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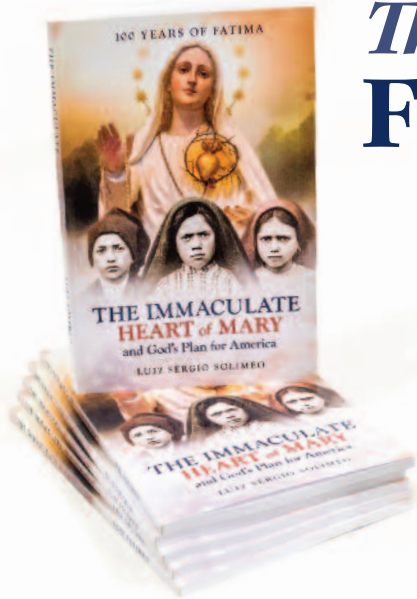
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Clashing Tendencies: Humility vs. Pride

TAKEN FROM *THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND GOD'S PLAN FOR AMERICA* BY LUIZ SOLIMEO

Saint Teresa of Avila defined humility as the truth. She writes: "Once I was considering why Our Lord was so fond of this virtue of humility." And she went on to say that she understood through divine illumination that "since God is the supreme Truth, and humility is to walk in truth, it is crucial not to have ourselves in high regard but [to see that] we are misery and nothing; and he who does not understand that is living a lie."¹

For his part, Saint Thomas Aquinas says that the truth of humility, "regards chiefly the subjection of man to God, for Whose sake he humbles himself by subjecting himself to others."²

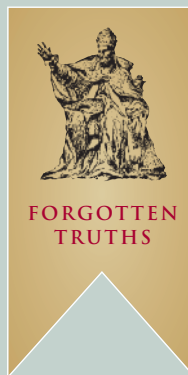
Humility is linked to the virtue of temperance which includes all virtues that restrain our disordered tendencies and appetites.

It gives, therefore, that mental balance whereby we make correct judgments about ourselves and others. It reduces our desires of grandeur to their due proportions according to our abilities and possibilities.

Humility is the foundation of the spiritual life because it makes the soul submissive to God, thus preparing the soul to receive divine grace. As Saint James put it, "God resists the proud, and gives his grace to the humble."³

Thanks to this adherence to the truth, which is true submission to God, humility leads us to acquire wisdom. As the book of Proverbs explains: "Where humility is, there also is wisdom."⁴

Just as humility comes from a spirit of submission to God, pride, its opposite, comes from revolt against Him and from



a desire to abandon our full dependence on Him. As the Prophet Jeremias says: "Thou hast broken My yoke, thou hast burst My bands, and thou says: 'I will not serve.'"⁵

Saint Thomas says that "pride makes a man despise the Divine law." It removes the main obstacle to sin which is the fear of God. The proud person thus plunges not only into vice but also into error. The saint adds:

[T]he proud man subjects not his intellect to God, that he may receive the knowledge of truth from Him, according to Matthew 11:25, "Thou hast hid these things from the wise and the prudent," i.e. from the proud, who are wise and prudent in their own eyes, "and hast revealed them to little ones," i.e. to the humble.

Likewise, the Angelic Doctor continues, the proud person does not want to learn from other men, as the Scripture says: "If thou wilt incline thy ear, thou shalt receive instruction."⁶ "[T]he proud," Saint Thomas concludes, "through delighting in their own excellence disdain the excellence of truth."⁷ ■

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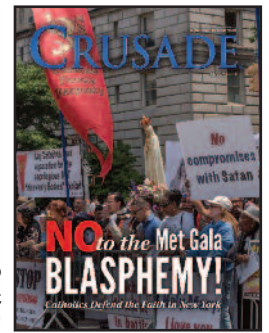
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The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) is an organization of lay Catholic Americans concerned about the moral crisis shaking the remnants of Christian civilization. Its earliest origins date back to January 1971, 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

Chinese Communist Party Forms Cells in Universities across America

According to a report by ForeignPolicy.com, branches of the Communist Party of China are being established in many universities and colleges all over the United States and are largely unnoticed. They are primarily set up to keep tabs on Chinese exchange students to make sure they are always ideologically aligned with their homeland government. Communist Party cells are also reportedly popping up on school campuses worldwide.



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Muslims in France Convert to Catholicism

Reports from France noted that more than 4,250 Muslim adults were baptized into the Catholic Church last Easter Vigil. This was 40 percent more than the previous year. Nearly 60 percent of the adults were between the ages of 18 and 35 years old. Father Vincent Feroldi, director of the National Service for Relations with Muslims, stressed that Muslim migrants come from countries where there is no freedom for Catholics and that in France they take the step and are converted by a “personal encounter with Jesus Christ.”

Parents Who Choose Home Schooling Concerned for Children’s Safety

Although the classic reasons behind homeschooling have been the desire to provide religious instruction or values other than those offered in public schools, a growing dissatisfaction with the academic curriculum and worries about school environment are becoming significant factors in more and more parents opting to home school their children. This parental concern for the moral and



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physical wellbeing of their children is reflected in figures from the Department of Education which estimate a 25-percent increase during the period 2012-2016 and growing by 8 percent per year.

Navy Seal and Medal of Honor Recipient Praises Saint Michael Prayer

In his acceptance speech after being awarded the Medal of Honor, Senior Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Edward C. Byers Jr. said “I prayed the Saint Michael prayer while moving into the toughest missions I faced, and it does start by saying ‘Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection.’” Byers explained the importance of his Catholic faith and his particular devotion to Saint Michael. He received the award for his valiant rescue efforts during a hostage situation on December 8, 2012 in Afghanistan.



Thousands of Soldiers Converge in Lourdes, France

The 60th annual International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, was held May 15-22, 2018. Military men in their gala uniforms accompanied by brass bands and chaplains were seen parading the streets of Lourdes and lighting a huge candle at the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Almost every nation in Europe, North America and Africa was represented. After World War II, this annual military pilgrimage began as a way to heal physical, emotional and spiritual wounds of those who were formerly adversaries by their common Christian identity as children of the Mother of God. *(Please see our article on the back cover of this magazine.)*



Parents Protest “Gender-bending” Sex Education

Originally planned in Charlotte, North Carolina, a “sit-out” protest spread to twelve other cities in three countries. Parents concerned about graphic, hedonistic and ideological sex education promoted by pro-abortion and pro-homosexual “rights” groups, organized the one-day protest by pulling their children out of school on April 23, 2018. Dubbed “The Sex Ed Sit Out,” one of the organizers said, “We send our kids to school to learn reading and writing and science and history, not how to question whether they really are a boy or a girl.”

The Family Rosary

BY TONIA LONG



CHRIST IN
THE HOME

With all the talk today about “quality time” and the importance of “bonding” in the family, the rosary is the perfect solution! Your family will be gathered together for a common purpose in the sanctity of your own home. And remember the motto: “The family that prays together, stays together.”

In promoting the family rosary, we recognize that today’s family is under many pressures—work and school schedules, getting enough sleep, catching up with the laundry, paying the bills, etc.

Here are a few tips from some experienced mothers and fathers who say, emphatically, “It can be done!”

1. Set the Stage: Find a crucifix or statue of Our Lady and place it in a prominent spot in your living room. Set up a candle or two and a small vase of flowers (real or silk) to give a calm, restful and reverent feel to your “prayer place.” You will be amazed at how this ambience will affect the children. They will sense that something special happens here!

2. Carve Out Some Time: Most parents report that the end of the day is best. All the chores are done, the children are in their pajamas and everyone is ready to “call it a day.” But by spending 15 minutes saying the family rosary, you will transform your ordinary day into a precious bouquet of love for Our Lady.

3. Encourage Participation: One way to keep their little wandering minds engaged is to assign a different mystery to each child. “Jerry, will you please lead the third glorious mystery?” There’s nothing like a “pop quiz” to keep them on their toes! Many children actually enjoy the sense of responsibility this entails; it is an honor to lead the rosary.



Coined by Father Peyton in the 1950’s, the adage that “the family that prays together stays together” still holds true.

4. Have a “Plan B”: Stuff happens, especially in a family! Have a contingency plan and you will never miss your chance to pray your rosary. For example, if you are going for a drive with the children in tow, plan ahead and say your rosary in the car. With enough consistency, the day just won’t feel complete without your family rosary.

5. Ora et Labora: “Pray and work” This is the ancient Benedictine motto and it works for families, too. So, the dishes aren’t done and the laundry still needs folding. With monastic music to set the tone, assign one person as “leader.” The rest of the family can pray the rosary while doing what needs to be done to maintain order in your busy household. Our Lady is a mother; she understands.

6. Visit www.ANF.org or call (888) 317-5571 for your FREE rosary guide to get you started. ■

Expert Advice on the Benefits of the Rosary

Your Problems Will Be Solved

“The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the rosary... There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.”

—*Sister Lucia dos Santos*

You Will Become a Better Person

“When people love and recite the rosary they find it makes them better.”

—*Saint Anthony Mary Claret*

You Will Have PEACE

“If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the rosary.”

—*Pope Pius XI*

You Will Shake the Heart of God

“Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!”

—*Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina*

You Will Have a Closer Bond with Mary

“You must know that when you ‘hail’ Mary, she immediately greets you! Don’t think that she is one of those rude women of whom there are so many—on the contrary, she is utterly courteous and pleasant. If you greet her, she will answer you right away and converse with you!”

—*Saint Bernardine of Siena*

PADRE PIO:

A Serious Saint for Serious Times

BY BEN BROUSSARD



Fifty years ago, Padre Pio breathed his last. The names of Jesus and Mary were on his lips until the end. He died as he lived, suffering intensely.

Saint Padre Pio was raised up by Divine Providence to be a serious man for serious times. The Church in the twentieth century was under attack like never before—from internal and external enemies. As a young friar, Father Pio offered himself as a victim to Our Lord. On September 20, 1918, he received the stigmata, the visible wounds of his Divine Master. This outward sign of his intense agony would remain for the next fifty years.

At every moment, Padre Pio united his sufferings with the sacrifice of the cross. Illness was his constant companion, leaving him bedridden months at a time. Under obedience, those in authority would forbid him from offering Mass in public, hearing confessions and preaching. Lies, slander and calumnies about him spread far and wide. And yet, never did he harbor any resentment or bitterness toward those who mistreated him. He



lived out his own words every day: “Pray, hope, and don’t worry.”

Though he shunned the spotlight, the holy man’s great gifts could not remain hidden. Among the numerous miracles that he worked, the greatest surround his ability to read souls. Spending long hours daily in the confessional, Padre Pio could discern if a sinner was truly sorry. From those whose hearts were hardened he would withhold absolution until they repented. Skeptics, including atheists and freemasons, visited him at San Giovanni Rotondo to mock and scoff. The living saint’s influence put them on the path to conversion.

Pilgrims came to visit him from around the world. Padre Pio could understand them all and make himself understood, though he only spoke Italian. To the modern man he gave serious advice to combat the world’s influences: weekly confession, daily examination of conscience, spiritual reading, meditation, and daily Communion. Like so many saints of old, he urged Catholics to seek to do the will of God, Who alone can give lasting happiness.

Padre Pio always carried his rosary in his right hand, praying it constantly. He insisted it be prayed as often as possible: “Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.”

The devil sought to stop Padre Pio any way he



Being serious about his Catholic Faith never hindered Saint Padre Pio from reaching out to the little ones who flocked to him.



Left: Compassion for the sinner led Saint Padre Pio to spend entire days in the confines of his confessional, liberating souls bound by sin. **Above:** Just a small portion of the over 100,000 people who gathered fifty years ago to honor the death of this great man of God.

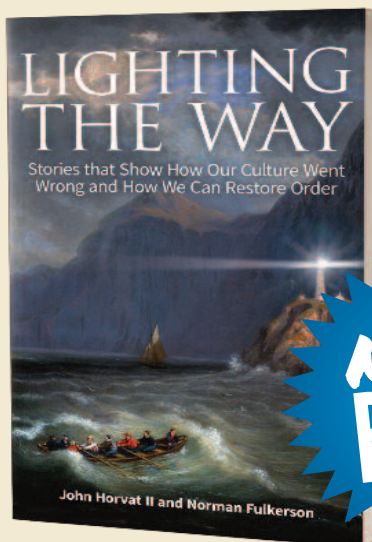
could. On top of his constant sufferings, Padre Pio in his letters describes wrestling with demons when attempting to sleep. For hours at a time, he would suffer bruises and sores from their torments. He would call aloud to his Guardian Angel, the Blessed Mother, and Saint Joseph, who delivered him and granted victory over the powers of darkness.

“Lord, I will stand at the gates of heaven until I see that all my spiritual children have entered.” This solemn promise Padre Pio made to Our Lord and repeated in his final days on earth. The

wounds of the stigmata which he bore for 50 years disappeared as he was in his final agony. The night of September 23, 1968, his life on earth came to an end. His holy and edifying death was the prelude to his birth in heaven. His mortal remains are incorrupt five decades later.

Saint Padre Pio will come to the aid of his spiritual children, no matter how great the difficulty. Let us invoke him in every need and follow his spiritual advice. He will help us bear the cross in this life, so that we may be happy with him in the next. ■

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NEW BOOK

An exciting new book addressing the restoration of America’s moral compass has recently been released. *Lighting the Way: Stories that Show How Our Culture Went Wrong and How We Can Restore Order* is co-authored by John Horvat II and Norman Fulkerson. They put together a collection of essays and stories that represent hope for America.

This book is written as a long-awaited companion to John Horvat’s award-winning work, *Return to Order: From A Frenzied Economy to An Organic Christian Society—Where We’ve Been, How We Got Here, and Where We Need to Go*.

“I contributed to this book because I want to show people that restoring order is something doable,” writes Horvat. “We put together a collection of stories and essays that illustrate the themes of *Return to Order*.”

Fellow TFP Member Norman Fulkerson is also the author of the widely praised book, *An American Knight: The Life of Colonel John W. Ripley, USMC*. His book won the Military Writers Society of America’s coveted 2010 Gold Medal for biography. “This work [*Lighting the Way*] is written to give hope to countless Americans who believe America is worth fighting for,” says Fulkerson. “I meet these people and tell their stories.” ■

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From Boys to Men: *The 2018 Call to Chivalry Camps*



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This year's summer camps in Pennsylvania (June 6-17), Louisiana (June 29-July 6) and Wisconsin (July 8-15) were well attended by young men from all across America.

Unencumbered by the distractions of the wi-fi culture, everyone was able to enjoy conversation without being tethered to smart phones or other electronic gadgets. What freedom! Like the majestic flight of the bald eagle which so aptly represents the most noble traits of the American soul, Catholic boys gathered not for a vacation, but to soar higher and learn more about Catholic history and those saintly role models who have the enduring ability to inspire heroism.

The camps were packed with talks about Catholic heroes and saints—this year was about the heroes and saints of Catholic England.

Catholic devotions and prayers such as the recitation of the Holy Rosary were part of the camp's daily schedule. Other camp activities included games, outings such as hiking, exploring and camping in beautiful mountain parks. Games included a treasure hunt, and chess, archery, tomahawk throw and ping-pong tournaments. One special treat to the boys in Pennsylvania was an exciting presentation about the history of swords

The camp was one of the most incredible events in our son's life. He is now taking his rosary everywhere and he doesn't want to miss a day without praying it. He told us that he learned in ten days, what he hadn't learned in seven years at his Catholic school.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. B.

and swordsmanship by classic fencing master Roark Mitzell, an expert in medieval fencing.

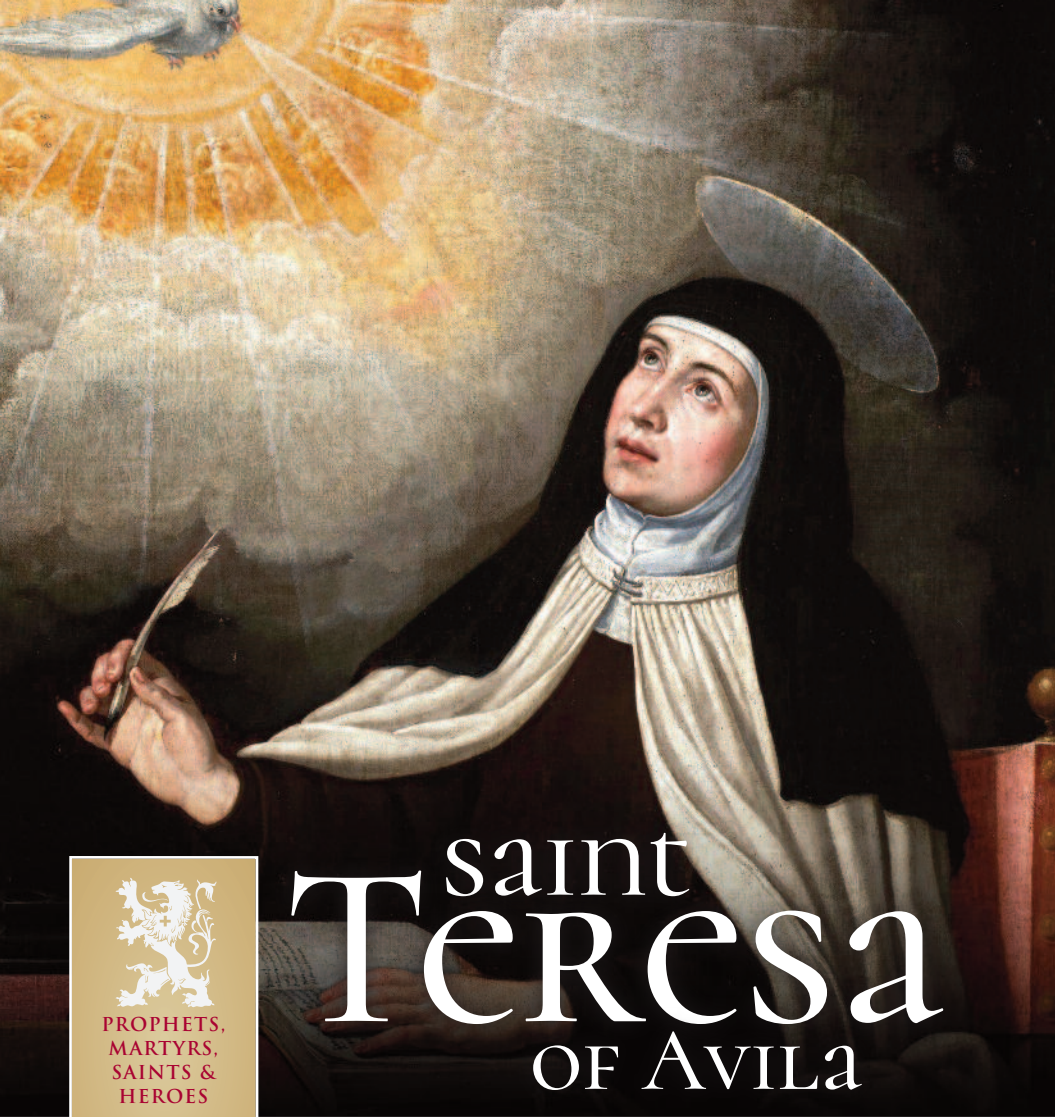
But since “a picture is worth a thousand words,” we invite you to enjoy these photos taken from the 2018 Call to Chivalry Camps. ■



“Wow! I am so very impressed with the camp results! Christopher came home a changed boy... into a young man. I am happy beyond words... And when we prayed a rosary the night I brought him home, he prayed looking at the Crucifix! Our Lady was surely there with you all.”
—Mrs. P. F.



Joseph had a great time at your camp. I am grateful for all that your staff did at the camp. He came back with a little more confidence and zeal. He was on fire for his faith, and talked non-stop about Our Lady and Fatima. That is great!
—Mr. and Mrs. J. B.



Saint Teresa's Prayer for the Church in Need

Our Father in heaven, You are merciful! I cannot think that You, Lord, would refuse to do what we beseech You for the honor of Your Son. Lord, we ask not for our sake, for we are not deserving; but for the sake of the Blood of Your Son and of His merits. We also ask for the sake of the merits of His glorious Mother and that of so many martyrs and saints who died for Your Name.

O Eternal Father, let not so many lashes, wounds, and torments, which Your Son suffered be forgotten. O my Creator, it hurts me to see such a loving Heart as Yours suffering because of such little care for what Your Son did for us! The world is burning! They want to sentence Christ anew!

They want to flatten the Church to the ground, destroy the temples, lose many souls, and take away the Sacraments! Why is this happening, my Lord and my God?

Either put an end to the world, or provide a remedy for so grave an evil that spares no heart, not even those of us who are bad.

Lord, I beseech You, suffer this no more. Start a fire, Lord. If You will it, You can. There must be some way, O Lord. Act now then, O Majesty! Have pity on so many souls who are being lost, and favor Your Church. Do not permit more harm to Christendom.

Lord, make Light prevail over darkness.

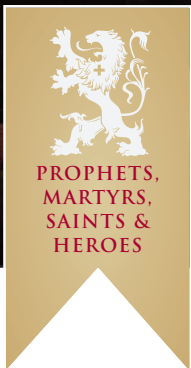
Now Lord. . . Now!

O Lord, make the sea be calm, and stop the ship of the Church from navigating in such a storm! Save us, O Lord, for we perish!

Amen.

Saint TERESA OF AVILA

BY T. M. SALAMIDA



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October 15th marks the feast day of one of the greatest doctors of the Church, Saint Teresa of Avila. Not unlike our own, her epoch was marked by seemingly insurmountable upheavals in the Church and among the faithful. Placing all her trust in her crucified Savior and fostering a strong devotion to Saint Joseph, Teresa strove to unite her will to God's will in all that she did. Undaunted by the disintegration going on all around her, she used every ounce of her strength to build up a new order of Carmelites, the discalced Carmelites, in order to serve God through a spirit of greater detachment and austerity.

The Teresian Carmel model has spread throughout the world. The nuns continue to live in contemplative communities in widely different situations and cultures. The friars live the contemplative life but also serve as missionaries and are active in varied ministries, but especially those concerned with the spiritual life. The Secular Order members live the Teresian charism in the circumstances of their daily life in the world.

The Teresian Carmel has been especially fruitful with saints and writers on the ways of prayer and the spiritual life who creatively responded to the needs of their time: the most famous are Saints Teresa of Ávila (its founder), John of the Cross and Thérèse of Lisieux.

In honor of this magnanimous saint we present to you a prayer she composed, prayed often and lived to see answered in the many convents she established while alive. ■

Cut out and laminate this prayer for the perfect bookmark!





NO *to the* Met Gala BLASPHEMY!

Catholics Defend the Faith in New York

BY REX TEODOSIO



There is an old anecdote that illustrates the crisis the faithful face today. As with all old anecdotes, there are several versions. One places the event happening in Russia, during the communist regime, another, in England, during the protestant revolution. Whatever it may be, the values expressed in it are still as gripping, maybe even more so, for our days.

The story goes that a Catholic priest came to believe in a certain heresy. He prepared a sermon that was sure to convince his parishioners to change their beliefs as well. He enjoyed a certain popularity in the city. The parishioners constantly complimented him for the quality of his sermons. Surely, he thought, he had earned enough trust and sympathy among his parishioners to let him preach this “change” of doctrine. So, he crafted the best sermon he had ever prepared in his life.

At Mass, he began to deliver his heretical sermon with eloquence. Suddenly and unexpectedly, the faithful, every single man, woman and child, stood up as one. Unprompted and as if guided by the Holy Ghost, they began to recite the creed. “I believe in God,” each one proclaimed. The priest was so stunned he stopped his sermon and walked away from the pulpit. His shame was so unbearable, he eventually left the village never to be seen again.

We all felt like that congregation when holding a

rosary rally against the blasphemous exhibition *Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination* on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The exhibition is very offensive to the Catholic Faith. One display shows a female mannequin dressed in an immodestly revealing version of a traditional cassock. Another shows another female mannequin sporting a cardinal's vestment topped with a galero, the broad-brimmed hat with tasseled strings seen on a cardinal's coat of arms. Another display shows yet another female mannequin dressed in what looks like avant-garde papal garb complete with a mitre. The message of this section was clear. Not only is it promoting women priests, bishops, cardinals and popes, but with an immodest tone.

Perhaps the most heinous of the displays is a bondage mask draped with many rosaries arranged in a way that gives the impression that the rosaries were part of the chain that held the bondage mask together. As bondage is among the most perverse sexual practices, to place rosaries as ornaments is an example of perverse sacrilege. This exhibition inaugurated at the Met Gala on



May 7, 2018. The annual celebration itself was offensive and continued the same theme of mixing sexually-potent things with sacred objects.

Over six hundred of us gathered on June 9th in front of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, baffled as to why Cardinal Dolan attended the Met Gala and not join us. Why would he let his picture be taken freely flashing his characteristic smile alongside scantily dressed celebrities and not be seen shoulder to shoulder defending the Catholic Faith with us?

We, the faithful, were a mixed bunch, young and old, from near and far, representing all ethnicities and social status. We are not celebrities, but did we not deserve the cardinal's smile? We are not famous, but did we not deserve his embrace? We are

What is the Met Gala?

The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute benefit always happens on the first Monday in May and raises money for the Costume Institute. The 2018 event took place on May 7th.

"Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination" was the 2018 theme. According to

the Met's website, the exhibition explores "fashion's ongoing engagement with the devotional practices and traditions of Catholicism." Papal robes and accessories from the Sistine Chapel as well as designs that span from the early twentieth century to now were displayed.

Religion and Catholic iconography factored into attendees' clothing, though they have been known to take liberties with themes in the past.

These "liberties" are what were so offensive to Catholics. Breaking through the boundaries of modesty for even a secular event, the costumes worn by a majority of participants were nothing more than an open mockery of the standards of purity and restraint on which the Catholic Faith is based.

Continuation of Gala Blasphemy

As if one night of publicized blasphemy were not enough, a five-month-long exhibit of some of the more offensive articles is on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, with beautiful and sacred vestments such as the cope of Pope Benedict XV and the magnificent tiara of Pope Pius IX. The effect of such an exhibition is the bizarre blending of the sacred along with the profane, promoting confusion and a blurring of the distinction between good and evil.



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This every day scene in front of the Metropolitan Museum of Art came alive on June 9th as Catholics gathered in defense of their Faith.

not rich, but did we not deserve his full support to defend the faith and Catholic culture? Did he not know that the celebrities he mixed with at the Met Gala event are not lost sheep but wolves who are devouring his flock by their scandalous example? Did he not know that by being present at the gala, it would lend his prestige to the offensive exhibit?

On a warm and sunny June afternoon, members

of his flock assembled just steps away from where the Gala was held a month before, but he was nowhere to be seen. Had he come he would have seen among the crowd two boys holding up their handmade sign, "Stop Offending God." These boys could not have been older than ten but they held their sign as high above their heads as they could. It was the perfect reflection of the sentiment expressed by the anecdote above, as if the boys were saying; "I believe in God."

Had he joined us, Cardinal Dolan would have seen the complete dedication of an elderly man who suddenly collapsed from fatigue. He had driven with a car full of people from upstate New York, a six hour drive. He had barely slept the night before. They had to leave Rochester early in the morning so they could attend the noon protest. According to witnesses, he was feeling weak in the knees moments before. He refused to leave so instead he knelt down thinking that would give him some rest. Even this took a toll on this man and he collapsed to the ground. He recovered minutes later. Emergency services



Over six hundred of us gathered on June 9th in front of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, baffled as to why Cardinal Dolan would attend the Met Gala and not join us.





Catholics will no longer sit idly by and watch our faith besmirched unmolested.

The passersby sensed the gravity of our act and seriousness of our intent. Instead of derision, they reacted with stunned amazement and even awe. We gathered facing the entrance of the museum. The first thing anyone who came out of the museum saw was the protest, the TFP grand standards, and signs of all sizes and messages. It was a sight to behold.

Many took pictures of the protest. At times, there were so many cell phones raised to take a picture it looked a gaggle of paparazzi. Some

joined in our prayers. A few sat down on the steps staring in awe at the spectacle.

What did they see? What they saw were 600 faithful, the sheep, standing up to defend their faith. What they saw were dedicated children who are willing to give everything to fight the good fight. What they saw were the faithful, proclaiming in a single voice, "I believe in God." ■

Reparation Crusade in Manhattan: "Much More Than I Expected!"

BY JOHN HORVAT II

It was not without some anxiety that I got into the van to travel some three hours to our protest in front of New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art on June 9. Even if only a few people showed up, I had resolved to be there.

We would be protesting the "Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination" exhibition. Catholics nationwide were indignant over this show which mixed sacred symbols and Catholic imagery with immodest haute couture fashion. The Gala event inaugurating the exhibition on May 7 added insult to injury with a show of scantily clad celebrities in religious-themed clothes.

The protest rally of reparation was organized



by the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) and its America Needs Fatima campaign. We knew people were committed to being there, but we did not know what to expect on the actual day. Hence, my anxiety.

As I found myself in front of the massive and majestic façade of the Metropolitan Museum, I was hoping for the best. It was a beautiful day and there were a lot of people on the street. The location could not have been better. The large staircase in front of the building formed a kind of giant amphitheater for us. Our voices, the bagpipes and drums would bounce off the surroundings to excellent effect. The police were helpful and had barricades to ensure that sidewalk traffic would not be impeded, and unruly elements would be kept out.

We were early as we unloaded the van. No one was there. Then, a curious onlooker approached and identified himself as a protester. He was soon joined by a few more. And then everything became a whirlwind of activity as people started arriving from everywhere.

I do not remember when the event came together. All I recall is that people started to gather in the designated place. Fliers were distributed all around. Banners went up. The American flag and TFP standards were hoisted. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima processed in to the acclaim of the crowd and the accompaniment of bagpipes and drums. Suddenly, almost like magic, a protest was on.

And a grand protest it was! The crowd gradually expanded until there were some 600 Catholics praying, singing and protesting. The police kept expanding the barricades until the throng spanned the whole city block.

What impressed me most about the rally was the energy of those Catholics who attended. Most of them were from New York. They were invigorated by the event. They wanted to be there. They were indignant by the offense against Our Lady and prayed loudly, sang loudly, protested loudly—in a charac-



“It feels good to be Catholic again.”

teristic brusque New York manner. The energy was contagious as some onlookers on the stairs could be seen joining in on the rosary.

As I scanned the ranks of the faithful at the rally, I saw many old friends who drove great distances to be there. Others organized vanloads of people. A few buses from Pennsylvania and one from Boston pulled up to swell our ranks. A school bus from the TFP Call to Chivalry Camp was there much to the delight of the young boys. Many made great sacrifices to be with us.

The sidewalks and staircase were crowded with people who were astonished by the unexpected spectacle. At times, it seemed like a sea of uplifted i-phones as people scrambled to get the scene on their social media. I sensed that people saw that this was serious stuff. We were something to be reckoned with. Those who were upset by the protest were concerned. There were those who tried to be indifferent feigned apathy. There were those who secretly loved Our Lady and were consoled by our presence... and even joined us.

“It feels good to be Catholic again” was one comment of a lady who expressed the spirit of the rally. People were proud to be Catholic because we were defending Our Lady. We felt a certain joy at being allowed to be ourselves without politically correct shackles. It was as if a great weight was taken from our shoulders. This Catholic pride had a great unifying and electrifying effect upon the crowd.

Time passed slowly during the hour and a half rally of reparation. It seemed to last a long time and everyone savored the moments. At the end, everyone lingered around, talking and enjoying the final moments of being together.

What I saw at the Met protest was much more than I expected. I was impressed by this display of Catholic militancy for which we are all called by the Sacrament of Confirmation. Indeed, it felt good to be Catholic again, and the scene awakened in me hope for the future. ■





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PROGRESS REPORT

1,889 Rallies In the National Rosary for Marriage

BY TONIA LONG

Thousands of concerned Americans gathered nationwide on June 23, 2018, holding 1,889 rosary rallies in support of America's most cherished institution.

Every rally captain had a large banner reading: "God's Marriage = 1 Man + 1 Woman." At many of these rallies, several hand-held signs encouraged people to honk for traditional marriage. These signs generated a cacophony of honks in support of traditional marriage.

Some people were so overjoyed to see us standing up for traditional marriage that they honked long and loud. Truckers would let loose with their loud horns. Shouts of support and thumbs up were very common.

Some were more cautious. These ventured to register only a short toot. Others honked on the run so as not to appear too committed to the cause. When one honked, it seemed to give courage to the hesitant who would then contribute to the grand disharmony.

Crude Opposition

As often happens, there were a few who opposed the rally. These would usually consist of people who would scream out something unintelligible or make obscene gestures as they



sped away.

A few took advantage of the traffic light to stop, open the window and scream about "hatred," somehow unaware of the hatred they displayed.

No amount of negative feedback could dampen the spirits of those who sacrificed their Saturday to come out into the streets in support of traditional marriage. This sacrificial act is more than compensated by the outpouring of support of so many Americans who are relieved at seeing ordinary people just like themselves defending moral values.

As long as there are Catholics in America, there will be support for the equation: God's marriage = 1 man + 1 woman. ■





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Grace Shall Lead Me Home

BY MAUREEN IRELAND

According to Saint Louis de Montfort, Our Blessed Mother leads us to her son, Jesus. I believe this to be true and my testimony will explain why. I am a cradle Catholic and was raised in a strict Catholic family. My father was studying to be a priest prior to meeting my mother. At an early age, he instilled in us that God was a punitive God. Although my father never voiced it, he led me to believe that God was not pleased with me. I had this feeling that God was always ready to pounce on me if I did anything wrong. I attended Catholic grade school, high school and even Catholic college against my will. I never missed Mass for fear that if I did, God would strike me dead.



The greatest Marian apostle of all time, Saint Louis de Montfort continues to lead souls back to their heavenly Mother.

I was so busy in my late 20s and early 30s that I never thought twice about the Catholic Church but I did continue to believe in God. In my mid-thirties, I started to sense that something was missing in my life. I attended the NYC School for Practical Philosophy, which eventually led me to study a course in miracles and then back to God through a non-denominational church. It was at this little church that I was taught God was a loving God. I attended that church for several years, and I did feel closer to God. I met my husband during this time and we were married in this church. Two years after we were married, we purchased

our current home. On moving day, we met our neighbor Cheryl. She is a very devout Catholic woman. She tried several times to talk to me about the Catholic Church, and many times I snapped at her and told her I would never go back there ever again. My past experience with the Catholic Church was too negative. She tried to convince me otherwise, but I refused to listen. Despite my negativity, she was very patient, and I did enjoy her company.

One day "America Needs Fatima" mailed out a letter saying Our Lady of Fatima statue would be visiting in my area. The letter explained that the statue could visit my home. Still having such a love for our Blessed Mother, I felt a deep desire for her to visit my home. My only Catholic friend was Cheryl, so I invited her to come over to see the Lady of Fatima statue. She was confused why I would want that statue in my house. She said, "You are not even a practicing Catholic." I said, "I know, but I want her to come to my home." I invited my husband and my sister as well. We had a wonderful evening and I learned a lot about Our Lady of Fatima. This was the first step in a long journey that has led me back to the Catholic faith.

Years passed and just a few weeks ago, I was invited to my friend Cheryl's home to visit with Our Lady of Fatima again. During this visit, Cheryl brought to my attention that she believed my journey back to my Catholic roots began when Our Lady visited my house several years before. I totally agreed. I also feel that Our Blessed Mother called my husband to become Catholic and called my sister back to her Catholic roots. It was then I remembered that Saint Louis de Montfort said that Mary leads us to her Son, Jesus. Thanks Mary, my Beloved Mother, for leading these lost sheep back to your son, Jesus Christ. ■

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Our Readers Write



New York City Protest of Met Gala (see pp. 11-16)

If someone had told me years ago that this disrespect to our Church and our God would be happening, I would have thought they were crazy. Everyone would have agreed that a Cardinal accepting this outrage is unacceptable, a sign of moral sickness. Please, everyone—say the rosary in reparation. As for the style show—these fashions are not only displeasing to God but they are displeasing to anyone who loves beauty and style. The modern idea of fashion and style is anything but fashionable and stylish; they are UGLY!

D.K., via email

It is a sad day when believing Catholics are forced to organize a rally for the purpose of making reparations for the serious misbehavior and errors by some Catholic clergy. We must pray for these erring clerics and ask the Lord to give them the Graces that they may accept, so that they may have a total conversion like Saint Paul. The Lord always listens to our prayers.

Alan, via email

It was so great to see the large crowd praying to protect our Blessed Mother and her Son's Holy Catholic Church! Cardinal Dolan and Father Martin would not dare support authentic traditional Catholics! Remember, both men attended the gala and commented on how beautiful it was. So sad... we have to pray for Holy Mother Church.

V. B., via email

Thank you for representing the Catholics with such grace for this horrible, disrespectful exhibition at the museum. It is always the Catholics that are trampled. I believe it is because we are



held to a higher standard and the world wants to knock us down. Bring it on, for when we see something we did wrong, we act to make it right. Jesus gave us this church and He will never abandon us. Those who gathered at the rally shone so brightly with grace I am sure it made the passersby go home and ponder. Good job! Be bold, be Catholic!

R. S., via email

This gathering was truly remarkable and I felt privileged to have made the trip. Much thanks to TFP and America Needs Fatima. Indeed, it does feel good to profess Catholicism. It is even better to show strength and devotion.

Tess, via email

Blasphemy ignited, endorsed, and/or ignored and unchecked will lead to the demise of souls and country. God bless you for courageously defending against it! I wish I could have attended, but I was there in spirit. I always share your awesome videos and articles, too. God bless you again and again. I can only imagine how many souls you help save through your good works and prayers.

H. C., via email

I was filled with true joy after reading the article and watching the video from the Met rally! How incredibly awesome! We prayed a family rosary in our home at noon in union with all of you, but I wish I could have been there in person.

Therese, via email

Perhaps it's time to send Cardinal Dolan a message. We don't particularly appreciate how our Church is represented by the Met, and certainly not how he, the Cardinal, represents the Church. If he can't do his job properly, then he should leave and let someone else represent our Church. At any rate, he should always remember that he serves at the pleasure of God.

A. O., via email

How despicable and disrespectful to the Catholic Church, and above all to our Lord and Savior. Shame on Cardinal Dolan, and all others that are calling this Art? A slap in the face to Catholics. How interesting that the exhibition is held from May to October, just like the sequence of the Fatima apparitions... what will the culmination of this be? God has all eternity to decide!

D. P., via email



Have something you'd like to share? Send us your feedback by writing to crusade@TFP.org



Petitions, Candle Delivered to Famous Sacred Heart Shrine

BY VINCENT GORRE

This past May, my wife Miriam and I were asked to personally represent the devout supporters of America Needs Fatima at the famous shrine in Paray-la-Monial, France. This was the privileged place where Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saint Margaret Mary, giving her the image of His Sacred Heart as proof of His love for the human race. While there we delivered the consecration pledges and lit the huge red candle at the chapel of the shrine of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque.

As I prayed at the side altar before the incorrupt body of our beloved saint, I remembered all those who sent in their consecration cards and those whose small red candles were melted down to become part of the one huge candle now flickering beside me.

The Visitation nun who facilitated the visit was kind enough to open the gate into the side altar so that the two bins of consecration cards could be placed beside the petition basket.

According to Saint Claude de Colombiere, the confessor of Saint Margaret Mary, Our Lord Jesus Christ promised to those who would practice devotion to His Sacred Heart: "I promise you that My Heart will expand Itself and pour out in abundance the influences of Its love on those who will render It this honor." ■



Above: The incorrupt body of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque lies as a silent sentinel above the petitions laid at her shrine. *Right:* Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gorre lit one large red candle made from many smaller candles sent from supporters across America.



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Why the Met Exhibit Must Be **DENOUNCED** AND OPPOSED

BY JOHN HORVAT II



Something is sacred when it separates that which belongs to God alone from the rest of the world. The sacred speaks of heavenly things and leaves below earthly concerns. The sacred is outside of time and place. It contains the mystery of all things infinite and ineffable. Indeed, the very word “sacred” comes from the Latin verb *sacrare*, which means to set apart or consecrate.

This is what makes the sacred so attractive to people. The sacred lifts minds to heavenly things beyond the suffering and routine of daily life. It directs people to their natural and final end in God, finding repose for restless hearts. Above all, the sacred provides the means to honor and give glory to God by setting aside time, space and context for this purpose.

A Horrifying Exhibit and Gala

This consideration of the sacred is why so many Catholics are horrified by the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art’s decision to host its “Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination” exhibition. Even worse was the blasphemous Gala event held on May 7th to inaugurate the exhibit that will run until October 10th.

The posh Gala gathering featured a fashion show in which famous women stars dressed in provocative and revealing versions of sacred vestments and symbols—including that of bishops and the pope. Especially perplexing to the faithful is that they did this with the undisguised approval of Cardinal Timothy Dolan and other clerics who attended the affair.

The event was a who’s who of the fashion, social and liberal

world. The Gala introduced the exhibition which consists of revealing Church-themed clothing from major fashion designers presented like caricatures of sacred garments. Sadly, the Holy See lent priceless authentic liturgical vestments and historic sacred objects so that people might see the “inspiration” of these fashion travesties.

Mixing the Sacred and the Obscene

This scandalous exhibit seems to do everything possible to mix the sacred with the obscene. Thus, the seal that separates the sacred is brutally violated.

It is this mix that turns everything upside down. Moreover, this is not just a blending of

Disclaimer: *Due to the immodest and irreverent nature of the Gala costumes, we are unable to publish any photographs of them here in good conscience. Some examples include:*

- Lana Del Rey in an absurd depiction of Our Lady of Sorrows, having seven large swords protruding from her chest, her head topped with blue bird wings.
- Lena Waithe draped herself in an oversized and bold cape, displaying the distinctive six-colored rainbow representing the homosexual movement.
- In the museum itself, one display shows a female mannequin dressed in an immodestly revealing version of a traditional cassock; another display shows yet another female mannequin dressed in what looks like avant-garde papal garb complete with a miter.
- Perhaps the most heinous of the displays is a bondage mask draped with many rosaries.

The public appearance of Cardinal Timothy Dolan at the Met Gala inauguration on May 7, 2018, shocked and perplexed Catholics across the nation.



sacred things with normal worldly things. Instead, it mixes the sacred with the sensual, promiscuous and immoral. The intent is to maximize the contrast between the two while uniting the two in an unholy alliance.

A Nightmare of Macabre Contrasts

The result is a nightmare of depraved and macabre contrasts. Thus, the Gala featured a mini-skirted Rihanna with a jeweled bishop's miter. A Franciscan-cloaked Madonna singing after a performance by the choristers of the Sistine Chapel's choir. Lana del Rey as a sacrilegious parody of Our Lady of Sorrows with her heart pierced by seven swords atop her bodice. Actress Anne Hathaway sporting a red Cardinal's outfit exposing a bare back and indecent cleavage. Even a bondage mask was covered with rosary beads.

Both the show and exhibit have taken those things that are reserved for God alone and prostituted them upon the altar of modern fashion. And its audience applauds the mad drama as if there were no contradiction between the two worlds.

When the sacred is mixed with the immoral, it takes on the character of a sacrilege. For sacred things can only function in a world where God and His Blessed Mother are revered. When immoral things enter, all is sullied and made unclean. God is offended by this mockery, and His justice is invoked.

A New Step in Blasphemy

There have always been those who have committed sacrilegs against the sacred things of the

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Church. There have always been those actors, artists and entertainers who have engaged in blasphemous presentations in third-rate theaters or seedy concert halls. In the past, revolutionaries have invaded churches and desecrated sacred vessels and vestments in mad orgies of hatred.

However, rarely has there been such a display of sacrilege and blasphemy in which the leading figures in society, socialites, and top entertainers have participated. What makes this exhibit so painful to the faithful is the fact that even Church officials looked on with approval in an absurd and groveling gesture to make their peace with the world.

Our Lord's admonition and the experience from centuries of Church history should suffice to prove that there can be no peace with the world. Complicity always ends in disaster. Events like this will ever open the way for new blasphemies in similar contexts as the radicals

on the other side will never be satisfied in their efforts to humiliate the Church. This exhibit represents a callous new step in the spread of blasphemy in America which will contribute toward the breaking of that precarious yet sacred bond that still links America to God. When nothing is sacred, all is permitted. That is why the "Heavenly Bodies" exhibit must be denounced and opposed. ■



Over 600 Catholics gave up their Saturday to join in defense of the Faith; this is a sure sign of hope for America.

from Our Blessed Mother. After the Second World War, this tradition spread. Every year during the month of May, the militaries of many countries send official delegations to pay homage to the Queen of the Angelic Armies and Hosts.

The contingents from Austria, Croatia, Italy, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Ivory Coast, Poland, Albania, Switzerland and, of course, the Vatican arrived intermittently through the week-long event. To and from the Holy Grotto, they marched in formation with bands heralding each country's distinctive martial tunes. As formations crossed in the street, the soldiers honored each other with passing salutes.

After the candlelight rosary procession, the soldiers gathered near the Gave River and began a military musical "war." First, the Croatians began singing, each note swelling louder and stronger. Not to be outdone, the Austrian Army brass band began playing Austrian and German marches. Suddenly, the shrill notes of Scottish bagpipes pierced the night air. Only around 1:00 in the morning was a truce called.

Notwithstanding the late evenings, the soldiers made their visits to the Holy Grotto starting early in the morning. Each group bore massive candles, often so big that they had to



The grotto of Lourdes became resplendent with the vibrant colors of the military participants there.

be carried by two soldiers. They took turns lighting their candles, hearing Mass, being dipped in the waters of the miraculous spring and praying the Holy Rosary at the Grotto. Their devotion proved that it is fitting to be militant and manly in one's piety.

Far from disrupting the eminently blessed atmosphere of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Military Pilgrimage roused in us pilgrims a keen sense of our status as members of the Church Militant. The sight of uniformed soldiers kneeling before Our Lady and praying the Holy Rosary reminded us that we are all combatants in the great war against the world, the flesh and the devil. What an honor it is to be Catholic! What a greater honor it is to be militantly so! ■



The seriousness and order portrayed by this military formation set an exterior example of what we in the Church Militant should strive for in the interior life.



THE HONOR OF
**Catholic
Militancy**
AT LOURDES

BY MICHAEL GORRE

In Lourdes, France, an excited murmur sounded from the crowd of pilgrims. All heads turned in the direction of the rhythmic beat of marching soldiers. It was the legendary Pontifical Swiss Guard. They had just finished praying the Holy Rosary in the grotto where Our Lady appeared to Saint Bernadette Soubirous 160 years ago.

The streets of the small French town swelled with uniformed soldiers from dozens of countries for the Annual Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes. After the First World War, numerous military veterans went to Lourdes to fulfill promises for lives spared and to seek physical and spiritual healing

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