to help, our neighbors-in-need are surrounded by a team of compassionate hearts and helpful hands.



That's one side of the coin. On the flip side we find the spiritual works of Mercy.

They include instructing the ignorant, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offenses, comforting the afflicted, counseling the doubtful, warning sinners, and praying for the living and the dead.

These days, it would be so easy to focus on the corporal works of Mercy and never flip the coin. We wake each day to a world that is increasingly anti-God. The Christ-centered worldview, and sometimes those who stand up for it, is under attack. But Christ calls His Church to flip the coin; to perform the spiritual works of Mercy courageously, compassionately, and effectively.

I found a beautiful wall-hanging in our thrift store last year. It was a striking presentation of St. Paul's famous "Love is..." declaration found in 1 Corinthians's 13. You know it well:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

But the wall hanging was missing one of the phrases. Can you guess which statement was missing? The artist left out "Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth."

If he was writing today, would St. Paul leave out this phrase? I think he would highlight it in bold! **I threw the wall hanging in the garbage. It was bad theology!**

Our culture has gone from "everybody wins" to "everyone's right." Truth has become relative, and people are encouraged to determine their own truth. How is this playing out in our world? How is this working out for you and your family? Can you imagine what March Madness basketball games would be like without referees enforcing the rules? The spiritual works of Mercy guides the Church in helping people live healthy and wholesome lives.

This is the challenge we are picking up. We try to help people see the difference between good and bad thinking when it comes to things like personal finances and healthy relationships. We witness to how a forgiving heart restores peace. And we share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

It's a lot easier to give people milk and eggs. But milk and eggs won't help people live in harmony with God, experience joy and success, and secure eternal life in a wonderful neighborhood.

I'm convinced that the greatest gift we provide our neighbors is the peace of Christ and the power of the Gospel. Will you join St. Vinnies as we prayerfully perform the corporal and spiritual works of Mercy this Easter season? When you do, you become an important part of our team.✝

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But, I am burying the lede. **We have dozens of prayers and resources for prayers.** We even have calendars which list every priest of the three closest dioceses: Madison, Wisconsin; Rockford, Illinois; and, Dubuque, Iowa. There is even a list of daily Masses for each diocese!

There is also a list of shrines and chapels and various devotionals.

<https://kcrd-fm.org/pray-for-priests-daily-calendar>

A REAL AMERICAN HERO: BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

The life of Blessed Michael McGivney is an inspiration to Knights of Columbus members all over the world.

A new statue of Blessed Michael McGivney was unveiled and dedicated Dec. 8 in the Hall of American Saints at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., with Cardinal Christophe Pierre and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori presiding.

The statue will share the K of C founder's mission of unity and charity with the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who visit the shrine annually. The installation of a new statue will encourage devotion among many more people.



Cardinal Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, blesses the statue with holy water as Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Msgr. Walter Rossi (right), rector of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, look on. (Photo by Matthew Barrick)

"Father McGivney had a timeless vision, which is captured so well on the statue itself," Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said in his remarks following the statue's dedication Dec. 8. "Long after we're gone, pilgrims will still come to the basilica, and now they will see a statue of Blessed Michael McGivney and will pray for his intercession." +

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- May 25 and conclude on the date of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on June 27.
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- November 5 and conclude on the date of The Immaculate Conception on December 8.

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Rosary Intention: TBD
Captain: Heidi Kelly

May 11 (Second Saturday)

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Intention: Our Lady of Fatima
Captain: Chris Ehlers

June 1 (First Saturday)

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July 13 (First Saturday)

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Intention: Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus
Captain: Heidi Kelly

August 3 (First Saturday)

Founder's Park Pavilion,
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Intention: Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Captain: Nick Kuennen

September 7 (First Saturday)

Commercial Park Pavilion
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Intention: Meditation on the Seven Sorrows of Mary
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GOD'S ABUNDANT MERCY IS DIVINE

by Monica Daly

Easter is the celebration of Jesus' victory over death that opened the doors to eternal life. Reflecting on the profound love God gives us is in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and Resurrection. Jesus' love poured forth on the Cross and when the lance pierced His Sacred Side, blood and water flowed out for each of us.

Divine Mercy Sunday, given to us by St. John Paul II on April 30, 2000, is an **opportunity for us to go deeper into His message** of emptying ourselves to His Love and Mercy.

God's mercy is abundant, always available, and He calls us to repentance and conversion.

However, do we think of ourselves as sinners? Or do we say we are good people and do not need God's mercy and forgiveness? We can look at others' sins and completely ignore the stains on our own souls.

It is easy to fall into this trap and forget that we are sinners until the moment of our death. Our thoughts, words, and deeds convict us.

Remember these words in 1 John 1:8 "If we say, 'We are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.'"

Also, in 1 John 1:10 "If we say, 'We have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.'"

Listen to the words Jesus gave St. Faustina speaking to us about our sinful nature. Place yourself in the Sinful Soul before Jesus.

Conversation of the Merciful God

with a Sinful Soul (1485, St. Faustina Diary)

Jesus: *Be not afraid of your Savior, O sinful soul. I make the first move to come to you, for I know that by yourself you are unable to lift yourself to me. Child, do not run away from your Father; be willing to talk openly with your God of mercy who wants to speak words of pardon and lavish his graces on you. How dear your soul is to Me! I have inscribed your name upon my hand; you are engraved as a deep wound in My Heart.*

Soul: Lord, I hear your voice calling me to turn back from the path of sin, but I have neither the strength nor the courage to do so.

Jesus: *I am your strength. I will help you in the struggle.*

Soul: Lord, I recognize your holiness, and I fear You.

Jesus: *My child, do you fear the God of mercy? My holiness does not prevent Me from being merciful. Behold, for you I have*

established a throne of mercy on earth – the tabernacle – and from this throne I desire to enter your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue or guards. You can come to me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace.

Soul: Lord, I doubt that You will pardon my numerous sins; my misery fills me with fright.

Jesus: *My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of my goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed myself to be nailed to a cross; for you I let my Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with a trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart. Your misery has disappeared in the depths of My mercy. Do not argue with Me about your wretchedness. You will give me pleasure if you hand over to me all your troubles and griefs. I shall heap upon you the treasures of My grace.*

Soul: You have conquered, O Lord, my stony heart with Your goodness. In trust and humility I approach the tribunal of Your mercy, where You Yourself absolve me by the hand of your representative. O Lord, I feel Your grace and Your peace filling my poor soul. I feel overwhelmed by Your mercy, O Lord. You forgive me, which is more than I dared to hope for or could imagine. Your goodness surpasses all my desires. And now, filled with gratitude for so many graces, I invite You to my heart. I wandered, like a prodigal child gone astray, but you did not cease to be my Father. Increase Your mercy toward me, for You see how weak I am.

Jesus: *Child, speak no more of your misery; it is already forgotten. Listen, My child, to what I desire to tell you. Come close to My wounds and draw from the Fountain of Life whatever your heart desires. Drink copiously from the Fountain of Life and you will not weary on your journey. Look at the splendors of My mercy and do not fear the enemies of your salvation. Glorify My mercy.*

These are significant messages Jesus is giving us. Regardless of how many sins we have committed, Jesus is inviting us to receive His Mercy in Confession. He is continuously calling us and waiting for us, on Divine Mercy Sunday and throughout the year.



In the Catechism it states, "To return to communion with God after having lost it through sin is a process born of the grace of God who is rich in mercy and solicitous for the salvation of men. One must ask for this precious gift for oneself and others. (1489, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

Another word of wisdom in the Catechism is, "The movement of return to God, called conversion and repentance, entails sorrow for and abhorrence of sins committed, and the firm purpose of sinning no more in the future. Conversion touches the past and the future and is nourished by hope in God's mercy." (1490, CCC)

Another significant point in the above Conversation of the Merciful God with a Sinful Soul is when Jesus says he has "established a throne of mercy on earth -- the tabernacle -- and from this throne I desire to enter your heart." Again, in the Diary, "Oh, how painful it is to Me that souls so seldom unite themselves to Me in Holy Communion. I wait for souls..." (1447, SFD)

Two things here, the graces of mercy and love flow from Jesus into our souls when we receive the True Body and True Blood of Jesus Christ, "from this throne I desire to enter your heart." Second, loving Jesus by receiving Him in the Holy Eucharist at Mass and adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament is encouraged because God's mercy pours into your heart. We have Perpetual Adoration and Adoration in Churches available to us to receive His love and mercy.

Tell souls not to place within their own hearts obstacles to My mercy, which so greatly wants to act within them. My mercy works in all those hearts which open their doors to it. Both the sinner and the righteous person have need of My mercy. Conversion, as well as perseverance, is a grace of My Mercy. (1577, SFD) †

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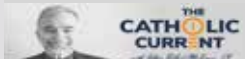







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PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dear Pro-life Friends –

Last month's newsletter reported on cases pending in the state courts of Arizona, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Idaho. I have no news from the first three, but there is news from Idaho.

First, some background. Way back in 1986, United States Congress enacted the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) to ensure public access to emergency room medical care regardless of the patient's ability to pay.

On July 11, 2022, after *Roe v. Wade* was overturned by the US Supreme Court decision in the *Dobbs* case, the Biden administration issued an administrative ruling requiring emergency room doctors to perform abortions even if doing so would conflict with Idaho's law protecting preborn children from being aborted. The Biden administration lawyers argued that any hospital receiving Medicare funds is required to provide emergency care, including abortions, even if the state's law would prohibit it.

Idaho has just such a law, called the Defense of Life Act. The Biden lawyers have now sued Idaho to stop this pro-life law.

As the case made its way through the court system, various judges put the Idaho pro-life law on hold by issuing an injunction against it. But on Friday, January 5, 2024, the United States Supreme Court issued an order lifting the lower courts' injunction and resurrecting the Idaho pro-life law.

This means that Idaho emergency room doctors will not be required to perform abortions as the case is briefed in the U.S. Supreme Court. Oral arguments are expected in April 2024 with a ruling in June. This is a major pro-life legal victory,

because it will stop abortions in the ER rooms in Idaho and won't force ER doctors to perform them against their will.

In national news, the U.S. House of Representatives voted on January 18th to pass H.R. 6918, the Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act.

This law was proposed by Minnesota Republican Representative Michelle Fischbach to stop President Biden from defunding pregnancy resource centers (PRC'S) which are vital to helping women facing unintended pregnancies.

By way of background, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program provides \$16.5 billion annually to support assistance activities for needy families. In the Fall of 2023, Biden's Department of Health and Human Services proposed a rule that could prevent states from giving TANF money to PRC'S. **The bill passed in the House with all Republicans voting for it and all Democrats voting against it. Just like slavery**, the abortion issue divides our representatives in Washington. Republicans were against slavery and now favor life, and Democrats favored slavery and now favor death to the preborn. For more on this check out this link:

House Republicans Pass Two Pro-Life Bills to Help Pregnant Women, Unborn Children - www.LifeNews.com

In neighboring Wisconsin, a Dane county circuit court judge recently ruled that a 1849 Wisconsin law cannot be interpreted to protect preborn life. She ruled that the 1849 law prohibited assaulting a woman to the point she loses her unborn child but does not prohibit voluntary abortion.

Thus, Wisconsin law currently allowing abortion until 20 weeks remains

in effect. It does, however, require an ultrasound and counseling appointment, and a 24-hour waiting period.

The Republican majority in the Wisconsin state House recently approved a bill that would protect preborn people after 14 weeks except in cases of life of the mother, rape, and incest. This was done in response to the judge's ruling.

However, this particular bill, if signed by the governor, could only be enacted with the approval of Wisconsin voters. Democratic Governor Tony Evers has vowed to veto the bill. President Biden, and Vice President Harris both visited Wisconsin during the last week of January in support of unrestricted baby killing.

In Iowa news, a bill has been introduced that **would protect maternity homes from being zoned out of residential neighborhoods in the way that Mary's Inn recently was prohibited from moving into a Dubuque residential neighborhood by the City of Dubuque zoning board of adjustment.** Republican legislator Shannon Lundgren has introduced this measure, which treats maternity homes like homes for the disabled and veterans' homes, protecting them from city zoning ordinances that would exclude them from living among residential neighbors. This is a good thing, as society needs to support, help and accept women in unintended pregnancies who are choosing life.

Also In Iowa legislative news, House File 2057 is currently making its way through subcommittees and committees in the Iowa house. It would strengthen the MOMS law (More Options for Maternal Support) by allowing pro-life centers that help women, but do not counsel, to get funds for car seats, baby formula, and the like to give to pregnant women in need.

Legislative Update continued on next page



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Legislative Update continued

In other Iowa news, in an effort to strengthen our state law, a study bill is being considered in the Iowa legislature that would define an unborn child as a person, and thus make killing that “person” a crime. Iowa law currently penalizes a criminal who “ends a pregnancy” against the mother’s will (e.g., by an assault), but it needs to be strengthened to recognize that such an assault doesn’t just hurt the mother and end a pregnancy. There is a second crime against a living person.... i.e. the unborn child who is killed.

Unfortunately, this bill would not change Iowa’s abortion law. Currently in Iowa, abortion is legal through 20 weeks of pregnancy. A preborn baby at 20 weeks is fully and completely formed. The Emma Goldman abortion center in Iowa city advertises that it performs abortions up to 19 weeks and six days.

Finally, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds and Attorney General Brenna Bird have pledged to support the Heartbeat Law “as long as it takes.”

Legal briefs in the appeal in the Supreme Court of Iowa were due at the end of January. This means that the court will hopefully set oral argument on the case for as early as April, and then have a decision by June ruling on whether the heartbeat law is constitutional.

That’s all for now, but keep reading, viewing, and learning about legislation and court cases that affect the culture of life in our city, state, and country. †

by Arthur F. Gilloon, Attorney at Law

PRO-LIFE EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, April 4

Life Dinner

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Dubuque County Right to Life

Thursday, July 11

Clarity Clinic

6th Annual Golf Outing

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REMEDY FOR A COMMON EVIL

By Rev. Br. Cyril Stola, O.P.

Abortion remains the most contentious moral debate of our time, yet the logic against abortion is astonishingly simple. It is always wrong to kill an innocent human being. Abortion kills an innocent human being. Therefore, abortion is always wrong.

Justice demands that abortion be abolished. Jesus longs for justice, and so Christians have long opposed abortion to defend unborn life and to help those tempted to this injustice. As Christians, we must fight the evil of abortion and we must do so wisely. Proclaiming hard truths requires us to grasp why anyone would deny such truth. We can learn a great deal from the way abortion’s proponents discuss the act. When purportedly giving instruction about abortion, the first thing that several organizations supporting abortion mention is that “abortion is common.” They do not begin by disputing pro-life arguments, justifying abortion ethically, or even describing what abortion is. They simply affirm the fact that abortion is common. Why?

Abortion’s commonality garners support for the procedure. Since abortion is common, everyone knows women who have had abortions. Everyone knows men who have fathered children with utter disregard for the responsibility it brings. These women and men do not glow red or grow horns. So many people who have been involved in an abortion are funny and friendly and contribute to society in admirable ways. To say that abortion is gravely wrong is to say that all those involved in abortion—including many whom we like and respect—have contributed to grave evil. It is hard to believe that a friend could be at all involved in killing. Yet so many are. Murder can be as nonchalant as swallowing a pill or a few minutes with suction implements. As it turns out, murder is common.

This is a very heavy truth. It is a truth that indicts and implicates our society, not only in regard to abortion itself, but also in the circumstances surrounding it. If abortion is wrong, justice demands that we come to terms with the fact that so much of the developed world has legally

permitted the killing of tens of millions of unborn babies since the 1970s. If abortion is wrong, justice demands that we reject our culture of casual sex and learn the often-mocked virtue of chastity. If abortion is wrong, justice demands that we learn to see that so many things that are common—including habits that may be deeply ingrained in us—are evil. These consequences are not easy to accept, so it is no wonder that so few accept them. Many well-intentioned people consider abortion as morally legitimate simply because recognizing the truth would make the world look bleak and friends and neighbors seem evil.

Yet just as emotions can make us deny that abortion is evil, they can also mistakenly lead us to conclude that evil actions make ourselves or others irredeemably evil. In truth, no one is completely corrupt. Everyone can change, and everyone can become righteous. All sins, including abortion, are forgivable. “God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him” (*John 3:17*). Jesus did not come because we were already good. He came to make us good. After the resurrection, our Savior gave the apostles the power to forgive sins sacramentally so that all who confess their sins could be restored to justice (*John 20:19-23*).

Confident in this truth, we can recognize that abortion, while common, is wicked. When face-to-face with those who have had or been involved in abortion, we know that that act does not define them and that God longs to show them his mercy. Recognizing the truth about abortion stings—not with the sting of a weapon but with that of a remedy. Like an antiseptic it kills the infection of falsehood. The truth alone heals our illness. The truth alone offers redemption and re-establishes justice. †

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LIFE DINNER SPEAKER ANNOUNCED

Dubuque County Right to Life is excited to announce that Mark Houck will be our keynote speaker this year. You may recall from previous newsletter reports that Mark was prosecuted under the FACE Act by the Department of Justice and FBI for protecting his 12-year-old son from the intimidation of an abortion clinic escort.



Mark Houck

Mark Houck, Co-Founder & President of The King's Men is an author, lecturer, radio host, activist and passionate Catholic.

Since 2006, he has been speaking to thousands of men about a variety of topics related to the development of authentic masculinity. Mark has written numerous articles, brochures and publications on the topics of pornography, homosexuality, abortion, teen sexuality, parenting and masculine spirituality.

In 2008, the USCCB asked him to author a publication on the issue of pornography, which has since been circulated within every diocese in the US.

The mission of The King's Men has enabled Mark to minister to men and women all across North America and Europe.

Prior to launching The King's Men, he was a full-time chastity educator and pro-life activist with Generation Life. Mark has a BA in Human Resource Management from The Catholic University of America and a Master's in Education from Holy Family University.

Mark is married with seven children, and lives in outside Philadelphia, PA.

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Mary's Inn has a new home!

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They agreed unanimously! And, on December 15, we closed on our new home at 2615 Hillcrest Road. Praise God!

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It is the Mass that Matters

by Brad Markham

Satan combats everywhere. And everywhere Satan seeks to eliminate the supernatural life of grace, participation in the life of the Blessed Trinity.

His act of rebellion was a refusal to depend on the Blessed Trinity for his happiness and perfection. By that act, he not only forfeited the life of grace, but declared war on it...the whole being of that pure spirit, all that relentless, untiring energy.

Meanwhile, we, poor creatures of nerves and muscles, cannot form a single adequate idea, are always and everywhere directed against submission to the Blessed Trinity in supernatural love...

All the frightful energy, then, of Satan's hatred is specially directed against the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the renewal of the expression of submission of Calvary, said Father Denis Fahey, C.S.Sp. in The Mystical Body of Christ and the Reorganization of Society, pp. 179-181

If Satan condemned himself to eternal misery by denying the necessity of grace for his own eternal happiness, then would it not make sense that his attack on humanity would seek the same push to deny sanctifying grace? And where is sanctifying grace most especially communicated to intellectual beings of flesh? **The obvious answer is the sacrifice of the Mass and Holy Eucharist!**

So where would Satan's most diabolically clever and pernicious attacks abound? The Mass!

In the *Permanent Instruction of the Alta Vendita*, published by the Freemasonic Carbonari's 'Piccolo Tigre' in 1859, the Freemasons made the following exclamation of their plot against the Church:

... "that which we ought to demand, that which we should seek and expect, as the Jews expected a Messiah, is a Pope according to our own wants... Let the clergy march under your banner in the belief always that they march under the banner of the Apostolic Keys... You will bring yourselves as friends around the Apostolic Chair. You will have fished up a Revolution in Tiara and Cope, marching with Cross and banner—a Revolution which needs only to be spurred on a little to put the four quarters of the world on fire."

Likewise, in 1917 St. Maximilian Kolbe established his *Militia Immaculata* to resist the Freemasons because he saw that the Masons had come to rule in the secular sphere in Rome. He wrote:

It (Freemasonry) did not even hesitate to brandish in the streets of the City during the festivities in honor of Giodarno Bruno, a black flag showing the Archangel St. Michael beneath the feat of Lucifer, still less did they hesitate to brandish masonic insignia beneath the windows of the Vatican. A reckless hand felt no repugnance in writing: Satan will rule in the Vatican and the Pope will serve him in the uniform of the Swiss Guard, and other things of that kind. This mortal hatred for the Church was not just a prank on the part of deranged individuals, but a systematic action proceeding from the principle of Freemasonry: Destroy all religion, whatever it may be, especially the Catholic religion.

Leo XIII, in his 1884 Encyclical *Humanum Genus* relates that Freemasonry had already usurped ruling power in most of the world. He writes:

In consequence, the sect of the Freemasons grew with a rapidity beyond conception in the course of a century and a half, until it came to be able, by means

of fraud or audacity, to gain such entrance into every rank of the State as to seem to be almost its ruling power. This swift and formidable advance has brought upon the Church, upon the power of princes, upon the public well-being, precisely that previous harm which Our predecessors had long before foreseen.

Pope Leo XIII shows that the pontiffs had warned of the Freemasonic threat to the state and to the Church going back to Pope Clement XII in 1738, and he lists Benedict XIV, Pius VII, Leo XII, Pius VIII, Gregory XVI, and Pius IX as all warning the faithful and condemning the sect of Freemasons. These are all 18th and 19th Century popes, and the same condemnations have been given by modern popes.

If so many Holy Pontiffs and the Church have constantly warned us of Freemasonry's dangers, and it had attained such influence in the realm of the state going back 150 years, and if the conspiracies' stated goals are to destroy Christendom and the Catholic Church, ought we not to try to understand its principles and strategies, so we can also understand its ecclesiastical form and manifestations?

As noted in the opening quote from Father Fahey, Satan's principal attack will be upon saving grace as found within the Mass.

So, Freemasonry, being the right arm of Satan's attack upon the influence of sanctifying grace being poured upon the world, would inevitably attack the papacy for it to "march under the banner" of Freemasonry, while thinking it marched under the banner of the Apostolic Keys.

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In other words, Freemasonry's stated goal is to usurp the papacy and in so doing to remove sanctifying grace that comes from Apostolic jurisdiction over Catholic sacraments.

If the Freemasons have been successful, we would expect that they would attack the most powerful form of the Mass and seek to de-sacralize the Mass as best possible.

Where are we seeing this attack upon the Mass from within the Church's own ranks? It is everywhere, but it is most perniciously recognized in the attempted cancelation of the Traditional Latin Mass.

So, what are the principles of Freemasonry, and can we recognize ecclesiastical masonry in the current hierarchy?

There are several principles of strategic action of the Freemasons, gathered from Leo XIII's 1884 encyclical *Humanum Genus* that we hope to uncover its ecclesiastic form over the next issues of *The Bellowing Ox*.

They are:

1. The Destruction of all Religion, most especially the Catholic Religion, the One True Faith.
2. Laws Allowing Easy Divorce.
3. Destruction of Church's Liberty to Operate.
4. The Separation of Church and State, and the Elimination of Church Influence on Society.
5. Freemasonry and Communism, Peas of a Pod.
6. The Return of Paganism.

We will begin our focus on principle #3 as it appears to be one of the two principles currently being used by the ecclesiastical masonry upon the modern church.

Principle 3: Destruction of Church's Liberty to Operate

The least possible liberty to manage affairs is left to the Church; and this is done by laws not apparently very hostile, but in reality framed and fitted to hinder freedom of action.

Moreover, we see exceptional and onerous laws imposed on the clergy, to the end that they may be continually diminished in number and in necessary means. We see also the remnants of the possessions of the Church fettered by the strictest conditions, and subjected to the power and arbitrary will of the administrators of the State, and the religious orders rooted up and scattered. (*Humanum Genus*, pa. 14)

While in Leo XIII's day, it was the State that was removing the Church's liberty to operate, we can easily see ecclesiastical masonry obtaining the same object through religious authority.

If we understand that the Freemasons have been successful in infiltrating and creating Judas bishops, we merely apply the idea expressed in Leo's day by State authority in limiting Church freedom, to ecclesiastical authority limiting the free expression of Catholic orders, prelates, and religious expression.

Traditiones Custodes, (TC) the motu proprio that limited the practice of the Traditional Latin Mass, is perhaps the finest example of ecclesiastical masonry imposing onerous laws on the clergy. These are an example of the possessions of the Church fettered by strict conditions, and subjected to the arbitrary power and will of administrators.

Among the restrictions by this edict are:

Those faithful to the TLM have been shuttled to gymnasiums and ghettos; they've had the free expression of their form of worship stripped from them entirely; entire worship communities have been broken up; they have been disallowed to publish their Mass times in bulletins; faithful priests have been stripped of their flocks and faculties, and entire communities have had their properties taken by ecclesiastical administrators.

Priests are disallowed to pray the TLM without first getting permission from their bishop, who must also get permission from the Vatican. Priests ordained after the publication of TC must do the same.

This looks like ecclesiastical

implementation of "Laws apparently not very hostile...in reality framed and fitted to hinder freedom of action."

While TLM groups falling under *Ecclesia Dei* are not yet under these provisions, the Vatican has given authority over them to the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies for Apostolic Life.

With the ecclesiastical masonry apparently calling the shots, it is only a matter of time before they attempt to impose arbitrary and onerous rules to those communities.

With traditional seminaries of *Ecclesia Dei* groups full and having to turn applicants away, ecclesiastical masonry seems to be following the pattern outlined above by Leo XIII, in which they "continually diminish in number" the clergy by forcing the closure of parishes and limiting the number of seminarians allowed to enter *Ecclesia Dei* seminaries.

For further examples of the onerous laws imposed on the clergy we have the examples of faithful bishops like Bishop Daniel Fernandez Torres of Puerto Rico, or Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas.

Both were removed from their offices unlawfully by the Masonic infiltrators. Recently, onerous laws and seizure of property have been placed upon faithful cardinals, with Cardinal Burke, for instance, losing his apartment in Rome and having his stipend taken away.

Does this not illustrate being "subjected to the power and arbitrary will" of ecclesiastical administrators, just as the Freemasons of statecraft in the Leo's days were doing to the Church?

We also see ecclesiastical masonry attaining the goal of rooting up and scattering religious orders with the rampant cancellation of faithful priests and even religious orders, as well as new rules for contemplative life.

The most egregious example of the suppression of a religious order is that of the Franciscans of the Immaculate,

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Imploring a Divine Intervention for the Crisis of the Church

The Confraternity of Our Lady of Fatima, together with His Excellency Bishop Athanasius Schneider as spiritual guide, is calling for a worldwide spiritual crusade in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 2024. This initiative aims to implore Divine Intervention for the current crisis within the Church.



In light of the attacks on the Chair of Peter and the Church as a whole by the Pope himself and countless bishops and priests, the Confraternity of Our Lady of Fatima believes that only God, only Christ the King, can save His Church from Her enemies.

According to Mr. Christopher Wendt, the International Director of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Fatima, "This worldwide spiritual crusade, then, will consist in the daily recitation of the Holy Rosary and the practice of the Five First Saturdays sometime within the year 2024. This is to finish and complete what Our Lady of Fatima asked for almost 107 years ago."

Both the Rosary and the Five First Saturdays should include the intention of asking God to intervene in history to deliver the Church.

The Confraternity of Our Lady of Fatima invites all Catholics throughout the entire world and all aligned Catholic and Marian organizations to join in this spiritual crusade. To participate, all you have to do is pledge to pray the Holy Rosary everyday and to make the Five First Saturdays sometime in the year 2024.

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Bishop Athanasius Schneider

Bishop Athanasius (Anton) Schneider is the author of two books: *Dominus Est – It is the Lord!*, and *Propter Sanctam Ecclesiam Suam* (not yet available in English.)

He was born of German parents on April 7, 1961 in Tokmok, Kirghiz SSR



Photo of Auxiliary Bishop Athanasius Schneider by Edward Pentin, National Catholic Register.

in the Soviet Union, where his family received the pastoral care of Fr. Oleksa Zaryckyj, later to become a beatified martyr for the faith. Bishop Schneider himself received his first holy communion in secret, since the practice of the faith was outlawed under the communist regime. In 1973, he left with his family for Germany.

He later joined the Canons Regular of the Holy Cross of Coimbra, a Catholic religious order, where he was given the religious name Athanasius. He was ordained a priest on March 25, 1990. In 1997, he received a doctorate in patrology at the Augustinianum in Rome; and in 1999, he became a professor of Patristics at Mary, Mother of the Church Seminary in Karaganda.

In June 2006, he was consecrated Bishop at the Altar of the Chair of Saint Peter in the Vatican. He was then assigned to the position of auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Astana. He is the General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of Kazakhstan and Titular Bishop of Celerina, Switzerland. †

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who had their seminary and third order disbanded.

Ecclesiastical masonry has changed the rules for contemplative life. For instance, requiring women monastics formation to last a minimum of nine years and up to 12 years.

The bishop in charge of the “reform” outlined in *Cor Orans* believes contemplative spirituality to be outdated.

The changes enforced had many contemplative communities requesting exemptions as the strict requirements are drying up vocations. The seemingly innocuous rules, “laws not apparently hostile,” are part of a planned obsolescence.

Leo XIII said religious orders were arbitrarily rooted up and scattered by the State. Are we not seeing this same philosophy applied from within through ecclesial authority? †

In the next issue of The Bellowing Ox, we will focus on additional principles which seem to be the current modes of attack by the ecclesiastical masonry upon the modern Church.

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The Sterility of Modernism

by Hugh Owen

When in 1907 Pope St. Pius X in his encyclical *Pascendi* identified modernism as the “synthesis of all heresies” and its “principal doctrine” as “evolution,” he seems to have foreseen the diabolical disorientation of our day and the way that the modernists would not only contradict the defined dogmas of the Faith but would even abandon the natural law.

It is not difficult to see that the error of human evolution renders the natural law null and void, since the natural law is predicated on the fact that God created man as man and woman as woman and that by the very design of their human nature certain behaviors are natural, normal and good while others are unnatural, abnormal and evil.

If the modernists do theological somersaults to reconcile the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in the sacred history of Genesis with their abandonment of the Church’s teaching on sexual morality, it is because they have abandoned the traditional doctrine regarding the special creation of St. Adam and St. Eve.

Thus, they attempt to transform an historical account of a divine judgment on unnatural vice into a parable about the importance of hospitality!

The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

No matter how hard they try to justify sexual sin, the efforts of the modernist theologians are as sterile as the contraceptive sexuality that they attempt to justify. And this should serve as a reminder to us that the modernist efforts to transform the Church and her teachings

are doomed to failure because the teaching authority of the Church can never be used to contradict her prior defined teachings or the natural law.

As more and more outrageous statements emanate from Church leaders associated with the so-called Synod on Synodality, it can be difficult to keep from feeling overwhelmed by the theological and moral chaos that reigns in the higher echelons of the Church leadership.

However, it is important to remember that the modernists will never be able to find a basis in the Deposit of Faith for any of their heterodox ideas.

Indeed, it is ironic that modernists claim the authority that is attached to prior authoritative teachings for the Magisterium for themselves while contradicting those very teachings.

But they can’t have it both ways. Either the Church has divine teaching authority and each generation of Church leaders is bound to maintain and defend the authoritative teachings on faith and morals that have been handed down to them—or the Church does not teach with divine authority in which case it is just a human institution that cannot command our obedience.

Modernist hierarchs like to arrogate to themselves the divine teaching authority that they deny to their predecessors, but young people are not stupid and they are reacting to this catechetical incoherence by leaving the Church in droves.

Meanwhile, the young Catholics who are taught the Faith of our Fathers on the foundation of the traditional doctrine of creation remain strong in the Faith. In this way, the modernists purify the Church by driving away all but the youth whose formation in the faith is solid enough for them to identify and reject modernist errors.

In the not too distant future, these youth will become the leaders of a renewed, restored and purified Church. †

by Hugh Owen of the Kolbe Center
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"We Are Giving Our House to Jesus!"

by Denise Dexter

That's how our four-year-old described it, and that's what we did when we enthroned our home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Enthronement is a solemn ceremony that takes place within your home, where you acknowledge Jesus as the King of your home and dedicate your family to Him.

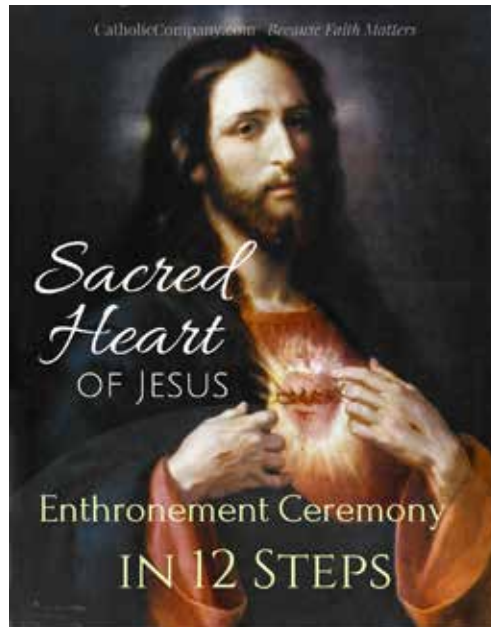
Typically this is done in May/June since June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is on Friday, June 7th this year.

As explained by the Sacred Heart Apostolate:

"Jesus promised St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that He 'will bless the home in which the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honored.' When we enthrone (display) the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a prominent place and signify that Jesus is the King, friend and brother of the family, we are responding to the invitation of the Church to make our homes 'Domestic Churches,' wherein Jesus is the center and source of love for all. As the sanctuary church lamp reminds us of Christ's presence in the tabernacle, the enthroned image of the Sacred Heart reminds us that Jesus is among us and with us. By this covenant we make our homes and hearts His tabernacle."

It's a very personal and meaningful occasion, and can be planned as simply or intricately as you desire. I encourage you to consider blessing your own home this way. Here's what you need to do:

1. Look up the instructions and rubrics for the Enthronement ceremony. It will include a blessing of your home, blessing of the images, enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Creed, a message from your priest, consecration, prayer for those who are missing or deceased, consecration of children, final benediction, and signing of the certificate. I believe our ceremony lasted about 30 minutes.



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provides information and an outline for an enthronement ceremony and offers a free certificate to download.

2. Pick a date. We have friends who picked a Marian feast day, and another who organized it while a newly ordained priest was in town. We planned ours to coincide with the finishing of our basement.

3. Invite a priest. Our ceremony was on the first Friday of a new year, but mostly it was chosen to accommodate both our weekend and weekday priests. Ask the priest if he'd prepare a message to mark the occasion. It's possible he's never been invited to do this before. It's exciting!

4. Pick a beautiful image or statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We bought a statue on a pilgrimage. Perhaps you already have an image in your home that you can reposition? Would you like to include the Immaculate Heart of Mary?

5. Choose a place of honor in your home. This is where you will "enthroned" His Sacred Heart, and perhaps Mary's Immaculate Heart, during the ceremony. It should be a place of prominence. For our statue, we found a decorative niche online and inserted it into our chapel wall.

6. Invite close friends and family. These should be people who know you intimately and might benefit from witnessing your consecration. We had eleven guests and asked them to bring their own Sacred Heart images from home to be blessed.

7. Prepare for the ceremony. Arrange a small table or altar with the selected image(s) and holy water. I would also suggest the ceremony prayers be printed and available for those in attendance, and that you secure a Certificate of Enthronement to be signed by your family and your priest and framed later.

Do you have a white cloth to decorate? Would you like fresh flowers, or candles to light? Will you take any pictures? We asked our kids to recite a poem in His honor.

8. Seek the sacraments. On the day of your ceremony, make plans to assist at Holy Mass, receive the Eucharist, and be recently confessed as a family.

9. Have a feast. Enthronement day is a special day within your household, so make it a celebration! We served soups, a cheese tray, fruits, veggies and heart-shaped, frosted cookies. Plan your day in a way that comes naturally to you.

10. Thank your guests for coming. Our ceremony was on January 5th, so we prepared Epiphany home blessing kits to send with our guests, along with a magnet of Sacred Heart and Immaculate Hearts and cookies. Perhaps thank you notes prepared by the children, prayer cards, or a spiritual bouquet would be meaningful.

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To live out our dedication to His Sacred Heart, our family is mindful of the First Friday and First Saturday devotions.

We ask for His mercy thrice at the end of every Rosary. We live with His image around us and gaze upon Him throughout each day. We renew our consecration often. My husband was even inspired to replace his free farmer hats with one showcasing the Sacred Heart emblem.

Please consider enthroning your own home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A quick search for the "Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus" will provide you with several resources for more information. This website was especially helpful to us, and provided a certificate to download and print: www.catholictradition.org/Two-Hearts/enthronement.htm

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! †

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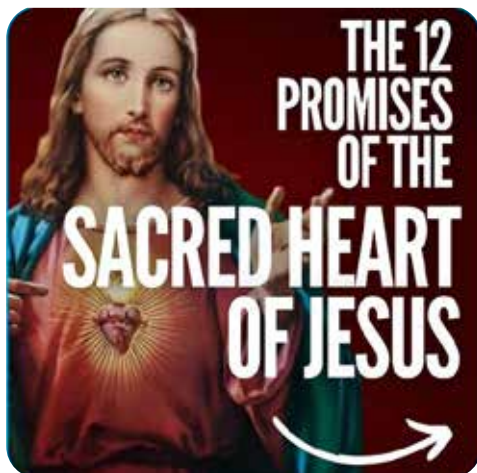


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The Twelve Promises of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque for those who practice the Devotion to His Sacred Heart

I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.

I will establish peace in their families.

I will console them in all their troubles.

They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.

I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.

Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.

Tepid souls shall become fervent.

Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.

I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.

I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.

Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.

The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour. †

St. Thomas Aquinas On Divine Simplicity

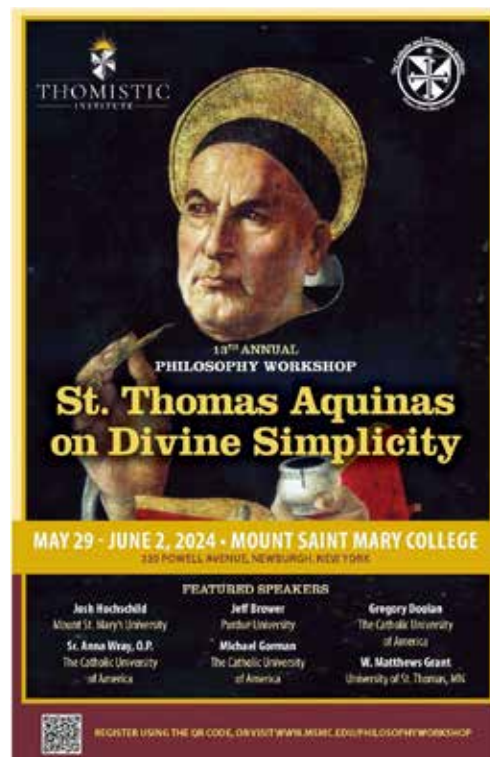
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“Leave This One Alone”

by Kalah Williams



Pope Benedict XVI distributes the Holy Eucharist at Mass.

When I was a toddler, the Catholic church where my mother, my siblings, and I were baptized was demolished, and across town, a new church was built. The new church was round and made of brick, stone, and dark wood. All around the top, just below the roof line, were small, multi-colored stained-glass windows that reminded me of rock candy. None of the statues from the old church were brought over, neither was the tabernacle or anything that might distinguish this as a Catholic church. As a child, I thought they meant for the church to look like a barn.

For many years, my mother would let out a sorrowful sigh each time we entered the church, often saying to herself something to the effect of how ugly this place was or how sinful it was to tear down a beautiful church and build this “monstrosity.”

Our priest was the one who made these changes, including the closing of our parish school. I heard my parents often lament on the drive home from Sunday Mass. They were careful not to be derogatory or disrespectful of Father, but I could tell they disapproved of him. My mother was especially strong-willed about things that were changing at church.

In the spring of 1979, a lady came to church, and Father announced that “Sister” would be helping in the parish. I was confused because I thought “Sisters” wore habits, but this one did not. My mother sighed a lot more.

One Saturday that spring, Momma took me to church for my First Holy Communion practice. The children sat in the pews with their mothers while Father told us to listen to Sister’s instructions while he stood near her. Sister told us how to hold our left hand, making a sort of cup for “the bread” to be put in, and with our right hand, we would take “the bread” and put it into our mouths.

My mother angrily said in a low voice, “No child of mine will receive Our Lord in the hand.” Then she leaned into my ear and said, “You will put out your tongue like I taught you.”

At this time, the children were told to form a line as we would for Holy Communion. Everyone did as Sister said.

When it was my turn, I said, “Amen,” tipped my head back, and put out my tongue. Sister started to correct me when Father

hurried to tell her, “Leave this one alone.”

When I returned to my place next to Momma, she asked me, “What did he say to her?” I told Momma, “He said, ‘Leave this one alone.’” Momma folded her arms and said, “That’s right, I’m glad he knows that.”

As an adult, I have often remembered that moment. I know how important it is for a parent to make known that their children are off-limits. While I was certainly led astray in my faith for a short time as a young woman, my mother and father were the steady forces who consistently gave me sound guidance and prayed for me. May God reward them. May God give all parents the perseverance to teach truth to their children, especially when the winds of change blow hardest. †

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- A canceled priest is NOT a priest who has committed a crime.
- A canceled priest is NOT a priest who violates boundaries with adults or children.
- A canceled priest is NOT a priest who has stolen or misappropriated funds.
- A canceled priest does NOT make excuses, but admits what happened honestly, humbly, and transparently.
- A canceled priest is NOT an unwilling victim, because he follows Jesus Christ, who "emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave." And as such, all priests are called to follow Our Lord as both priest and victim.

Here is what a canceled priest **IS**.

- A canceled priest IS a priest who has been removed from ministry unjustly by his bishop or superiors.
- A canceled priest IS a priest who desires to return to ministry and reconcile with his bishop or superiors.
- A canceled priest IS a priest who may humbly tell his story, but daily takes up his cross, and follows Christ.

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He is the Creator, You Are the Creature

by Kalah Williams

I worked as Director of Religious Education for 21 years at the Catholic church where I was raised. Each summer, we had a staff retreat. Weeks before a retreat almost twenty years ago, my pastor asked me, "Kalah, what do you think of bringing out a prie-dieu and having the first communicants kneel for their First Holy Communion?" (A prie-dieu is praying desk for one individual with a knee bench close to the floor, sometimes utilized as a kneeler for receiving the Holy Eucharist.)

For clarification, I asked, "Will we have the prie-dieu out for every Mass from now on?" Father responded, "No".

Without hesitation, I said, "Then NO! Why would we go to the trouble of teaching something and dealing with angry people if we aren't going to stick with it?"

Father said, "You make an excellent point, and I won't ask you again."

Weeks later, on the morning of the annual staff retreat, the visiting priest began by asking us what we wanted out of the day. At my turn, I said, "I want to be changed."

Father spent the entire day weaving in and out of his talk the same message, pointing to the heavens, to each of us, and to the ground, as he powerfully emphasized, "HE IS THE CREATOR, YOU ARE THE CREATURE, GET DOWN ON YOUR KNEES TO RECEIVE HIM."

By the end of the day, I was so affected I cried tears of joy. The devil certainly did his part to meddle with my new conviction. I was pregnant, hugely. I was afraid of how I would get down on my knees to receive Our Lord and stand back up without falling over or drawing attention to myself. I was scared others might think I was acting holy and better than them. Of course, I didn't feel better than anyone. My conscience forbade me from standing to receive Our Lord again. I could not imagine myself doing such a thing.

All week, I pondered every possible thing that might happen at Holy Communion and afterward, with the comments and dirty looks I would have to deal with. I was concerned about falling.

On Sunday, at Mass, we sat as usual in the front row so our little children could see. I realized that because of our place in the pew, on top of all the other worries, I was going to be the first person in line for Holy Communion, so there goes my hope of not drawing attention to myself. I was shaking; my heart was beating so fast, my breathing was shallow, and I was doing all I could to hold it together.

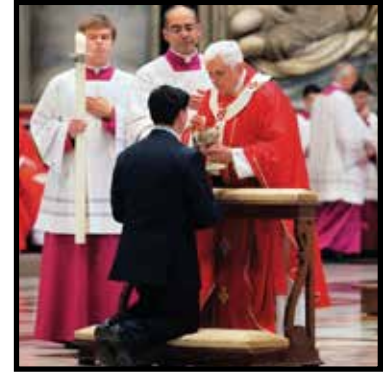
My senses dulled as soon as the bells rang, and it was time to get in line for Holy Communion. I was so focused on my actions that I could not see or hear anything else. I stood without hesitation, walked to the place where Father stood, went gently to my knees, and tipped my head back. Father held up Our Lord,

"The Body of Christ," he said. With overwhelming joy, I responded, "Amen." Closing my eyes, I extended my tongue and received the Creator of the world. My husband took my hand, and I stood. I did it; it was the easiest thing I had ever done.

After Mass, several people kindly asked why I knelt for Holy Communion. In the following weeks, more people were changed; they knelt to receive Our Lord.

Within a few weeks, Father put out the prie-dieu, and after a while, he put out two. From then on, the children in Religious Education were taught the precious humility of kneeling to receive our Creator in Holy Communion.

Our parish became known for its piety in the Blessed Sacrament, all because of the passionate teaching of one priest and the cooperation of another. †



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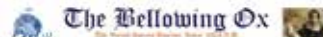
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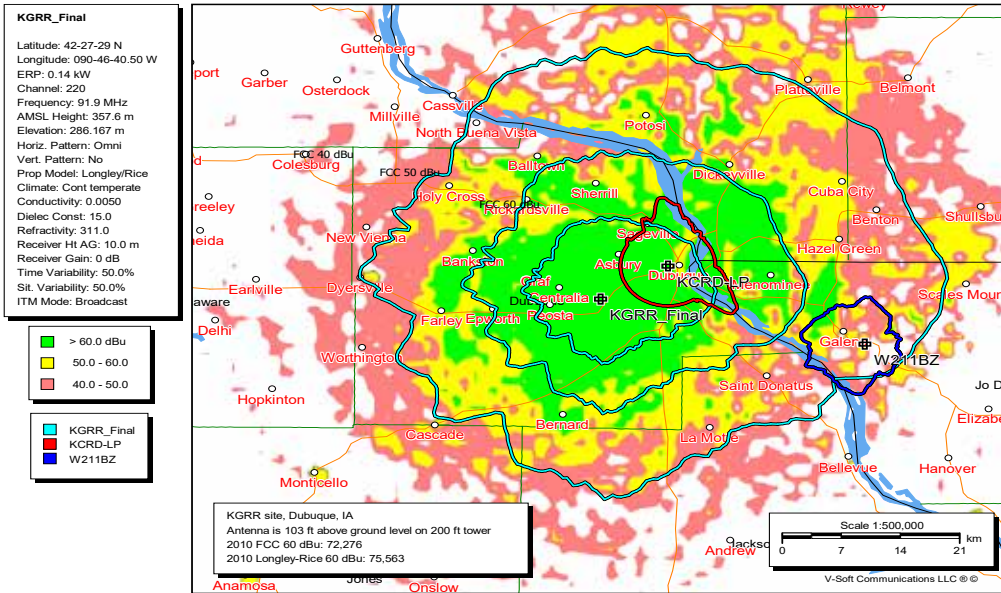
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AQUINAS COMMUNICATIONS RADIO NETWORK EXPANSION!



The Aquinas Communications Radio Network is expanding. **We have set a \$500,000 fundraising goal.**

FM 98.3 KCRD-LP Dubuque is available online at KCRD-FM.org and on the KCRD mobile app.

KCRD is negotiating to relocate an available FM translator to the western edge of the City of Dubuque.

The map to the left illustrates the reach of KCRD's existing and proposed radio signal. As you will note, it could serve the cities of Asbury, Graf, Peosta, and Epworth.

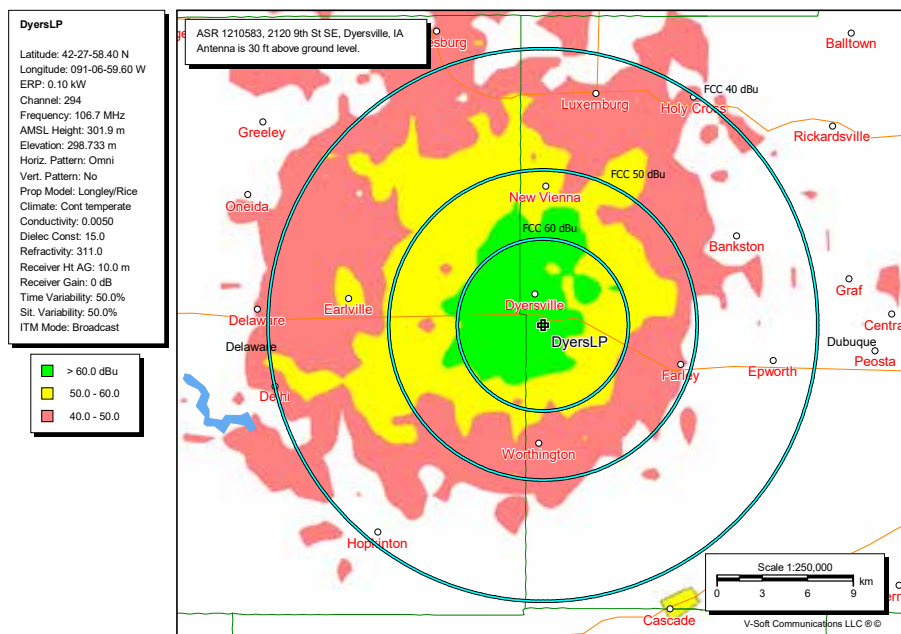
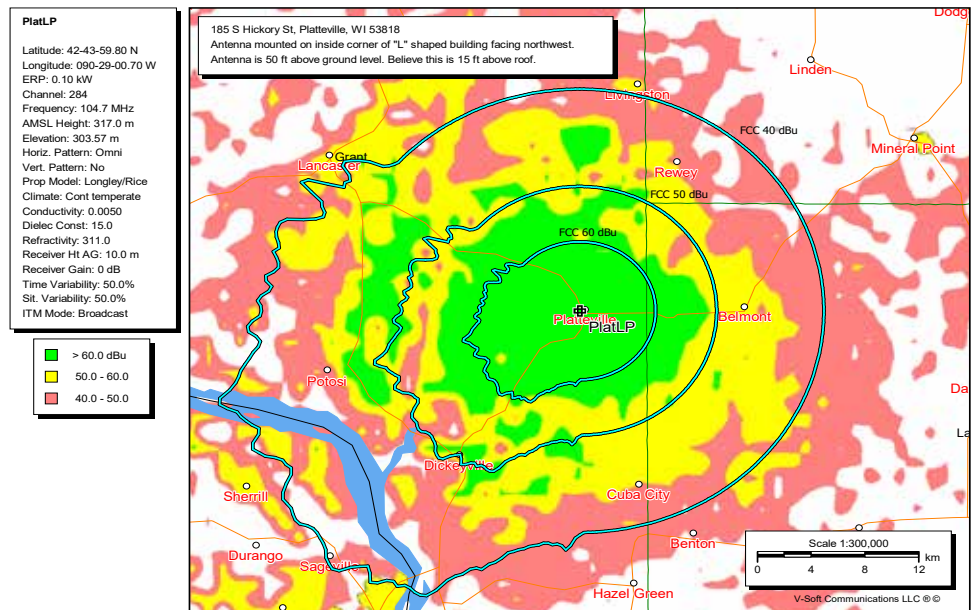
Update: We Need More Space!

Aquinas Communications is negotiating for commercial office space for business administration and broadcast facilities. **Please donate today!**

Update: Bellowing Ox Properties, Inc.

A group of individuals in Platteville, Wisconsin has received a construction permit from the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to build a low-power FM radio station that will provide Catholic radio to southwestern Wisconsin, including most of Grant County and portions of Iowa and Lafayette counties.

See the map to the right for the proposed coverage of this radio signal that will utilize frequency 104.7 FM.



Update: God's Grace Radio, Inc.

A group of individuals in Dyersville, Iowa has received a construction permit from the FCC to build a low-power FM radio station in Dyersville. As illustrated to the left, the signal will bring Catholic radio to Western Dubuque County and Eastern Delaware County.

While the station call letters are not yet assigned, the proposal is to broadcast at frequency 106.7 FM.

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