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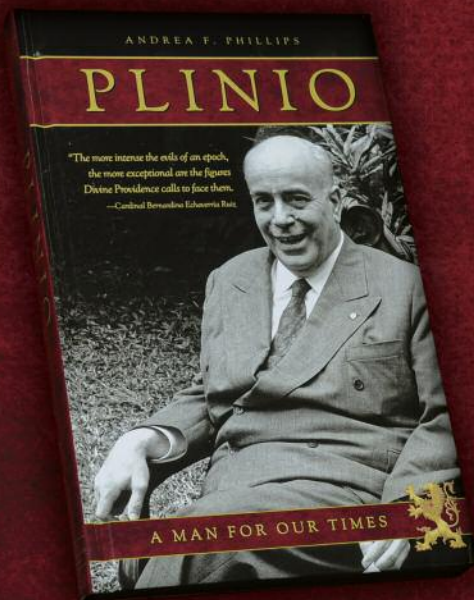
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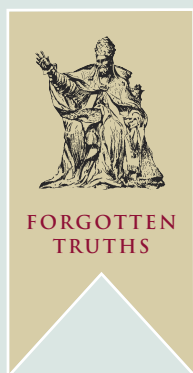
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Penance on Earth Is Easier than in Purgatory

BY FATHER FRANCIS SPIRAGO



A devout Christian who was sick, praying to be delivered from his malady, was answered by God through a dream. In that dream, an angel warned the sick man that he had not long to live. The angel then bade the sick man to choose whether to suffer three more years upon earth or suffer three days in the fires of purgatory. The sick man chose to suffer three days in the fires of purgatory. Shortly afterward, the sick man died. When he was in purgatory, the same angel appeared before him to console him. The suffering soul then said to his celestial visitor, "Thou saidst that I should only suffer here for

three days, and now I have been here for at least three years." "Thou art greatly mistaken," the angel answered, "thou hast been here only a few minutes. Thy body on earth is not yet cold."

Truly, no suffering on earth can be compared to the pains of purgatory. Consequently it is far better to expiate one's sins in this life. Saint Augustine was right when he said, "Lord, here burn, here cut, here consume, but spare my soul in eternity." ■

Adapted from Father Francis Spirago's *Anecdotes and Examples Illustrating the Catholic Catechism* (New York: Benziger Brothers, 1904), 574–575.

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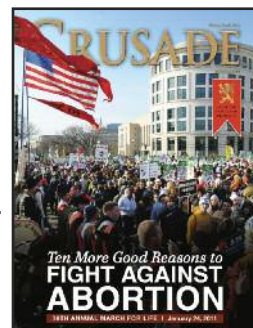
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THE AMERICAN TFP

The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) is an organization of lay Catholic Americans concerned about the moral crisis shaking the remnants of Christian civilization. Its origins date back to January 1971, when the first TFP members started to group around the publication *Crusade for a Christian Civilization*. It is a civic, cultural and nonpartisan organization which, inspired by the traditional teachings of the Supreme Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church, works in a legal and peaceful manner in the realm of ideas to defend and

promote the principles of private ownership, family and perennial Christian values with their twofold function: individual and social. The TFP's words and efforts have always been faithfully at the service of Christian civilization. The first TFP was founded in Brazil by the famous intellectual and Catholic leader Prof. Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira in 1960. His work inspired the formation of other autonomous TFP sister organizations across the globe, thus constituting the world's largest anticommunist and antisocialist network of Catholic inspiration.



IN BRIEF

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Homosexual "Rights" Leader Quits

In 2007, Michael Glatze, the founder and editor of *Young Gay America Magazine*, wrote, "Homosexuality is death, and I choose life," on his office computer, and quit both homosexuality and the magazine for good. He was a homosexual activist who appeared in countless newspapers, magazines and TV shows. He also made a documentary on homosexual suicide called *Jim in Bold*. *Young Gay America Magazine*, which was found in most public schools and libraries, ceased publication shortly after his departure. In a



recent column about his magazine, Mr. Glatze wrote, "The truth was, YGA was as damaging as anything else out there, just not overtly pornographic, so more 'respected.'" He now feels he must "atone for his sins" by telling the truth about homosexuality.

Abortion Clinics Still Closing

A press release by Operation Rescue notes that between December 2009 and December 2010, 31 abortion facilities closed and only nine abortion facilities opened. There were 2,200 abortion clinics in 1991, but over two-thirds of these clinics have closed, bringing the current number of abortion clinics to 689.

Catholics Are More Trustworthy

According to a poll conducted in South Korea by Global Research Institute, 18.4 percent of the respondents trust Protestants, which corresponds more or less to the 18.3 percentage of Protestants in South Koreans. Buddhism held 31.1 percent, while South Korea is 22.8 percent Buddhist. Then 35 percent said that Catholics are more trustworthy, though Catholics make up only 10.9 percent of the South Korean population.

It Is Not a Mosque!

Bishop Demetrio Fernandez of Cordoba, Spain, is demanding that the city's historic cathedral be referred to as a Catholic cathedral and not as a mosque. The Cathedral of Cordoba has been Catholic since Saint King Ferdinand III ordered Cordoba's former mosque to be consecrated after he conquered the city in 1236. "The cathedral has been a cathedral for

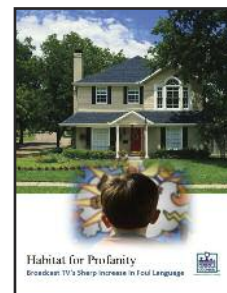


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eight centuries. . . . I don't mind if it is called a former mosque, but what I don't want is for it to be called just a mosque," the bishop said in an October column for AsiaNews.com.

TV Profanity Up 69 Percent

A study by the Parents Television Council titled "Habitat for Profanity" has found that scripted profanity on prime-time television increased 69.3 percent in the past five years. This does not include accidental slips of the tongue during live broadcasts. The council says this demonstrates that such language by the networks is deliberate and pervasive. The study concludes that "Hollywood's 'creative' personnel and their TV network distribution outlets have deliberately unleashed literally unparalleled levels of profanity and graphic language upon the public, the most egregious of it in a timeslot in which children are most likely to be in the audience."



No Religious Freedom in China

According to the Connecticut-based Cardinal Kung Foundation, approximately 35 Catholic bishops in Communist China are in jail, under house arrest, under strict surveillance or in hiding because they are considered illegal by the Chinese government. In an Asia News article, the retired bishop of Hong Kong, Cardinal Joseph Zen, said that the Chinese government has not relaxed its policy of absolute control over the Catholic Church.

More Education Means Pro-Marriage

"The State of Our Unions," a report on attitudes toward marriage released by the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia and the Center for Marriage and Families at the Institute for American Values, indicates that highly educated Americans are "embracing a pro-marriage mindset." They are more likely to get married and to stay in those relationships longer.

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SOCIETY

Requirements for LEADERSHIP

BY PLINIO CORRÊA DE OLIVEIRA

A Leader's Intellectual Requisites

The exercise of authority requires certain qualities. In the first place, the leader must have a clear and firm notion of the objective and the common good of the group he directs. Then he needs a lucid knowledge of the means and procedures to attain this good.

These intellectual qualities, however, do not suffice.

The leader must also be able to communicate his knowledge and, as much as possible, persuade those who differ. However broad his powers, however drastic the penalties imposed on those who disobey, however honorable and generous the rewards conferred on those who do obey, these factors are not enough for the leader to make himself obeyed.

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Requisites of the Will and the Sensibility

Moreover, it is not enough for the leader merely to persuade through flawless logical argumentation. Other attributes are also necessary. These lie in the realm of the will and the sensibility.

Above all, the leader must be gifted with a penetrating psychological sense. This quality requires the simultaneous exercise of the intelligence, will and sensibility. A very intelligent but weak-willed and unperceptive person ordinarily lacks the psychological sense needed to fathom even elementary aspects of his own mentality. How much less can he fathom that of others, such as his spouse, children, students and employees? For a leader lacking psychological sense, it is difficult not only to persuade the minds of subordinates but also to unite their wills for a common action.

Not even this psychological sense, however, suffices. The leader must also be endowed with a sensibility rich enough to suffuse whatever he says with the flavor of reality, honesty, authenticity, and a touch of interest and inspiration that prompts those who should obey him to follow joyfully.

In brief, these are the qualities without which someone who presides over a private social group will lack the conditions to fulfill his mission in ordinary circumstances.

The Leader in Exceptional Circumstances, Whether Favorable or Adverse

However, exceptional circumstances, whether favorable or adverse, occasionally alter the normal order in any private group.

Unable to rise to the occasion, the average leader risks losing the excellent opportunities that he either fathoms incompletely or misses altogether. In this way, he lets



When confronted with exceptional occasions, whether favorable or unfavorable, a good leader is stimulated by them and grows in his qualities in proportion to the exceptional nature of the circumstances, thereby proving himself superior to them. Above: Statue of Godfrey of Bouillon in Brussels, Belgium, by Eugène Simonis, and inaugurated on August 24, 1848.

them slip by, taking either partial advantage of them or no advantage at all.

Should he prove incapable of discerning danger when it appears on the horizon, evaluating the threat it poses, and devising means to eliminate it as quickly as possible, he risks seriously harming the group under his direction and even causing its ruin.

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To learn more about leadership and nobility, please visit www.Nobility.org.

Adapted from Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira's *Nobility and Analogous Traditional Elites in the Allocutions of Pius XII: A Theme Illuminating American Social History* (York, Pa.: The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property, 1993), 86–87.



COMMENTARY

What Is Morally Bad Cannot Be Politically Good

BY JEREMIAS WELLS

This short essay involves two seemingly disparate historical events. On Dec. 18, the United States Senate repealed the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” policy then currently observed, thereby ordering the American military to accept open homosexuals into its ranks. The second event occurred decades earlier at the end of 1925 when Pope Pius XI published the encyclical, *Quas Primas*, which instituted the Feast of Christ the King. This monumental document declared that only when Christ is truly recognized as the king of society and the ruler of nations and individuals, can tranquility be found on earth.

Demise of Civilization

The foundation of Western Civilization, based on Divine and natural law, already split and degraded, was finally torn asunder by the senatorial vote and presidential signature a few days later. The nation’s moral character, as exemplified by those once respected offices, can now be termed as deeply and substantially corrupt. Republican opponents, though certainly outnumbered, lacked any spirited or cogent opposition; even worse, eight of them went over to the other side after indicating a strong disapproval of the entire bill. One would almost be tempted to think that a mysterious hand was pulling levers behind the curtain. The same occurred with the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with Russia a few days later, with eleven Republicans going over, but that is another story.

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Those who are given power will be judged according to the use or abuse of that power. *Right: The Last Judgement, by Fra Angelico, 1440.*

We are not just dealing here with merely effeminate men or masculinized women, but with an aggressive force of men and women who want to change the moral structure of our nation. The President himself promised to be a “fierce advocate” for the rights of deviants (gay people he called them).¹ Lest you think this language is inflammatory, the lead paragraph of that *The New York Times*’ article boasted that a liberal media watchdog group was setting up a “communications war room” for a variety of “battles” including the right to homosexual “marriage.” We have come a long way from their program of thirty years ago that sought only acceptance. The chief victims of this immoral onslaught will be traditional marriage and the idealism of young people that are being compromised by leftist propaganda.

Before we respond by discussing God’s plan for our salvation, we should state the Catholic position on the vice of homosexuality, which approximates the moral code of other long-standing faiths. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, with a Latin copyright of 1994, based on Sacred Scripture, states that homosexual acts are “acts of grave depravity . . . intrinsically disordered and contrary to Natural Law.” Two paragraphs later the catechism offers hope by saying that these persons are “called to [practice] chastity and by prayer and sacramental grace can approach Christian perfection” as can any sinner who refrains from vice and leads a life of penance.





Emperor Nero blamed the Christians in Rome for the fire that burned the city in 64 A.D. Nero persecuted, tortured and murdered them. He covered them with tar and burned them as lanterns for his garden. His vicious cruelty to Christians even caused sympathy among the most hardened enemies of the Christians. Above: *Leading Light of Christianity, Nero's Torches*, by Henryk Siemiradzki, 1876.

Lessons of History

We have presented a brief picture of encroaching moral evil which appears to be endless. If we take the Greek and Roman culture as the seeds of Western Civilization, as most historians do, then the cause of their demise should be informative. Ancient Greece collapsed because of class warfare and deliberate restrictions on family life. The Roman Republic went under in an orgy of violence and gross immorality capped by the assassination of Julius Caesar. Imperial Rome, from a moral viewpoint, fared much worse. Is the purpose of life endless rounds of pleasure as most Greeks believed or self-glorification and the exercise of power as the Roman soldiers of fortune practiced, or is there a more elevated or sublime purpose?

Kingship of Christ

The appearance of our Divine Lord Jesus Christ on the world scene answers that question. He explained that He is God and that His rights over mankind are absolute, not a very attractive idea to the proud and dissolute. The principal statement from Our Lord on the subject was recorded by Saint Matthew. Among final remarks to the remaining eleven apostles before His Ascension, Christ declared, "All power is given to Me in heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18); thus Christ is to reign supremely over all creation.

Although the encyclical instituted the feast day and placed it on the Sunday Mass calendar, the concept has a long and rich history as Pope Pius illustrates in the early paragraphs. Pages could be written (and have been) on the prophecies of Daniel in the Old Testament. He evoked powerful images of pagan Middle Eastern empires and just as quickly saw their destruction. He saw the Lord of heaven, "set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed. . . it shall stand forever." (Dan. 2:44). In chapter 7 Daniel sees in a vision four beasts representing earthly kingdoms successively coming out of the sea only to be destroyed each in its turn (the last two are sometimes compared to the Successors of Alexander the Great and the Roman Empire).

The prophecy of Isaiah, Psalm 44 and the Gospel of

Luke bridge the gap between the Old and New Testament, for all speak of an eternal King in an indestructible Kingdom with elements from above. But the scriptural climax appears in the Apocalypse of Saint John. From beginning to end, Christ dominates as the triumphant conqueror of the whole world and history. He is pictured as the avenging monarch who exercises wrath and judgment over hostile nations under the titles King of Kings and Lord of Lords. (19:14-16.)

So Christ came into the world and all the predictions of the prophets are fulfilled: His birth, deeds, sufferings and death. The small acorn grows into a mighty oak, but the spiritual reign of Christ greatly outpaced His temporal influence. Saint Augustine's *City of God*, looked forward to the ideal of Christendom, which was realized by Charlemagne. The latter introduced divine law in all aspects of society and government. More chaos and disruptions followed after Charlemagne. Finally, through Cluny, Saint Bernard and Saint Gregory VII, Christendom was firmly established.

Kingship of Christ and the Modern World

In sharp contrast to our current abysmal political and social condition, we present God's plan for social order in the world organized under the authority of Christ the King. This summary description was envisioned by

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The ruins of the Colosseum, where so many Christians were martyred.

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Father Denis Fahey according to the principles of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

First and foremost Christ's kingship is spiritual for the purpose of our existence is to give glory to God and strive for spiritual perfection. We achieve these through sanctifying grace while receiving the infused virtues, especially charity because God is our first cause and last end. This kingship has a militant aspect because of the struggle against moral evil, corruption and sin. Christ, in close relationship to His priesthood, unites souls to God by sanctifying them.

Sanctity of the Temporal Sphere

We must, however, continue to live our life here on earth. Our social environment and all that enters through our senses from contact with that environment, including entertainment and educational circles, must not hinder our spiritual development, but at least indirectly contribute to it. Since we are forced to work our salvation in the circumstances of our daily life, that life should be subordinate to our Divine Life. The enticements of vice and corruption are so rampant today as to make sanctity extremely difficult, but what chance does one have, especially the young, when it is sanctioned by the government?

Father Fahey expressed this quite eloquently when he wrote, "because the temporal is in subordination to the spiritual and because the final end of man, the end

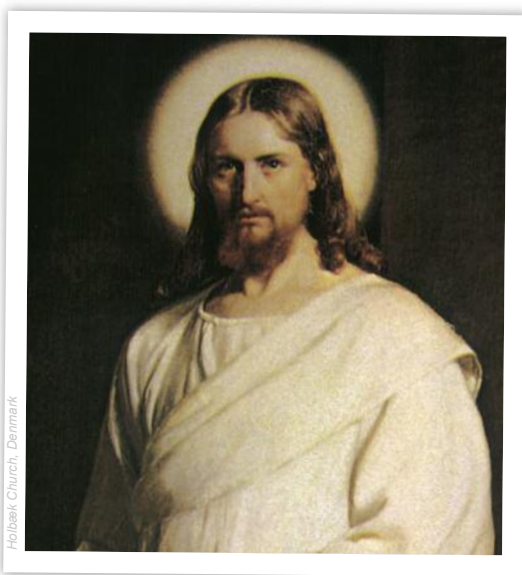
which dominates all others, is supernatural, we must concede to the ruler in the supernatural order a right of intervention in the strictly natural sphere, a right which must be measured by the necessity or utility of maintaining and developing the Divine Life of grace in souls. The Spiritual Kingship of Christ, then, comprises the power of intervention in human affairs."²

Christ's concern for our temporal welfare certainly does not involve Him in the operations of government. He refrained from that while on Earth and has never actually interfered with rulers since. But on the Day of Judgment, He will pass sentence on the rulers of the world according to the just or unjust use of their power. This was given to them to promote divine order and to provide for the temporal welfare of their people.

In 1915, during World War I, Italy decided to change sides and join the Allies. Italy was guaranteed generous support from its former enemies provided it prevented the Holy See from participating in the peace process. So we have the shameful circumstance of excluding the Vicar of Christ on Earth (and representative of the Prince of Peace), who was refused his God-given responsibility. As a result, since then there was another world war, the atrocities of communism in which over a hundred million people were killed, a scenario that Our Lady had predicted, to be followed by endless carnage, gross injustice and endless suffering. And Our Lord, who came on earth to redeem mankind through His own suffering, is still, "despised, neglected and ignored."

Lamenting on the downtrodden rights of God and His relentless enemies, Pope Pius XI made the following appropriate and perhaps even prophetic observation,

(T)hese hostile forces impelled by the spirit of evil, do not content themselves with mere clamor, but unite all their strength, in order to carry out at the first opportunity their nefarious designs. Woe to mankind, if God, thus spurned by His creatures, allows, in His Justice, free course to this devastating flood and uses it as a scourge to chastise the world.³ ■



Our Lord, who came on earth to redeem mankind through His own suffering is still "despised, neglected and ignored." (Detail from *Christ and a Boy*, by Carl Heinrich Bloch, 1834–1890.)

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1. Sheryl Gay Stolberg, "One Battle Won, Gay Rights Activists Shift Sights," *The New York Times*, December 20, 2010, A16 (New York edition), <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/20/us/politics/20marriage.html?ref=samesexmarriage> (accessed January 24, 2011).

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CHRIST IN
THE HOME

The Family Table

BY FATHER RAOUL PLUS, S.J.

Mealtime should serve not only to nourish the body but also to comfort the soul. Someone wittily said, “Repast, repose,” which is a good point.

While the children are still young, the mother and father will probably breakfast alone. When the children are older, if the father cannot be present because of his work, the mother at least should be present to set the example for table etiquette, to make sure that the children eat enough, properly, without greediness and without rejecting what is not to their liking. This is the hour for the household to shake off sleepiness that still stupefies them, and to season the atmosphere with joy and genial good spirit.

At the main meals all except the babies will be present. The parents should exercise the greatest care not to come to the table laden with their worries, a prey to the preoccupations of their duties or their professional activities. The only possible exception to this rule would probably be during a time of family bereavement or exceptional sorrow. But even then, a just demeanor should be observed so that the young one need not be unduly depressed. They ought to keep all their verve and to certain point, their power of fancy.

Except when it is essential that the whole family share the concerns of all in common, the father and mother should not come to the table looking downhearted and pass the

mealtime discussing their hard lot in life. Children are quick to sense the worry of their parents; they feel that things are not going well, if there is tension or estrangement, if evil has hit the home. When they perceive things of this sort, their little hearts contract and certain unease strangles them.

And why make someone who is not equal to it bear the burden and heat of the day?

After the first few moments in which the

children all wish to recount. Each one must know that he can speak freely, provided that it is always politely, discreetly and charitably. Should there be some little chatterboxes, they must be taught to moderate their intemperance that would prevent others from having their say. If one of the children seems to be in bad humor, a little kindly teasing, a kind word or an opportune question should stimulate that child.

When the children pull out all the stops, call for pianissimo; when they observe too long a pause speed up the tempo. Should one or the other strike a false note get the child back into key.

The parents should not be satisfied with listening to the little stories of children. They also should contribute to the broadening of their knowledge by giving them worthwhile information, relating an amusing or instructive story or starting a discussion on

an interesting subject.

The novelist René Bazin speaks of those families in northern France who still keep the custom of beginning the meal with a short reading from the life of some saint or famous hero. Wasn't it Father Lourdel who entered the White Fathers after hearing the story of the African martyrs? All that relaxes elevates and lends variety. It might even be a reading from the letter of a relative or a selection from a newspaper. The main idea should be to entertain and as far as possible expand hearts. ■



Meals nourish the body but family meals nourish much more.

father and mother exchange a few words about decisions they must make concerning affairs that need not be kept from the children, they ought to direct the conversation here and there to the younger and the older; ask them how they spent the morning or afternoon; show an interest in the efforts of all, in the work they did, the virtues they practiced or the disappointments met. Even if the father and mother have cares, they should force themselves to escape from them long enough to be attentive listeners to the thousand details the

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Adapted from Raoul Plus, S.J.'s *Christ in the Home* (Colorado Springs, CO: Gardner Brothers, 1951), 132–134. *Christ in the Home* is a treasure chest of advice for Catholics on the practical and spiritual concerns of raising a family. To obtain a copy of *Christ in the Home* visit www.GardnerBrothers.com.



Ten More Good Reasons to **FIGHT AGAINST ABORTION**

BY JOHN HORVAT II

38TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE January 24, 2011

As we gathered for the 38th annual March for Life, the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) joined countless Americans nationwide in giving a voice to the unborn.

This year, we stood on the crest of the great national wave of reaction against intrusive government. In November 2010, American citizens united in this backlash said “NO!” to the hideous idea that government should decide matters that belong to private citizens.

In the middle of this fierce debate was found the compassionate voices of America’s anti-abortion majority who protested the most horrific intrusion permitted by the State: depriving the unborn child the right to be born.

More Reasons to Oppose Abortion

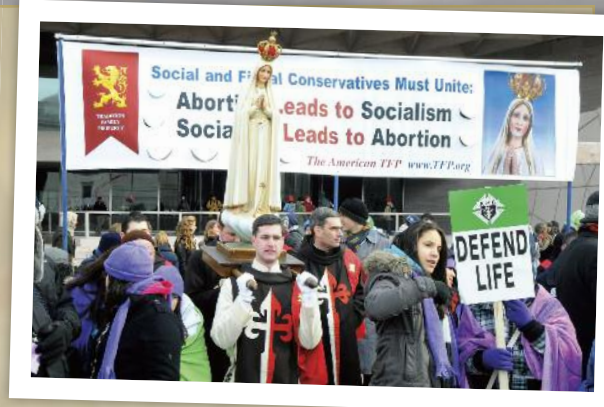
We have long stood up for the rights of the unborn child. We have plenty of reasons to fight against abortion. It is enough to cite the numerous moral and religious reasons to justify our position: Abortion is the murder of innocent life. Abortion destroys the family and society. Abortion is a sin that cries to heaven for vengeance.

However, this year’s massive rejection of government intrusion into our private lives gives us special occasion to cite another set of reasons for which we must raise our voices against abortion: our complete and unequivocal rejection of socialism.

Making the Links

Many do not want to link abortion with socialism. Leftists would hide this link and insist upon associating socialism with “compassion” for the worker or the poor. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Moreover, on the right, there are conservatives who promote



TFP members wearing their ceremonial habit as they carry a statue of Our Lady at the March for Life.

the mistaken notion that we must separate our opposition to government intrusion in economy from our defense of moral issues. They judge it expedient to put aside moral issues to concentrate on fiscal matters. We reject such shortsighted opinions.

Socialism Leads to Abortion

We reject this view because socialism is much more than just an economic system. It presupposes a worldview that provides the socio-political foundation for a pro-abortion world.

Indeed, wherever socialists have taken power, they have always pushed ahead legislation to legalize and further liberalize abortion. Socialists have never been known to oppose abortion. By its own principles, socialism will always lead to abortion. Likewise, an abortion mentality of eliminating responsibility for one’s action will eventually lead to socialism.

Eliminating Responsibility

Socialism is a bankrupt utopian ideology that seeks to eliminate human selfishness by destroying individual freedom, the family, private property and free enterprise. Socialists believe they can eliminate injustice by transferring responsibilities from individuals and families to the State. However, their efforts are tantamount to killing the patient to cure his illness.

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Life, Washington, D.C.



By destroying individual responsibility, socialism destroys true liberty, which is every man's freedom to decide for himself all matters that lie within his competence, to follow the course shown by his own reason, and to keep within the laws of morality and the dictates of justice and charity.

Socialism destroys the foundation for all morality. Thus, abortion is completely consistent with socialist thought since it deprives sexual acts of their consequences.

Pro-Life Means Anti-Socialist

We see no contradiction between fiscal responsibility and moral responsibility. Indeed, the two complement each other since they both presuppose restraint and personal moral decisions. Consistent pro-life activists must be ardently anti-socialist activists.

Thus, there are plenty of reasons why our pro-life convictions lead us to fight socialism. We list ten reasons that should motivate us in the coming year.

1. Socialism and communism are the same ideology

Communism is an extreme form of socialism. From the ideological standpoint, there is no substantial difference between the two. In fact, the communist Soviet Union called itself the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (1922–1991) and communist China, Cuba and Vietnam define themselves as socialist nations. All communist countries legalized abortion. Communist China and its infamous “one-child policy” goes one step further by forcing mothers to have abortions.

2. Socialism violates personal freedom

Socialism seeks to eliminate “injustice” by transferring rights and responsibilities from individuals and families to the State. In the process, socialism actually creates injustice. It destroys true liberty by taking away the freedom to decide all matters that pertain to the individual. The will of the State replaces the laws of morality and thus opens the way to abortion.

3. Socialism violates human nature

Socialism is anti-natural. It destroys personal initiative, a fruit of our intellect and free will, and replaces it with State control. It tends to totalitarianism, with its government and police repression, wherever it is implemented.

4. Socialism violates private property

Socialism calls for “redistribution of the wealth” by taking from the “rich”

and giving to the “poor.” It imposes taxes that punish those who took greater advantage of their productive talents, capacity to work or thrift. It uses taxation to promote economic and social “egalitarianism,” a goal that will be fully achieved, according to *The Communist Manifesto*, with the “abolition of private property.” Thus, the destruction of property takes away the conditions for the healthy functioning of the family.

5. Socialism opposes traditional marriage

Socialism sees no moral reason for people to restrict sex to marriage, the indissoluble union between a man and a woman. Furthermore, socialism undermines private property, which Friedrich Engels, founder of modern socialism and communism along with Karl Marx, saw as the foundation of traditional marriage.

6. Socialism opposes parental rights in education

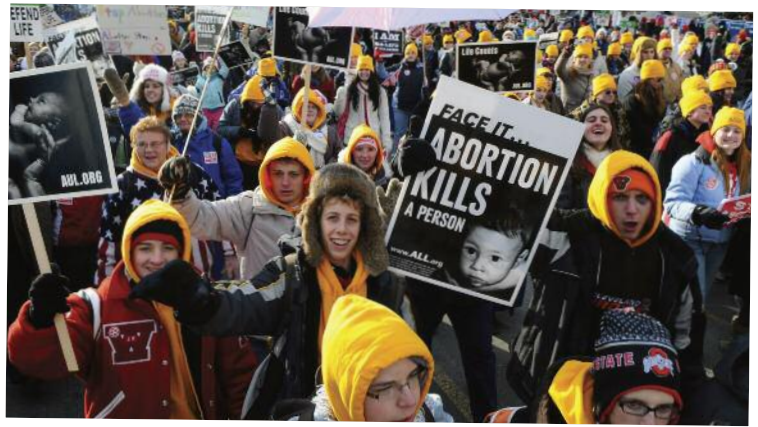
Socialism has the State control the education of children. Almost from birth, children are to be handed over to public institutions, where they will be taught what the State wants, regardless of parental views.

7. Socialism promotes radical equality

A supposed absolute equality among men is the fundamental assumption of socialism. Therefore, it sees any inequality as unjust in itself. Private employers are quickly portrayed as “exploiters” whose profits really belong to their employees. This radical equality also favors “sexual equality” and

The large numbers of enthusiastic youth at the march is always encouraging.

Like in other states, thousands of pro-life Louisianans marched to their state capital to defend the unborn.



AMERICA: RETURN
TO THE COMMANDMENTS
AND
ABORTION WILL DIE
A NATURAL DEATH





TFP's Holy Choirs of Angels band plays patriotic hymns as over 300,000 marchers approach Capitol Hill.

the destruction of the family.

8. Socialism promotes atheism

Belief in God, Who unlike us is infinite, omnipotent and omniscient, clashes head-on with the principle of absolute equality. Socialism therefore rejects the spiritual, claiming that only matter exists. God, the soul and the afterlife are illusions according to socialism.

9. Socialism promotes moral relativism

For socialism there are no absolute truths or revealed morals that establish standards of conduct that apply to everyone, everywhere and always. Everything evolves, including right and wrong, good and evil. There is no place for the Ten Commandments, neither in the private mind nor in the public square.

10. Socialism mocks religion

According to Karl Marx, religion is "the opium of the people." Lenin, founder of the Soviet Union, agreed, "Religion is opium for the people. Religion is a sort of spiritual booze in which the slaves of capital drown their human image, their demand for a life more or less worthy of man."

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Thus, we continue our fight for the unborn by uniting with those who fight government intrusion into the private lives of citizens. We separate fiscal responsibility from moral responsibility at our own risk. Our constant appearance in events like the March for Life sends a message that our moral outrage over abortion also extends to a political philosophy that makes abortion possible.

Indeed, Our Lady at Fatima in 1917 spoke of immodesty, impurity and bad fashions that would offend God very much. She called men to repentance, reparation and amendment of life. However, she also spoke of the "errors of Russia" that at that time was falling into communism.

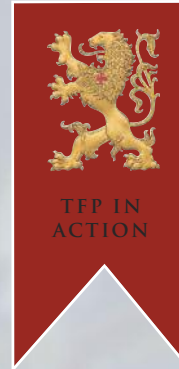
That is why the American TFP was proud to help coordinate 5,963 Public Square Rosary Rallies on October 16, 2010, where nearly 150,000 Catholics gathered in public places nationwide to insist upon heeding Our Lady's warnings at Fatima as a solution to put an end to abortion, and those socialist errors that so afflict the nation.

With an unshakable confidence and determined insistence, we must continue our peaceful and legal fight against abortion. We have ten more good reasons to add to the many other moral and religious reasons why we protest the killing of innocent life. It is with certainty of our just cause that we have recourse to Our Lady who at Fatima added a final certainty that these evils will be overcome and we will see the triumph of her Immaculate Heart. ■



The 2011 March for Life Student Conference

BY ELIAS BARTEL



Before the annual March for Life on January 24 in Washington, D.C., the TFP held its 2011 March for Life Student Conference, "Facing a World in Chaos: The Leadership Role of Militant Catholic Men," at the TFP's national headquarters in Spring Grove, Pa.

The conference focused on the importance of students taking a leadership role as militant Catholic men in a peaceful but bold stand in defense of innocent life and traditional moral values in society.

A New Look at Abortion

Eight carefully prepared presentations helped the students trace the historical and philosophical roots of abortion to a single cause: a phenomenon called the Revolution with its driving forces of pride and sensuality. After a few presentations, St. Francis Xavier Community College student Mr. Michael Henderson from Cleveland, Ohio, remarked, "A first step to fixing a problem is to understand it and these talks have really changed my way of looking at abortion." "I really learned a lot during Mr. Gustavo Solimeo's talk on the Dictatorship of Equality," said Joseph Jordan, age 17. "My generation is facing very challenging times, but after this conference, I feel well prepared to meet the challenge and fight the good fight."

TFP headquarters' beautiful surroundings and brick-oven pizza, animated discussions and the unifying desire for an end to abortion helped students to forge true friendships. When the day came, all left to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life with enthusiasm, a new perspective and courage. ■



Top: TFP member Norman Fulkerson during his talk "Digital Dilemma: How the Internet Harms Us." Above: A group photo in the main building of the TFP headquarters.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA.

March/April 2011

PROGRESS REPORT

Answering Our Lady's Call for Reparation

BY MICHAEL GORRE



A full view of America Needs Fatima's Anti-Blasphemy Campaign Web page.

Not all rallies or protests result in the removal of the blasphemy in question, but that is not the primary goal of the America Needs Fatima Anti-Blasphemy Campaign. Like the few who wept for or defended Our Lord during His Passion, many times we cannot stop the horrendous events that are taking place, but we are standing up and saying what is happening is wrong, and therefore consoling Our Lord and Our Lady.

At Fatima, Our Lady asked us to console her Immaculate Heart, offer reparation for blasphemies and the ingratitude of unrepentant sinners. America Needs Fatima has always been dedicated to meeting the requests of Our Lady, and has grown into one of the largest U.S. anti-blasphemy and reparation networks.

One visit to AmericaNeedsFatima.org will reveal a long list of responses to blasphemy, including protests, petitions and rallies of reparation. New campaigns are being added weekly, mobilizing thousands of Catholics worldwide to prayerful and peaceful action.

America Needs Fatima is protesting the BBC for launching a new drama TV series *The Nativity*, which attacks Our Lady's virginity and purity by suggesting that Our Lord's birth was illegitimate.

A similar blasphemy showing at Columbia University called *XMAS* was protested and a national rosary of reparation was organized for exactly the same time as the blasphemous *XMAS* played at Columbia University.

A satanic ritual "exorcism" at the Oklahoma City Civic Center prompted America Needs Fatima to



Protesting blasphemies like the satanic "exorcism" in Oklahoma is an act of reparation.

launch an e-message campaign respectfully urging Oklahoma City Mayor Mr. Cornett to cancel the event. The satanists boasted that it was the first ever public satanic exorcism. The lead satanist said, "It's just a blasphemy ritual poking fun at the Catholic ritual." The ritual went ahead but not without America Needs Fatima's Rally of Reparation directly outside the hall.

Members of the Socialist Youth of Andalusia, Spain, linked to the ruling Socialist Party of Prime Minister Zapatero, were also protested after they launched an official AIDS awareness campaign in Andalusia that promoted condoms with a set of two pictures. The first is of a priest holding up the Holy Eucharist with the words "Take action" and the other is of a priest holding up a condom and the words "Use it."

By setting up these campaigns, America Needs Fatima seeks to give Catholics a voice to defend the Faith. Sometimes nothing happens after a protest and it may seem voices were raised in vain, but this is never the case because the voice of children defending their heavenly Parents is a voice that is always heard.

To join these campaigns or to learn more, please visit www.ANF.org.



SPREADING THE BROWN SCAPULAR

America Needs Fatima is dedicated to spreading the brown scapular across the United States. Since 2007, over 64,000 brown scapulars have been distributed for free. The fourth-grade class of All Saints Catholic School in Tampa, Fla., was among those to receive the brown scapulars. America Needs Fatima would like to thank the fourth graders for their recent letters of gratitude, and encourages them to continue wearing their brown scapulars. ■

The fourth grade class of the All Saints Catholic School in Tampa, Fla.



Dear Mr. Ritchie,
Thank you for the scapular
I wear it a lot its so cool your
scapular is much better than the other things I have it with me
LOVE
Bridget Mackoney

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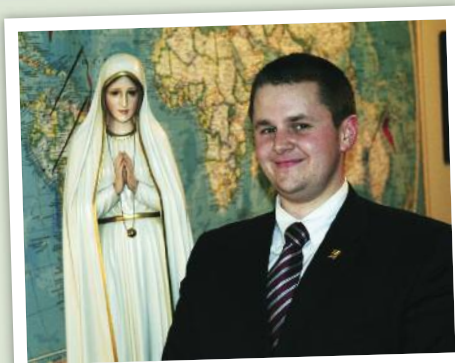
Saved by the Rosary

BY THOMAS SCHNEIDER

On a bright September day in Corpus Christ, Texas, Fatima custodian Mr. Charles Sulzen and I were visiting people who wanted the Fatima statue to visit their home. It was our second visit of the day and upon arriving, as usual, we entered the house to see where the host would like us to place Our Lady. When we entered, we saw many pictures of police functions, several medals and numerous other mementos. After the Fatima presentation, when we could examine the interesting pictures more closely, we learned that the

decorated law enforcement officer was Mr. David Garcia, whom we first greeted when we walked in the house. We asked him how he had received his medals and he told us his story. A story, which, because of his faith, can only be called miraculous.

On February 11, 2001, the Nueces County Sheriff's Department received a call from a local convenience store in Bishop, Texas, of a suspicious man outside the store. The department dispatched Deputy Sheriff Garcia. Upon parking in front of the convenience store, the suspicious man immediately went to the patrol car's passenger door and knocked on the window, motioning Deputy Sheriff Garcia to unlock the door. Garcia smiled and motioned with his finger to come around to his side of the car so he could speak to him. The suspicious man acquiesced and walked around to speak to Deputy Sheriff Garcia, who got out of his patrol car. "Well, are

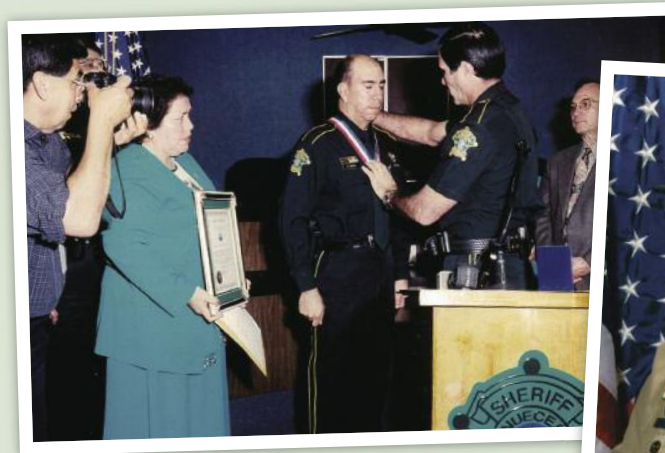


Mr. Thomas Schneider has been a part-time custodian with America Needs Fatima for three years.



you going to give me a ride?" the suspicious man asked. "Well, I am going to have to check you," replied Garcia. At this, the suspicious man drew a .38 caliber revolver from beneath his coat and began shooting. The first shot went right above Garcia's body armor in the upper left chest area. Garcia immediately drew his sidearm and turned to get away. As he turned, the criminal shot him three more times. Garcia got to his radio and yelled, "324! I'm hit!" This meant backup would be on its way because the department already knew his location. As he ran and turned the corner, he collapsed, and saw the criminal run past him for about twenty yards, stopped, turned around and started walking back. Garcia tried to stand up and return fire but fell backwards. He said this was the best thing that could have happened because he was leaning against the wall of the store and facing the criminal. If he had fallen anywhere else he would be flat on his back and completely vulnerable.

Badly wounded, Garcia again tried to lift his sidearm to fire but could not. He looked down and saw two large pools of blood on either side of him getting larger. He lost his hearing and he was beginning to have tunnel vision. He commented later, "I had seen people in accidents that had bled less and they had died, so I thought I was going to die." It was then that he started praying. "Don't let me die, give me the strength to protect myself," he remembers praying. As he looked at the approaching criminal, he noticed the criminal's eyes were red. The criminal got within two feet and aimed to put a bullet right between Garcia's eyes. At that moment, Garcia received the strength he had asked God for and shot the criminal 12 times. His prayers were answered, for his first round went right into the criminal's pant pocket where he had a pocketful of .38 caliber rounds and Garcia's fired bullet caused two rounds to fire into the criminal's femoral artery. The criminal fell on top of Garcia and died almost immediately. Garcia waited for help to arrive with his opponent on top of him.



It took about five minutes for the ambulance and police to arrive. Once the paramedics put him in the ambulance, they began trying to stabilize him for the 45-minute drive to Spohn Memorial in Corpus Christi, Texas. They cut off his shirt and found that he was carrying a small rosary in his left breast pocket. The paramedics took the rosary out and gave it to Garcia to hold. The paramedics saw that his body armor stopped two bullets to his back. "You're one lucky dude," the paramedic said, "you're going to be all right." Raising his hand with the rosary, Garcia whispered, "Praise be to the Lord, praise be to the Lord." And there was still more praise to be done, because the paramedics had failed to see the other two bullet wounds because of the blood loss. In fact, Garcia had to be revived twice on the way to the hospital and once more on the operating table. After four hours of surgery, the doctors came out saying that he was going to live. But the doctors had to go back in afterward because he was losing blood pressure. The doctors operated again and found the first shot to the chest had gone through Garcia's left ventricle. The skilled surgeons repaired the damage and after undergoing over a year of physical rehabilitation and therapy, Garcia recovered to full health.

Beyond a shadow of a doubt, Deputy Sheriff Garcia did see the hand of God several times that fateful day. He was shot in the heart; did not go into shock; killed his aggressor; survived the 45-minute drive to Corpus Christi, Texas; lived through two serious surgeries; and is still an active law enforcement officer for the Sheriff of Nueces County. He is a living testimony that faith in God, no matter how bad or desperate the situation, can resolve anything. ■

Above left: Deputy Sheriff Garcia receiving a medal of valor and a purple heart four weeks after his life-threatening encounter.

Above: A current photo of Deputy Sheriff Garcia who is a 26-year active veteran with the Nueces County Sheriff's Department.

To schedule a Fatima visit in your home, call (888) 460-7371.

Protest Success: Smithsonian Removes Blasphemy

BY ROBERT RITCHIE

Evil only progresses when good people do nothing. When evil is confronted properly, it often crumbles. In November 2010, when the Smithsonian hosted a blasphemous exhibit with ants eating Our Lord on the cross, the good spoke up. A national protest spearheaded by the Catholic League and other groups brought the museum to remove the exhibit within 24 hours.

The video, called *A Fire in My Belly*, was shown by the federally funded National Portrait Gallery at one of the museums of the Smithsonian Institution. A CNSNews article quoted Chris Edwards, a director of tax policy studies at the Cato Institute, "In my own view, if someone takes taxpayer money, then I think the taxpayers have every right to question the institutions where the money's going."

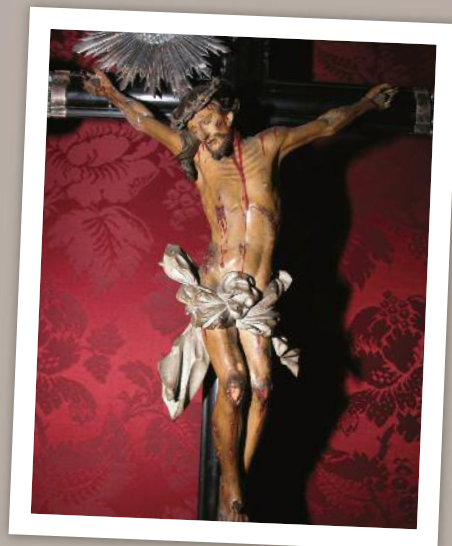
Fox News reported that House Majority

Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., described the exhibit as an "outrageous use of taxpayer money and an obvious attempt to offend Christians during the Christmas season."

America Needs Fatima did its part in spreading the word about the protest on its Facebook page, blog and Web site. All were asked to respectfully e-mail or call Mr. Wayne Clough, the Smithsonian's secretary.

However, a slightly altered version of that same video has been posted on YouTube.com by Semiotext(e), a publishing firm that received a notice from YouTube that it was on six months' probation for failing to meet YouTube.com's "community standards."

The slightly altered version of the blasphemous video is even worse than the original. For example, it contains very graphic sexual activity that is too disgusting to mention here.



Mocking Our Lord's sacrifice on the cross is blasphemy, not art.

Go to AmericaNeedsFatima.org to send your e-protest to YouTube.com and Semiotext(e). Both need to experience the just reaction of thousands of people who are disgusted with so much immorality and public offense against Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ■

Conquering Death with the Cross

BY BARRY ROCHE



Above: TFP members carry a 60-pound cross with the names of thousands of ANF donors who committed to pray for the end of abortion. Right: Detail of the cross.



On January 24, 2011, a new America Needs Fatima Pro-Life Cross made its appearance at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. This year, 11,987 two-inch pieces of blessed wood were sent in from across the United States, making the cross two feet higher and five inches wider than last year's cross. The ten-foot cross weighed 60 pounds and was carried by three America Needs Fatima volunteers.

Each piece of wood that made up the cross repre-

sented a person who pledged to pray for the end of abortion. The cross not only helped to remind those at the March that thousands are participating in the March from afar but also that the battle for life has the prayers needed for victory. And what better symbol could be used at the March for Life than the instrument by which Our Lord conquered death and gave us His Divine example.

"Who his ownself bore our sins in his body upon the tree: that we being dead to sins, should live to justice: by whose stripes you were healed." (1 Peter 2:24.) ■



Our Readers Write...



Rosary for Persecuted Chaldeans

No one ever hears of this. Thankfully we have Catholic organizations that give us the information so we may pray and hope for changes in the world

L.C., Tampa, Fla.

The Christian exodus from the Holy Land is for real. *National Geographic* did a piece in their June 2009 issue. The Holy Land was 27 percent Christian in 1920. It's now down to eight percent in 2009.

M.B., New Orleans, La.

May the souls of the faithful departed find rest. As for the living victims of these ignorant and cruel people, to them I say, "Hold your heads high and keep strong."

B.M., Folkestone, United Kingdom

We need Our Lady to appear to the persecutors and make them believers, and to appear to the followers and give them the strength to stay loyal in faith.

E.B., New York, N.Y.

Pro-Life Work

It was so wonderful seeing you at the March for Life, so elegant and majestic in keeping with Catholic tradition, like God's army passing by on the anniversary of that dreadful day of *Roe v. Wade*.

B.W., New York, N.Y.

I am not a Catholic, but a strong believer in pro-life and that life begins at conception. I am a Christian and I support you who I call the Marines of the Pro-Life movement. You have been on the front lines fighting to stop these mass murders.

L.M., Manchester Township, N.J.

Thank you for your campus defense of the rights of the unborn children . . . the



lost generations of souls. May the saving of the unborn be multiplied upon the face of the earth by stopping this outrage in all colleges, and the part you have played in saving their precious little lives!

M.S., Manchester, Conn.

Protesting the Smithsonian

This whole thing has me so sick! We couldn't be there to shout for Our Lord when He was being crucified. We now have a chance to speak up against this blasphemy against Our Lord and God! Please, you must do something! If you love God and are a Christian, call or write. This is a sacrilege against us!

A.C., Cleveland, Ohio

Just wrote to the man who is permitting this blasphemy. I am a fellow artist and I have drawn many religious pieces and this is so uncalled for. This artist is trying to make a name for himself. Well, I have news for him: tell that to God when you stand before him on Judgment Day!

E.A., Denver, Colo.



cause the Catholic Church tends to be a "quiet" Church and it gets kicked like the dog.

J.H., Pawhuska, Okla.

If they did that to Mohammed or Moses there would be outrage. Well, I say it's time not to turn the other cheek in matters like this! These soulless heathens are disgraceful and blasphemous. They will not enter any pearly gates.

V.B., Cresco, Pa.

Mary in Every Home Campaign

I must inform you that I'm not Catholic, but the photo of Our Lady of Fatima is beautiful and I love it.

L.D., Tavares, Fla.

Thank you for the holy picture of Our Lady of Fatima. I'll cherish and pray before it all my life. I have it in my room so I can bless myself every time I look at it, and say a prayer.

H.F., New Hyde Park, N.Y.



I receive a lot of mail and almost threw out the envelope with Our Lady's picture, but then I opened it and saw the beautiful picture and have framed it.

K.M., Fernandina Beach, Fla.

To get your letter published in *Crusade*, write us an e-mail at crusade@TFP.org.

I believe that they do this because they know that they can get away with it, be-



COMMENTARY

The Blood of Martyrs: The Seed of Crusaders

BY LUIS SOLIMEO

Enough! Enough!" shouted three-year-old Adam as he chased one of the Islamic terrorists gunning down the faithful at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help that evening of October 31, 2010. In response, the coward turned his gun on the valiant boy and riddled him with bullets.

"Christian Dogs"

About 200 Catholics were fulfilling their Sunday duty at the cathedral of the Syriac Catholic rite, an Eastern Catholic rite under the pope, in central Baghdad. They knew going to Mass was risky because one of the priests in the cathedral, Father Douglas Yousef al-Bazy, had been kidnapped in 2006 and the cathedral was surrounded with barbed wire fences and concrete blocks for protection.



Adam was only three years old when he and his parents were martyred at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Baghdad, Iraq.

The evening Mass was developing normally when terrorists broke into the church shouting, "Christian dogs, you are all going to die because you are infidels, you're going to hell and we are going to paradise! *Allah Akbar!*"¹

"Several survivors," *The New York Times* reports, "said that many of the casualties occurred when the gunmen entered and began firing randomly—at people, church icons and even windows. They described a ferocity on the part of the gunmen, some of them speaking in dialects from other Arab countries, as though the very sight of the church's interior had enraged them. 'They seemed insane,' said Ban Abdullah, a 50-year-old survivor."²

The Shepherd Offers Himself up for the Flock

Holding a crucifix, Father Wassim Sabih, one of the two priests murdered in the church, asked the terrorists to kill him but spare his faithful. He was thrown to the ground and killed.

Marie Freij, a parishioner, was wounded in the leg and for three hours pretended to be dead, bathed in her own blood. Her statement, later at the hospital, touches on the sublimity of the Faith, "I thought I would come out alive, but even if I didn't I was in church and therefore it would have been good [to die]."

After five hours of terror, when it was all over, three priests and 50 faithful were dead, with about 80 wounded. The Islamic terrorists committed suicide by detonating their explosive vests as the police broke in.

Threats to the Pope and to all Christians

An arm of al-Qaeda, the "Islamic State of Iraq," claimed this barbarous act of terrorism, and issued this statement, "The Mujahedeen raided a filthy nest of the nests of polytheism, which has been long taken by the Christians of Iraq as a headquarter for a war against the religion of Islam."³

The statement described the pope as "the hallucinating tyrant of the Vatican" and warned that Christians would be "extirpated and dispersed" from Iraq. "All Christian centers, organizations and institutions, leaders and followers, are legitimate targets for the Mujahedeen wherever they can reach them," the statement said. "We will open upon them the doors of destruction and rivers of blood."⁴

Martyrs and Crusaders

The Islamic terrorists, who brutally massacred Catholics in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Baghdad and then committed suicide, saw themselves as martyrs to their religion and hoped to receive 72 virgins in eternity.

In contrast, a real martyr, the Christian martyr, is one who gives his life in testimony to and in defense of the Faith or a virtue; in



Chaldeans in Chicago, Ill.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Quebec, Canada; London, UK; Baghdad, Iraq; and many other cities protested the West's unwillingness to protect Christians in Iraq.



A protestor in Canada dramatizes the pain that mothers are suffering because of regular attacks on innocent Christians.

holocaust to God's love, he prefers to die rather than abandon faith or virtue.

There is no doubt that the priests and laity immolated during Mass in Baghdad can be considered martyrs: they died bear-

ing witness to the Faith. They knew they were running a risk going to Mass in view of continuous threats but decided to face it out of religious zeal.

Let us ask them to intercede especially for the Catholics persecuted in the Islamic world.

The Holy Ghost, who raised up legions of martyrs in the Church, drawing admiration and many conversions among their own executioners in the Roman Empire, also stirred up enthusiasm for the Crusades in defense of the Faith preached by Blessed Pope Urban II and Saint Bernard. The Crusaders went to the Orient not to impose the Faith through the sword like Islam, but to defend Christians in Byzantium who were attacked by the Muslims and to regain custody of the Holy Sepulcher of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us ask the martyrs of Baghdad to intercede so that the spirit of Crusade may be rekindled in this our decadent West, so far removed from the Catholic religion. ■

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'This Isn't a Camp for Sissies!'

BY ALEXANDER MCKAY

From December 28 to January 2, young men attended the 2010–2011 Call to Chivalry Winter Program at the St. Louis de Montfort Academy in Herndon, Pa. Highlights of the camp

included a hike to Peter's Mountain, which is high on the Appalachian Trail. Despite the cold weather, the participants achieved the summit singing Christmas carols and other songs.

"This isn't a camp for sissies," remarked 11-year-old Jonathon Marin from Baton Rouge, La. who attended the camp with his father. Fourteen-year-old Robert Nuñez from Yuba City, Calif., described the hike as "Epic! It was like we were explorers conquering a wild mountain."

Participants also discovered the historic Columbus Chapel that has Christopher Columbus' Admiral's Desk, the altar from the *Santa Maria* and two pieces of the True Cross. These and other artifacts in the chapel and the adjoining Boal Mansion gave realism to America's

Catholic history of which participants learned in carefully prepared presentations.

The digitally illustrated and interactive presentations included, "Catholicism in North America," by Mr. Walter Camier; "Portugal: The Land of Mary," by Mr. Richard Lyon; "The Patroness of America—Our Lady of Guadalupe," by Mr. Cesar Franco; and "A Trip to the Land of the Holy Cross," by Mr. John Carlos.

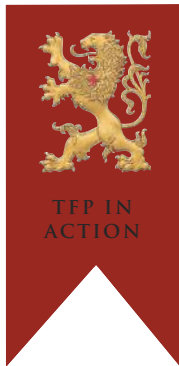
Following Saint John Bosco's principle that boys should be occupied continuously with varied activities, the boys mastered multiple indoor and outdoor games. Before they knew it, the camp arrived at the TFP's headquarters in Spring Grove, Pa., to celebrate the New Year with a giant midnight snack. After Mass and a hearty brunch, the boys then departed for home, full of stories of the camp's adventures. ■



Top left: Each participant received a handmade wooden image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Top right: Conquering Peter's Mountain. Above: A giant snack to celebrate the New Year.

For more information on St. Louis de Montfort Academy and its Call to Chivalry Camps, please visit www.MontfortAcademy.edu.



GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS: Leftist Protest Dwindles at Fort Benning

BY JAMES BASCOM

Anniversaries are normally festive occasions, but the general mood at the 20th annual School of the Americas (SOA) Watch protest at Fort Benning, Ga., was closer to a death knell than a milestone. It used to be a significant event for the Catholic left. At its height a few years ago, more than 15,000 gathered to protest the School of the Americas, now renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, for alleged human rights abuses. At the same time, SOA Watch organizers and participants ignore or give tacit support to leftist dictators and terrorist groups.

The protest still attracts a broad cross-section of leftist, dissident Catholic groups and causes. However, the movement is declining fast, and this decline accelerated in 2008 after the Vatican excommunicated SOA Watch founder, Maryknoll Father Roy Bourgeois, for his dissident stance on women's ordination.

Since then, the Maryknoll order has pulled its funding for the event. The Jesuit order, which used to send students from all its colleges and universities, also stopped its support.

Rally for the Troops

For the fifth year in a row, TFP Student Action volunteers have made the trek from Pennsylvania to Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga., to counter-protest this socialist event and publicly express support for the troops.

"SOA Watch is a socialist, Marxist, communist organization that opposes our military and the noble ideals it stands for," affirmed Mr. John Ritchie, TFP Student Action director. "That's why we're here, to support the American soldier who puts his life on the line to defend our nation. We need to show our gratitude."

With red capes, TFP standard, the American flag and large signs saying "God bless our troops" and "The American soldier keeps the peace, not socialist protesters," Student Action volunteers rallied in downtown Columbus outside the main gate of the base at Victory Drive and Fort Benning Road.

On Saturday, November 20, the

TFP took out a full-page advertisement in the *Columbus Ledger-Enquirer*, titled, "We Support Our Troops: 10 Reasons to Protest. . . Against the Protesters."

Overwhelming Support

The residents of Columbus were extremely supportive of the TFP campaign. Cars honked. Many waved or gave a thumbs-up. One man stopped at a red light, waved in support and held up a copy of the *Ledger-Enquirer* with its front-page picture of the TFP campaign from the day before. One uniformed soldier was so enthusiastic he approached and gave a donation on the spot to "get drinks for everyone."

That Saturday, TFP volunteers entered the protest perimeter to educate and distribute hundreds of "10 Reasons to Reject Socialism" flyers, which sparked many debates.

The police were favorable to the TFP message. One officer, after reading the flyer, said, "These protesters are the same people that spat on my father when he came back from Vietnam." Another police officer approached and said, "I read it in the newspaper this morning, the '10 Reasons,' and it was good stuff."

After the rally for the troops, TFP volunteers took advantage to visit the National Infantry Museum nearby. The 190,000-square-foot museum, inaugurated in 2009, is a fitting monument to the long history of heroism of the American infantrymen.

Upon leaving, a museum guide approached, "Are you one of the counter-protesters? Thank you so much for coming all the way down here from Pennsylvania. You were so calm and articulate on the news. The troops can't get directly involved in the debate. But you have no idea how many people you reach. You represent so many of us. Thank you!"



Top Left: Street traffic honked unceasingly in support of the TFP campaign at the intersection closest to the anti-military protestors.

Left: The main stage of the SOA Watch protest.

Above: Some examples of the mixed leftist ideologies that can be found at the SOA watch protest.



The Homosexual Movement Infiltrates Catholic Colleges and Subverts the Truth

BY CESAR FRANCO

To determine the scope of the moral crisis affecting Catholic institutions of higher learning, TFP Student Action volunteers examined the official Web sites of 244 American Catholic universities and colleges. The results are alarming.

After careful research, the TFP survey discovered that pro-homosexual clubs were listed on 101 (41%) of Catholic universities' and colleges' Web sites. Among Jesuit-run universities, however, the number increases to 100%. Many of these clubs sponsor events that promote the homosexual movement's redefinition of marriage and the social acceptance of unnatural vice, which is contrary to Catholic moral teaching.



TFP Student Action's presence at the Catholic University of San Diego was protested by members of the Rainbow Educators club.

Sign Your Protest Now

"When Catholic students enroll at Catholic universities, their faith should be strengthened. But unfortunately, their faith is often weakened by the presence of pro-homosexual clubs and immoral events," said TFP Student Action Director John Ritchie. "Just like abortion, homosexual vice is part of the culture of death. It should be opposed, not promoted."

"The homosexual movement is careful to

advance slowly to avoid pushback. 'Dialogue,' 'tolerance' and 'diversity' are just tools to reach a final stage: sexual anarchy," said Mr. Ritchie. "So, we need to speak up in charity and truth before it's too late."

Compared to similar research conducted in 2009, this year's study found that the number of pro-homosexual clubs slightly increased in 2010, from 96 to 101.

Urgent Appeal to Catholic Educators: Promote Purity

The venom of relativism and political correctness have long infiltrated the halls of academia, including Catholic classrooms, where the homosexual movement works hard to poison the moral conscience of upcoming generations, and thus, move society away from God.

Therefore, it is vital to encourage Catholic educators and leaders, students and parents to boldly reject the homosexual agenda. We must peacefully call for the disbanding of pro-homosexual clubs on Catholic campuses. Purity is the answer, a solution that needs to be highlighted, repeated and proclaimed.

In fact, God's grace is working in souls. More students are rejecting the lies of the sexual revolution and embracing the virtues of purity, modesty and abstinence. Millions of teenagers and college students are choosing to remain virgins until marriage.

In his address to Catholic educators at the Catholic University of America in April 2008, Pope Benedict XVI said,

Teachers and administrators, whether



in universities or schools, have the duty and privilege to ensure that students receive instruction in Catholic doctrine and practice. This requires that public witness to the way of Christ, as found in the Gospel and upheld by the Church's Magisterium, shapes all aspects of an institution's life, both inside and outside the classroom. Divergence from this vision weakens Catholic identity and, far from advancing freedom, inevitably leads to confusion, whether moral, intellectual or spiritual.

To help stem the tide of this growing confusion, TFP Student Action is launching an online protest, urging the presidents and administrators of many Catholic universities to restore the Catholic identity of their institutions.

To find this petition or to learn more information on this campaign, please visit www.TFPStudentAction.org ■

TFP Student Action has no intention to defame or disparage anyone with this campaign. We do not harbor personal hatred against any individual. By intellectually opposing individuals or organizations promoting the homosexual agenda, our only intent is to defend marriage, the family, Catholic education and the precious remnants of Christian civilization in society.



INTERVIEW

Arrested for PRAYING at Notre Dame

An interview with ND88 defense attorney Tom Brejcha, president and chief counsel of the Thomas More Society.

Nineteen months after pro-abortion President Obama was honored at the University of Notre Dame, criminal charges are still being brought against dozens of dedicated pro-lifers who prayed peacefully on campus.

Why is the case still unresolved? Why would a Catholic university, apparently so fond of “dialogue,” “tolerance” and “diversity” allow good pro-lifers, including Father Norman Weslin, Ambassador Alan Keyes and Mrs. Norma McCorvey, to be harassed monthly? Does Father John Jenkins even care?

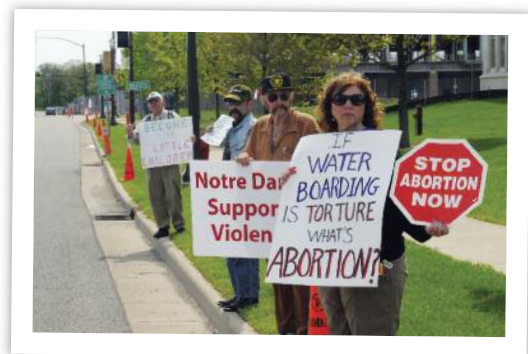
Pro-life attorney Mr. Tom Brejcha, president of the Thomas More Society, kindly explains how the case is moving forward.

TFP: Why are the pro-lifers, known as the ND88, still facing charges?

Mr. Tom Brejcha: There are now 87 defendants, as one of them has died from cancer

since the arrests that occurred in May 2009. While few among the 87 have opted to accept the prosecution’s offer for pretrial diversion, requiring payment of court costs of several hundred dollars and a commitment to perform hours of “community service,” the greater number of the defendants believe that they are innocent of any wrongdoing and, indeed, that accepting anything short of vindication, either by dismissal of the charges or by acquittal after a jury trial, would amount to an implicit confession of wrongdoing and a betrayal of the cause that drove them to go to Notre Dame to bear peaceable, prayerful witness to the sanctity of all innocent human life, from conception until natural death.

Since 2009, the proceedings have continued in St. Joseph County Criminal Court. We have undertaken discovery proceedings, taking depositions from Notre Dame security personnel and its recently fired vice president of residence life who had general oversight over security matters. This vice president’s deposition has been continued until a future date, as we are asking the court to direct that questions be answered that the former executive declined to answer, expressing concern that Notre Dame would insist on confidentiality.



Pro-lifers converged on Notre Dame University in 2009 after it was announced that the Catholic university was to honor the United States’ most pro-abortion president.

TFP: Apparently, homosexual activists recently demonstrated on campus without a permit. However, pro-lifers were arrested as they prayed on campus in 2009. Is there a double standard at play?

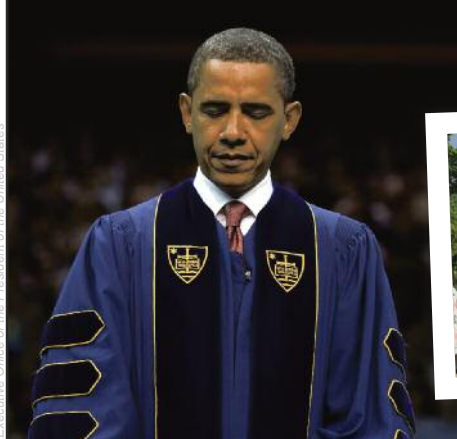
Mr. Brejcha: We are pursuing the issue whether the university’s security police, who wield statutory arrest powers under Indiana law, may well have been guilty of viewpoint discrimination in enforcing trespass laws against the ND88, when those of differing political viewpoints were not arrested but left free to parade about the campus though they also lacked a permit as supposedly required. There are indeed signs of an apparent double standard at work.

TFP: Has Father John Jenkins, president of Notre Dame, made any effort to resolve the case and help the 88 pro-lifers?

Mr. Brejcha: As for Father Jenkins’ endeavoring to resolve the case, he now seems adamant that he can do no more than insist that all the defendants submit to the condi-



Above: Tom Brejcha is the pro-life attorney for those being persecuted by Notre Dame University. Right: TFP members in their ceremonial habit at the protest.



Above: President Obama during the reception of his honorary doctor of laws degree.

Right: The TFP leads a Rosary at the mostly-Catholic protest at the front gate of Notre Dame University.



this insistence that they admit wrong when what they did was to take a stand for what is right and just, indeed on the paramount issue of our time, the sanctity of human life.

TFP: Would it help to continue urging the University of Notre Dame to drop the charges against the ND88?

Mr. Brejcha: People of good will may well feel impelled to urge Father Jenkins and other Notre Dame administrators to recognize how strongly and deeply the cause of life is esteemed and valued as a transcending

value of paramount importance in today's world. Too many folks at Notre Dame apparently believe that the cause of life is but one among a host of issues that deserve support, and that it suffices merely to proclaim that one is pro-life while heaping high honors on those who would trivialize and destroy life with impunity. Notre Dame and Father Jenkins need to see the pro-life issue as a central tenet and core value at the very heart of our professed Catholic faith, as more than a creed to recite but rather as a way of life, something we must honor in what we do and not just in what we say.

TFP: Thank you, Mr. Brejcha, for answering these questions. We will be praying for the successful outcome of this case, and all the fine pro-life work you do at the Thomas More Society. ■

tions that the prosecutor insists for pretrial diversion, paying several hundred dollars, committing to perform community service, and so forth. In other words, some implicit recognition of wrongdoing seems to be required before the ND88 will be allowed to "go free." Many, indeed most, of them bristle at

The Joy of Christmas Together

BY JOHN HORVAT II

Everything was in place. An elaborate crèche and a marvelous Christmas tree were set up with care. There were roaring fireplaces, hot cider, roast beef, turkey and gingerbread houses. There were joyful hearts ready to burst out in song. In all, over 300 local supporters and friends came in joyful expectation of the coming of the Christ Child at the annual Christmas Open House, held at the national headquarters of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Prop-

erty (TFP) in Spring Grove, Pa., on December 19.

The crowded halls of the stately 1911 Glatfelter mansion were filled with Christmas greetings and conversation as people came from all over to be together on this occasion. The American TFP was especially happy to welcome local clergy, friends and neighbors to this event, which is fast becoming a tradition and marked on many calendars.

Visitors also toured the grounds and the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Building where the TFP offices are located. There were displays, door raffles and other activities.

However, the most important activity was the opportunity of being together. Conversations filled the rooms among old and new friends. A highlight of this conviviality was the singing of Christmas carols to the accompaniment of keyboard, brass and flute. In these neo-pagan days, it is with great joy that so many can come together to celebrate with true Christmas spirit the coming of the Christ Child.



Top: Over 300 came for the celebrations.

Above: Complimentary food included everything from edible gingerbread houses to Christmas ham. ■



The TFP band played carols while participants sang.

BIG BEN

A Symbol of Great Values

BY THOMAS RIDER



Set against the Thames River, London's Big Ben Clock Tower annually draws a multitude of marveling tourists. Architect Augustus Welby Pugin designed the Clock Tower more than 150 years ago. It is made of massive granite stone that ascends in graceful lines to the sky. The intricate detail on its face offsets the solid strength of its shape, and the thin vertical windows, interspersed in rows across the main trunk, break up the monotony and heaviness of what would otherwise be a solid and massive stone structure.

Punctuated by a pair of great black hands, each of the four white clock faces is set in an intricate frame of golden stone lacework. At the base of each, in gilt letters, the inscription reads *Domine Salvam fac Reginam nostram Victoriam primam* ("O Lord, keep safe our Queen Victoria the First").

To appreciate this marvelous structure, one ought to sit at a table decked out with a crisp white linen tablecloth and napkins for English tea and scones at five o'clock. In this setting, the soul would enter into consonance with the majestic sounds of the tower bells and the virtues represented by Big Ben.

This beautiful clock tower is a symbol of England and the virtues that a true Englishman values: ceremony, precision, punctuality, neatness, duty and good reason over misguided feelings. The great clock stands erect and grand, striking the onlooker with a sense of all that is upright but at the same time beautiful. It is hard to imagine a soul, no matter how low such a soul may have sunk, incapable of finding beauty in Big Ben. If someone were to say, "I don't like it," they would immediately attract strange looks of suspicion and their sanity might even be put into question.

The tower is so much a part of the English soul that one likes to imagine the possibility of God in His mercy preserving it at the end of the world and taking it to adorn some corner in heaven.

It has become such a symbol that anyone who sees a picture of it immediately thinks of England; but interestingly enough, one does not think of the modern England of punks and soccer hooligans, but rather of the true England of kings and queens and the Trooping of the Colors.

Were we to make a meditation with Big Ben as the object of our analysis, such words as "dignity," "ceremony" and "respect" would certainly come to mind.

Yes, though a mere physical structure, this great tower embodies a sense of dignity and in a way it demands respect from every passerby. This tower stands in our modern world and calls us to that long gone sense of respect that deep down every soul yearns for, and it reminds us of the dignity that the Almighty imparted to each and every one of us.

The day will surely come, either on earth or in heaven, when human beings will be fully aware of their own dignity and that of their fellow men. Thus their conduct towards each other will be one of great respect with a touch of ceremony. Then, we will feel like true children of God, and Big Ben will "feel" evermore at home in our midst. ■