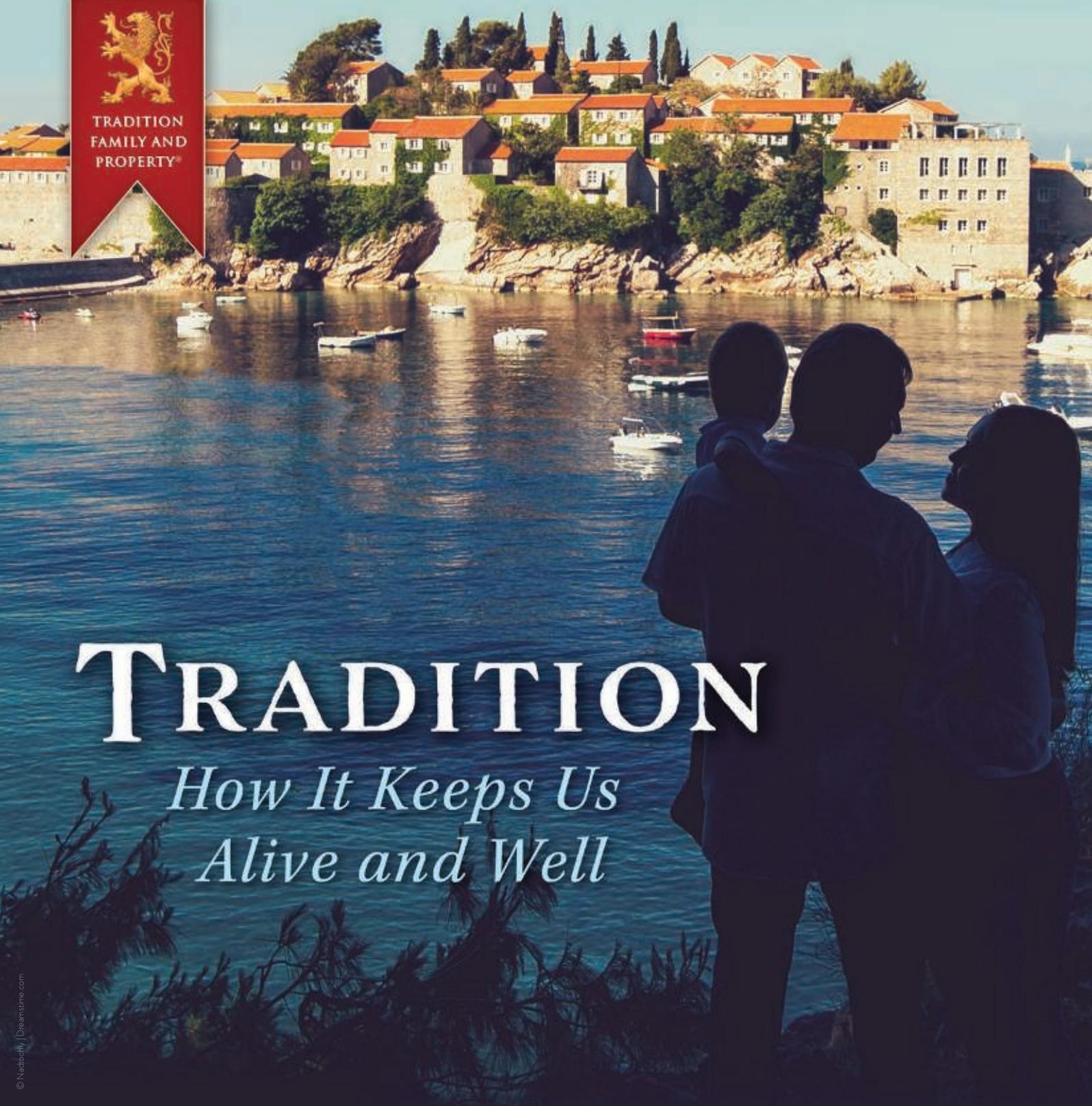
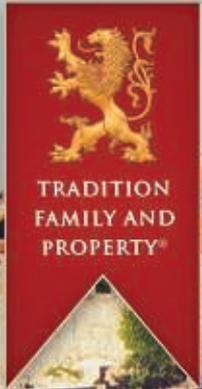


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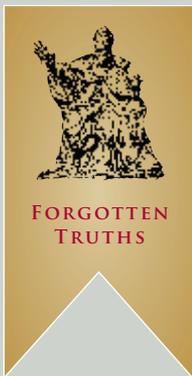
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*How It Keeps Us
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The Church Is Holy Despite Having Sinners Within Her Fold



It is important to answer if the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church can still be Holy when it has so many sinners in its midst. "How can it be the true Church?" people will ask themselves.

The answer lies in the two-fold reality of the Church, both supernatural and natural, divine and human.

The visible human element is subject to the effects of both Original Sin and the state of trial on this earth. Thus, the human element of the Church is subject to sin, even when vested in the priesthood or the

loftiest dignities of the hierarchy.

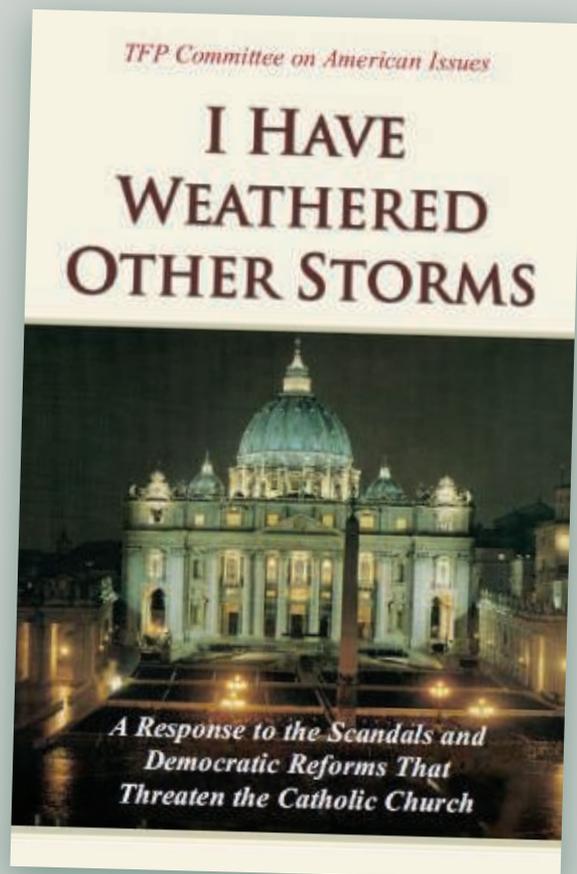
However, there is an important distinction. When a member of the Church sins, he does not sin as a member of the Church or because of the Church. He sins because he is unfaithful to Her principles and to the life of grace She generated in him. Even in this state of sin, a member of the Church in one sense continues to be holy. He is holy because a holy sign, Baptism, links him to the Church and because the Church gives him the principles of truth and holiness contained in Her doctrine, morals, and sacraments.

A sinner is, therefore, a bad member of the Church, who diverges from Her by sinning; it is a partial divergence as long as he retains the Faith. He is an unhealthy member of the Church—like a tumor in a living body, to use Saint Augustine's realistic comparison.

Though he is a wilted branch attached to the vine, the sinner nevertheless preserves in himself some elements of holiness. In him, this holiness is part of belonging to the Church and it sustains him as a member of Her. The sin, which separates him from Her, makes him a son of the devil, in Saint John's strong words.

Therefore, although sin is often present in the human element of the Church, it does not affect the Church Herself. She continues as an adequate means of salvation given by Our Lord Jesus and animated and vivified by the Holy Spirit.

Regardless of how blatant and shocking the scandal is, and no matter how hard Her external and internal adversaries strive



to use it to destroy Her, the Church walks forward serenely on Her way through this world, confiding in Our Lord's words to the Apostles after the Resurrection: "Behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world."

The Church's Mysterious Passion

What can be said, on the other hand, about the self-destructive conduct of so many bishops?

No situation can be more tragic than this mysterious swooning of the hierarchy, a phenomenon so noted and commented on by eminent and learned people over the last forty years. The words of an eminent French theologian, Fr. Joseph de Saint-Marie, O.C.D., are particularly opportune.

We must be faithful to the Church even when Her hierarchy, through a mysterious divine permission, is failing so dramatically. Her infallibility is by no means in doubt, nor is the promise of Christ that "the gates of Hell shall not prevail against Her." However, this promise does not mean there will not be times of darkness. If the Son of God Himself endured death and the sepulchre, how would His Spouse not be called to undergo a similar or rather analogous trial? . . . What mysterious trials of annihilation still await Her? We cannot know what they will be in detail, but what we can know with certainty is that these trials will come. And we can even say they have already started. ■

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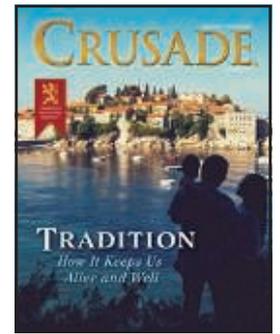
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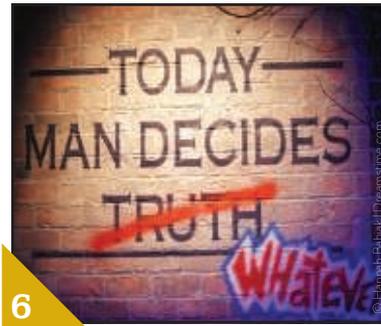
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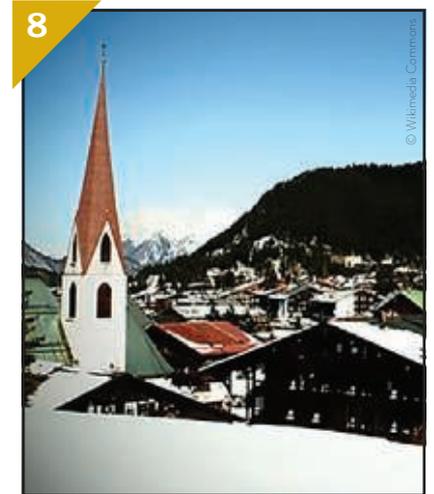


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THE AMERICAN TFP

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 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

Rosary Rallies Blanket Ireland

Thousands of Irish Catholics commemorated the 105th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima with 515 Public Rosary Rallies across the Emerald Isle. The rallies were organized by the Irish Society for Christian Civilisation (ISFCC) and its *Ireland Needs Fatima* campaign. According to the organizers, the rallies were “one of the biggest widespread public manifestations of the Faith in Ireland in recent years” and presented a “fitting way to commemorate Our Lady’s call to challenge

the culture and resist the waves of sin and aberrations rocking the nation.”

Truth Behind Pro-Abortion Rage Revealed

The true motivation behind the rage displayed by abortion supporters over the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* was divulged by an abortion supporter on TikTok. In a clip posted on May 2, a woman named Bridget Gwynn was quoted saying, “In case you’re a man who doesn’t care about *roe v wade* just know that if abortion gets banned hookup culture will be absolutely decimated.” The video received more than 1.2 million views and drew thousands of responses from abortion supporters expressing their horror at the prospect of having to practice greater chastity. “Omg I’m entering my celibacy era,” one user commented. “We all need to collectively agree to never touch another man again if it gets overturned,” another TikToker said. Another user declared that they were “deleting all dating apps as we speak.”



Millennials Would Rather Own Pets Than Have Children

Owning a pet is certainly innocent, but an alarming number of young adults are taking their affection for animals to an absurd extreme. In a recent survey covering one thousand pet owners by *Consumer Affairs*, eighty-one percent of millennials stated that they loved their pets more than a close family member, with a majority admitting to loving their pets over a sibling and even their own mother. Fifty-

eight percent of respondents affirmed that they would rather adopt a pet than have their own children. When questioned about their expenses, millennials reported spending thousands of dollars each year on their pets and said that they were willing to take on an additional job if necessary to cover their pets’ financial needs.

Outspoken Hong Kong Cardinal Arrested by Communist Authorities

On May 11, ninety-year-old Cardinal Joseph Zen was arrested by Hong Kong National Police on the vague charge of endangering communist China’s national security by “colluding with foreign forces.” Cardinal Zen, an outspoken critic of the communist government for its routine persecution of Catholics, has rebuked the Vatican for its 2018 agreement with the communist government over the nomination of new bishops, calling it “a sellout of underground Christians in China.” The cardinal has been targeted over the support he lent to the 2019 Hong Kong pro-democracy protests against Beijing’s tightening grip over the former British territory. Cardinal Zen was released shortly thereafter but is expected to appear on trial alongside five other detainees in September of 2022.

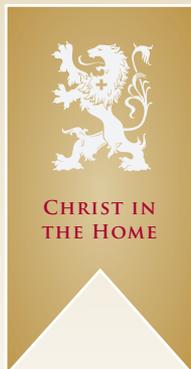


New Research Confirms the Authenticity of the Shroud of Turin

A team of Italian researchers conducted a series of new tests finding that the Shroud of Turin dates from the first century A.D., in contrast to a much-criticized but still widely promoted 1988 Carbon-14 dating study that claimed it to be only seven hundred years old. Working with a team of other researchers, Dr. Liberato De Caro of Italy’s Institute of Crystallography of the National Research Council in Bari tested fibers of the shroud using a newly developed x-ray dating technology called the “Wide-Angle X-ray Scattering” (WAXS) method. The findings from Dr. De Caro’s research, published April 11, 2022, note that the “experimental results are compatible with the hypothesis that the Turin Shroud is a two thousand-year-old relic, as supposed by Christian tradition.” Dr. De Caro pointed out that compared to the reliability of the new x-ray technology, the Carbon-14 dating method used in the 1988 study can be flawed. “Fabric samples are usually subject to all kinds of contamination, which cannot always be controlled and completely removed from the dated specimen,” he said. “If the cleaning procedure of the sample is not thoroughly performed, Carbon-14 dating is not reliable.” ■

It's Time for Grace at Meals

BY FR. RAOUL PLUS, S.J.



A celebrated economist, Frédéric LePlay, once wrote, “Until I can say grace at meals without astonishing any of my guests, I will not believe that I have done enough for the return of good habits.”

Grace at meals seems to be a simple detail. Am I not perhaps attaching too much significance to it? Consider it a detail, if you wish, but it is a detail which proves much.

Author Rene Bazin relates how edified he was while visiting in the north of France as a preparatory study for one of his novels, to observe how the family of an industrialist

said grace faithfully before meals, assigning each child a day to lead.

Another author relates the profound impression made on him by his visit to the home of an outstanding businessman. Before and after dinner, the eight children stood with their parents around the table while the father devoutly recited the meal prayers.

Where the practice of saying grace is found in a family, there is also found true family life blessed with children and with solid piety. There will be no selfishness; instead there will be found a love for tradition, respect for authority, and an undisputed reign of Christ over the home. The saying of grace may be a small thing, but it is an indication of great things.

The Christian family will not be restored, nor will it be maintained, without the restoration and the maintenance of Christian practices—the noblest practices surely, and the most obligatory, but likewise the most insignificant in appearance. However, are there any which are truly insignificant?

“But these things will embarrass our visitors,” one may object. Nothing forces them to pay you a visit, and if they want to, they will undoubtedly respect all customs of the house: the crucifix on the wall, the normal acts of Christian life, as well as the menus prepared for them. No one is obliging them to adopt your conduct, but they can at least accept it while they are with you.

The saying of grace may be a small thing, but it is an indication of great things.

The real motive for not wanting to say grace before meals, if you are truly honest, is not charity for others, but human respect and a concern for yourself. You are afraid; you do not dare.

The fact is that your visitors will be either Christian or non-Christian. Why among Christians should one blush because of Christ? If the guests are not Christians, will they be astonished at Christian acts, knowing the atmosphere of the home and the character of those who dwell in it? It is good to wish that the homes of our nation become Christian again. But to realize this, we must begin with our own. ■

Note: Adapted from Raoul Plus, S.J.'s *Christ in the Home* (Colorado Springs, CO: Gardner Brothers, 1951), pp. 243 – 245. This book is a treasure chest of advice for Catholics on the practical and spiritual concerns of raising a family.



Blessing Before Meals:

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

(Preceded and followed by the Sign of the Cross.)

Blessing After Meals:

We give Thee thanks, Almighty God, for these and all Thy benefits, Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

(Preceded and followed by the Sign of the Cross.)



The WHATEVER Mentality

BY NORMAN FULKERSON

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In 1994, the English rock band Oasis released a song titled “Whatever.” Its leftist cultural message is summarized in one of the closing lines of a stanza: “Whatever I like,” the song goes, “if it’s wrong or right, it’s alright.” I had not heard of this song until researching the meaning of a bathroom sign I saw in a craft beer shop in Youngsville, North Carolina.

The sign for a single bathroom had an image on the left that seems to be a mermaid while the one on the right looks like a centaur from Greek mythology that is both man and horse. He has a bird perched on his arm. It implies that those entering can be anything they imagine themselves to be: male, female, animal, or a mixture of all. Every option is given in a gender-confused world.

What drew my attention most was the word “WHATEVER” in all caps written above the images, followed by a directive to “Just wash your hands.” The word can be used as an adjective to mean “at all” or “of any kind” as in “they received no help whatever.” However, the informal use of the word as an *exclamation* expresses a reluctance to discuss something or, more importantly, an *indifference* to the matter.

This use is a sarcastic way that indifferent people deal with the politically charged “bathroom-wars” issue. Lamentably, most people will just laugh it off by exclaiming “Whatever, just wash your hands and forget about it.” The gender-confused are appeased, and the owner is satisfied that all get a good laugh. This indifference to serious matters

is the most problematic part of the controversy since it favors the wrong position.

There Are No Neutrals in the Culture War

When looking at the myriad grave cultural issues that beset our world, this “whatever mentality” is very dangerous. If the sane among us were to speak out more courageously, the world would not be in its current mess. Those infected with the “whatever mentality” lull themselves to sleep with their centrist position.

The example of the student revolts of the sixties comes to mind. The students’ radicalism was facilitated by messages similar to the “Whatever” sign mentioned above. A powerful message of the protesters at the 1968 Sorbonne Revolution in



The classic architecture of Sorbonne University in Paris, France, belies the revolutionary seedbed that it became in the 1960s.

Paris, France said, "It is forbidden to forbid." Their American counterparts proclaimed, "If it feels good, do it."

The centrists of the time tried to downplay the severity of the student revolt as merely the unruly impulses of rebellious youth that would eventually fade away. They did not! Meanwhile, these centrists lulled themselves to sleep with their comfortable position of neutrality camouflaged so well by those pithy sayings similar to the bathroom sign.

What the centralists of 1968 and now 2022 refuse to accept is what Professor Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira made clear in his masterpiece *Revolution and Counter-Revolution*. He affirms that "there are no neutrals in face of Revolution and Counter-Revolution" although there may be "noncombatants, whose will are in one of the two camps, whether consciously or not."

He proved this point in a very psychological way. Whenever a Counter-Revolutionary is debating a topic, like the bathroom-wars issue, with a Revolutionary, the person who declares neutrality will always side with the Revolutionary position.¹ Thus, they are not neutral at all. They may even be infected with the "whatever-mentality." Indeed, being "whatever" in a world dominated by the Revolution is permissible as long as the individual is not a Counter-Revolutionary.

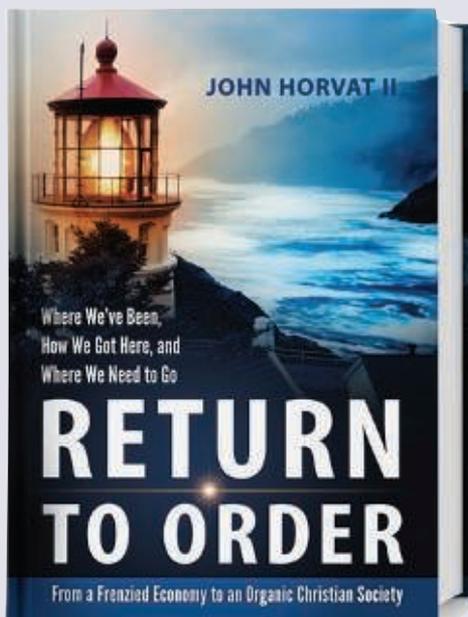
Our Lord Jesus Christ would agree since He declared, "He who is not with Me is against Me." He was even more categorical when He stated, through the mouth of Saint John, we must be hot or cold otherwise, "I will begin to vomit thee out of my mouth."

In the face of Revolutionary ideas and trends, we must take a strong stance based on principles. A Counter-Revolutionary should never take a flippant attitude in face of an objective disorder. More importantly, we should never do anything to provoke a laugh about a very serious matter. ■

¹ We use the terms Revolutionary and Counter-Revolutionary as Prof. Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira did in his book *Revolution and Counter-Revolution*.



You can be "whatever" you want in a world dominated by the Revolution so long as you are not Counter-Revolutionary.



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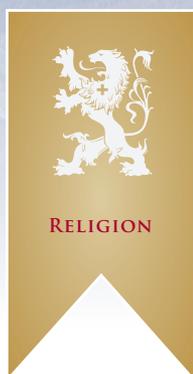
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Eucharistic Miracle in Seefeld, Austria

BY THOMAS BUSWELL



Though at first glance one would not expect it, the tiny Austrian village of Seefeld, today home to little more than three thousand people, was the sight of a spectacular Eucharistic miracle over six hundred years ago.

On March 25, 1384, which was simultaneously Holy Thursday and the Feast of the Annunciation, the knight Oswald Müsler attended Holy Mass in the parish church of St. Oswald in Seefeld.

The Eucharistic Miracle Happened on Holy Thursday in 1384

Müsler was infamous for unjustly imprisoning those traveling through his lands and extorting money from them. Those who could not pay would be left to rot away and die in prison. When this fearsome knight arrived armed with his men on Holy Thursday, the local priest dared not refuse his demand for an especially large host, typically reserved for priests.

The Blood Host and the Knight Oswald Müsler

Instead of kneeling, Müsler demanded the large Host be given to him while standing. However, as he received Communion, the huge, formidable knight immediately sank to his knees as the stone floor beneath his feet gave way like quicksand! While falling, he desperately attempted to grasp the nearby altar for support, only to find that the hard stone altar melted through



Late medieval portrayal of the proud Knight Oswald sinking through the floor while presuming to receive the Holy Eucharist standing.

his fingers like a knife through hot butter. Utterly helpless, the knight cried out in desperation to God for mercy. Like Goliath, this proud giant was humbled by Our Lord. He then begged the same priest whom he had previously threatened to now remove the Host he had unworthily received from his mouth.

As soon as the priest had removed the Host, the ground suddenly became stable, and the knight regained his footing. Many in the church observed how the Host had turned bright red, dripping with blood! Deeply humbled by this clear rebuke from Our Lord, the knight immediately entered the nearby monastery in Stams (Tyrol), where he did two years of severe penance for his sins before dying a natural death.

News of the miracle spread rapidly throughout the whole realm, and soon a hostel was constructed to house the many visiting pilgrims. The knight Parzifal von Weineck donated the gilded monstrance, which still contains the

miraculous Host today. Realizing the church building was too small, Duke Friedrich IV of Austria commissioned a new church to be constructed. The location was the favorite pilgrimage site of Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I and Archduke Ferdinand II of Austria, who commissioned the special chapel (called the “Heiligenblutkappelle”) to house the bloodstained Host. Thus, St. Oswald’s Church in Seefeld remains one of Austria’s most popular pilgrimage destinations. The marks left by the knight on the altar and the floor can still be seen there today.

Give Honor and Glory to God

The tale of this proud knight being humbled on the occasion of Holy Thursday should serve to remind us of how we should view the Lenten season. Our Lord chose to manifest his displeasure and chastise Müsler on the double feast of Holy Thursday and the Annunciation for a reason. On Holy Thursday, we remember Our Lord’s emphasis on the importance of humility by His washing of His disciples’ feet. On the feast of the Annunciation, we also commemorate the Blessed Virgin’s tremendous humility, docility, and submission to the will of God as she declared, “*Ecce Ancilla Domini, fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum*” (Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word). Therefore, we must seek to imitate this humility since, as Saint Augustine argued, it is the foundation of all virtues. The contrary vice of pride is the root of all sin. In so doing, we will give honor and glory to God.

Furthermore, the acquiescence of the Seefeld parish priest to Oswald Müsler’s request for the Eucharist must not be repeated by the clergy of our time. Priests must learn from Our Lord’s rebuke to Müsler, who so callously abused his power by unjustly imprisoning and starving traveling merchants to death. They must not be intimidated by those today who abuse their power and disregard the intrinsic value of human life. Today, politicians and world leaders wield far greater power than knights and nobles of old. One might ask if they openly abuse their power like Müsler to harm the weak.

The Inalienable Right to Life

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* provides the answer. It states that the “inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation” (CCC: 2273). However, many politicians abuse their power by voting for pro-abortion legislation. Is this not a violation of God’s law by depriving unborn babies of their “inalienable right to life?”

Describing violations of the Fifth Commandment, the *Catechism* unequivocally states that “formal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense” (CCC: 2272) while Canon Law 1398 declares that “a person who procures a completed abortion incurs a *latae sententiae* excommunication”. Thus, politicians who knowingly facilitate the murder of the unborn may therefore be at risk of *ipso facto* excommunication, even if the excommunication is not declared publicly. Several of these politicians who publicly, knowingly, and persistently support this excommunicable offense against God’s law still attempt to receive Holy Communion.

Such politicians are expressly forbidden to do so under Canon Law 915: “Those who have been excommunicated or interdicted after the imposition or declaration of the penalty and others obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to Holy Communion”.

But I Call You to Account for His Blood (Ezech. 33:8)

However, can Christians judge the sins of another like this? While only God can look into our hearts, the faithful are indeed called to correct others from their manifest public sins: “If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked man from his way: that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but I will require his blood at thy hand” (Ezech. 33:8). Denying pro-abortion politicians Communion would thereby demonstrate their need to repent like Müsler, while also complying with official Church teachings surrounding the necessary preconditions for worthy reception of the Blessed Sacrament.

Several bishops have emphasized that it scandalizes the faithful when politicians who publicly and persistently violate the official moral teaching of the Church are treated by the clergy as though they were in a state of grace. The *Catechism* also explains how such scandals can easily lead others into sin. Such behavior suggests to the faithful that repentance from grave sins such as procured abortion is apparently unnecessary (CCC: 2284). The clergy, therefore, have the pastoral duty to refuse such people Holy Communion to draw attention to the evil being done to innocent life, the “constitutive element” of Christian civilization (CCC: 2273).

Priests must learn from Our Lord’s rebuke to Müsler . . . They must not be intimidated by those today who abuse their power and disregard the intrinsic value of human life.

“So Whoever Eats the Bread or Drinks the Cup of the Lord Unworthily is Guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord”

Remembering the story of Oswald Müsler, we must not let ourselves be intimidated by those who unjustly abuse their power to harm the weak. Müsler’s formidable worldly strength was utterly useless in the end when Our Lord intervened. The clergy should learn from the story of this miracle to resist the Müslers of our time, not least of all for the good of their own souls. Saint Paul’s warning must never be forgotten: “Therefore whosoever shall eat this bread, or drink the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Lord” (1 Cor. 11:27).

Our Lord sees inside our souls and knows all our secrets. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that we are in a state of grace each time we receive Holy Communion, rather than attempting to satisfy prideful desires to appear outwardly pious while living a life in grave sin. This is the lesson of Oswald Müsler. ■

TRADITION

How It Keeps Us Alive and Well

BY VINCENT GORRE



There is no doubt that humanity has benefitted from many advances that modernity has brought to the world. However, along with these benefits, modernity has also caused suffering, destruction, and loss of lives. These negative factors are now reaching crisis proportions and polarizing the nation as we search for solutions.

As a result of this crisis, there is a war raging. It is a war of values, and it can be characterized as a war between traditionalists and modernists.

Traditionalists are people who have a deep respect for long-held cultural and religious values. For them, these values are anchors that provide order and stability to society. Modernists, on the other hand, are those who embrace new ideas, styles, and trends. For them, traditional values are chains that restrict individual freedom, autonomy, and the pursuit of happiness.

Every culture consists of codes of conduct, dress, language, rituals, norms of behavior. These involve laws, morality, and religious belief.

Into these fields, modernity and tradition each exercise their influence, often combating inside souls and altering how people think, feel, and act.

Tradition and religion are inseparable in this fight since God is involved in history. Thus, we can say that anti-tradition is also anti-religion. As Christians, we defend tradition because it is one of the pillars of Christian civilization, the most perfect civilization.

Facing the world problems, we need to ask if the modernist approach will always work in



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solving the problems we face. We need to see the role of tradition as refuge when modernity takes us away from our values.

Indeed, the lessons of history show that abandoning tradition has disastrous consequences. Tradition plays a large and critical part in the betterment of people's lives, because the past has a powerful influence over the present and acts as a guide for the future.

In this article, we will look at how modernity and tradition affect people's lives. We will see how they work in practice and the outcomes they can achieve when society is influenced by either one or the other. And we will see what true progress means as opposed to a revolutionary and unbalanced progress.

Wellspring of Modernity

Modernity (beginning in the late fifteenth/early sixteenth century) introduced the idea that the goal of society is a utopian vision of life. It

rejects religious and moral principles as its guiding light and relies on science and technology for everything. Modernity introduced the notion of the autonomous individual oriented toward self-realization that is more important than the family and replaces the family as the basic unit of society.

As a result, the modern man is autonomous in his beliefs and is detached from the lessons of history, precedent, and community. He creates his own identity rather than being defined by his family or tradition. Educated by modern theorists, he considers the world "as only made up of physical objects in time and space, interacting mechanically as causes and effects according to laws which can be mathematically formulated."¹

In other words, he believes in a godless world, made up of things without final causes, moral order or meaning. The influence of individualism can be seen today in our culture, politics, religion, science, art, and technology.

Historian Jacques Barzun traced the beginning of the modern era from Martin Luther's Protestant revolt in 1517. Barzun noted that the modern era is punctuated by the four great revolutions – "the religious, monarchical, liberal, and social, roughly a hundred years apart – whose aims and passions still govern our minds and behavior."²

The Brazilian Catholic leader and founder of the Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) movement, Professor Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira, goes even deeper in his analysis of the modern world. He wrote that "the many crises shaking the world today – those of the state, family, economy, culture and so on – are but multiple aspects of a single fundamental crisis whose field of action is man himself. In other words, these crises have their root in the most profound problems of the soul, from whence they spread to the whole personality of present-day man and all his activities."³

The Failings of Modernity

In spirit and in practice, modernity's shortcomings are numerous. Although many of its achievements improved people's lives, its negative impact upon society has increased over the years. This can especially be seen in the decay of traditional morality, the social impact of globalization, the implosion of populations, and the excesses of the sexual revolution.

According to federal crime data, the number of violent crimes has increased by almost fifty percent over the last ten years.⁴ Suicide in the

¹ R.T. Allen, *The Education of Autonomous Man*.

² Jacques Barzun, *From Dawn to Decadence, 500 years of Western Cultural Life*.

³ Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira, *Revolution and Counter-Revolution*.

⁴ <https://crime-data-explorer.app.cloud.gov/pages/explorer/crime/crime-trend>.

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GERHARD KRUGER



Modern populations are increasingly overfed, malnourished, sedentary, sunlight-deficient, sleep-deprived, and socially isolated. These changes in lifestyle each contribute to poor physical health and affect the incidence and treatment of depression.

United States is a major national public health issue. We have the highest suicide rate among wealthy nations. In 2018, 14.2 people per 100,000 died by suicide, the highest rate recorded in more than thirty years and still rising.⁵ According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), 2020 marked a record low fertility rate of 1.6 births per woman, the sixth straight year with a decline. A fertility rate of 2.1 is needed to maintain a stable population.⁶

At the same time, the Federal Reserve reports that consumer debt in the United States is approaching a record-breaking \$16 trillion,⁷ while the U.S. Treasury Department reported that the gross national debt surpassed \$30 trillion.⁸

Tragically, the traditional family is in rapid decline. According to the Pew Research Center, the American family is changing in many ways: cohabitation is on the rise, more adults are delaying

or forgoing marriage, a growing share of children are living with an unmarried parent, and same-sex “marriage” is legal in all fifty states.⁹

These statistics paint a dire picture of our modern world. No wonder people are having a hard time adjusting to evolving technology, social norms and behaviors, and modernistic values. There are no anchors to provide stability.

“By Their Fruits You Shall Know Them”

Statistics alone prove that it can be dangerous to live in a densely populated modern city. When morality breaks down in society, the cities become platforms from which the greater number of people are exposed to greater opportunities to commit crimes. There are more stores to rob and more places to attack an unsuspecting victim. In addition, this moral decay leads to worse living conditions and declining health, both physical and emotional.

The traditional city favors proportion, harmony, and morals. There is a relationship between the inhabitants and the countryside. The people are never completely removed from their access to the fields, valleys, rivers, and mountains where tranquility and the normal, balanced way of country living still permeate the life of the small city. This condition results in a more pleasant, calm, and stable way of life.

With population control, sexual immorality and same-sex “marriages” widely practiced today, many countries are experiencing negative growth rates. Morally and even economically, this trend spells disaster for any country. A shrinking population can result in labor shortages, lower tax revenue, higher per-capita debt, and weakened GDP growth;¹⁰ as well as, logically, eventual extinction.

Furthermore, family structure and economic well-being are also closely related. A traditional, intact, married family outperforms all other sexual partnering structures. Consequently, the economy prospers with unbroken families and flounders with broken families.

Intact traditional families enjoy, on average, larger incomes, greater net worth, and greater year-to-year net worth growth. A survey also found that ninety-seven percent of millennials who follow the “success sequence”—receive at least a high school degree, work, marry, and bear children—

⁵ <https://www.commonwealthfund.org/press-release/2020/new-international-report-health-care-us-suicide-rate-highest-among-wealthy>.

⁶ <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/vsrr/vsrr012-508.pdf>.

⁷ <https://www.visualcapitalist.com/us-consumer-debt-16-trillion/>.

⁸ <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/personal-finance/u-s-national-debt-surpasses-30-trillion-what-this-means-for-you/>.

⁹ <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/04/10/as-family-structures-change-in-u-s-a-growing-share-of-americans-say-it-makes-no-difference/>.

¹⁰ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2019/01/31/population-growth-rate-fastest-growing-shrinking-states/38918791/>.

never experience poverty in their young adult years (ages 28-34). Married couples also create the best economic environment for children. Their children experience more economic mobility and less poverty in childhood and are more likely to earn a higher income and work more hours as an adult than those raised in alternative family structures.

Marriage is also essential on the macroeconomic level. Married Americans spend more money than their cohabiting, divorced, single, and never-married counterparts.¹¹ According to Pew analysis of IRS data, married couples pay roughly three-fourths of the nation's income taxes, despite the decline in marriage.¹²

Indeed, the institution of the traditional family is crucial to the survival and success of society and state, which lives from its vitality. The traditional family, comprised of husband, wife, and children, is the basic unit of society from which good traditional Christian values are inculcated, practiced, and passed on from generation to generation.

Villages, towns, regions, and states are born from large, patriarchal and hierarchical families. Their stability, progress and their very survival depends upon a robust family life, guided by and infused with sound religious principles that can successfully confront life's problems. In the words of Pope Pius XII, "From the exuberant life of a true people, a rich and abundant life is diffused in the state and all its organs, infusing them with ever-renewed vigor, the consciousness of its own responsibility and a true sense of the common good."¹³

True Progress

The idea of tradition is often misunderstood. When progressives and modernists characterize it as old, outdated, or stuck in the past, they do not understand that true progress needs tradition. Prof. Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira writes that "Tradition and progress complement each other so harmoniously that, just as tradition without progress would be a contradiction in terms, progress without tradition would be a foolhardy proposition, a leap into darkness."¹⁴ It is not by going forward to the unknown, but by going back to tradition that solutions to humanity's problems will be found, and equilibrium of society can be restored.

Furthermore, the TFP founder claims that "tradition is something very different from a simple attachment to a vanished past; it is the

very opposite of a reaction mistrustful of all healthy progress. The word itself is etymologically synonymous with advancement and forward movement—synonymous, but not identical. Whereas in fact, progress means only a forward march, step by step, in search of an uncertain future, tradition also signifies a forward march, but a continuous march as well, a movement equally brisk and tranquil, in accordance with life's laws."¹⁵

The Silencing of Tradition

Thus, tradition is critical to our survival. However, tradition is presently not only ignored, but attacked. For the modernist, traditional values and ideas do not count as valid principles. Hatred of tradition is reflected in the liberal media, and consequently in the population at large, that blindly follows the media. Sociologist Emile Durkheim theorizes that society follows whatever the dominant majority does.

Mass media's power to influence people's beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors has a two-fold effect. A Harvard University research study found that the media influences the individual directly (privately) or indirectly (socially). In the private effect, media information about new norms may persuade individuals to accept them. In the social effect, the information creates common knowledge of a norm and enhances social coordination as individuals more readily accept the information if they believe others have also accepted it.

Another way that tradition is suppressed is through "propaganda-by-omission." Normally, propaganda is created through tangible words or images. However, it can also occur via the absence of such stimuli. Modern media outlets typically only present their side of the story.

Nowadays, people sometimes say that "times have changed," or that "these are different times." The implication is that people must accept or adjust to change. Historian Jacques Barzun wrote that, "when the people accept futility and the absurd as normal, the culture is decadent." The false notion of change for the sake of change was influenced by Charles Darwin's physical evolution theories. Anthropologist Lewis Henry Morgan applied evolutionary principles to social phenomena and called it social evolution. Modern sociologists accept this theory as scientifically valid. Thus, social evolutionists believe that the

¹¹ http://marrimedia.org/effects_of_family_structure_on_the_economy-fn_13.

¹² https://marrimedia.org/effects_of_family_structure_on_the_economy?utm_source=pocket_mylist.

¹³ Pope Pius XII, "Radio message of Christmas of 1944."

¹⁴ Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira, *Commentaries on Devotion to Our Lady*, p. 145.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, p.145.



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transition from the Middle Ages to the modern age has been one of a continuous improvement and that change was inevitable.

Society changes according to the hearts, minds, and wills of its people. There are historic laws that mandate change. If Martin Luther did not start a revolt in the sixteenth century, there would not have been a Protestant revolution that divided Christendom. If Marx and Engels were never born, there would never have been a communist revolution that killed millions of people around the world. Social evolution theory is therefore absurd.

In his book on tradition, Josef Pieper quoted fellow German philosopher Gerhard Kruger who wrote that, “The only reason we’re still alive is our inconsistency in not having actually silenced all tradition.”¹⁶

“The Art of Living Wisely” in a Modern World

Those who suffer from the present crisis are offered many options to flee from the problems. From the so-called “Benedict Option” to off-grid living, they dream of owning land, growing their own food, generating their own electricity, living without any government assistance, and gaining a new sense of independence. They crave peace, quiet, solitude, and a total alternative lifestyle, where you can truly live far from the chaos of the modern world.

There is nothing wrong with seeking an alternative to the decadence of today. However, retreating from the battlefields of the cultural war is fleeing from the struggle between good and evil. Our Lord Jesus Christ told us that, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.”¹⁷ As true followers of Christ, embracing our crosses and confidently following the will of God through His Most Blessed Mother is the true alternative.

Christian militancy not only involves fighting against our own, but also opposing the enemies

of God and His Church. Two sins today provoke God’s anger more than other sins. They tend to destroy society and God’s order in the world: willful murder (including abortion) and sodomy (homosexuality). Fighting these two evils means engaging today’s culture.

The challenges of living in an insane, chaotic world are overwhelming at times, but knowing and embracing authentic Catholic tradition makes life worth living. In the words of Prof. Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira, “when the triumphant vulgarity of an increasingly egalitarian world, the noisy, frantic, and hurly-burly rhythm of daily life, and the instability threatening all institutions, all rights and all situations cause neurosis, anguish, and stress in millions of our contemporaries, then tradition appears to them as an elevated rest for the soul, good sense, good breeding, good order and, in a word, the art of living wisely.”¹⁸

Defending Tradition with Our Lady

The Mother of all mothers, the Blessed Virgin Mary, knows us better than our own mothers. She cares and so she warns. She showed humanity the way to confront the present crisis. We cannot ignore her messages, especially the Fatima message. What she said there in 1917 is as relevant today as it was then, if not even more so.

The tradition we defend comes from her Divine Son Who personally gave us principles that are eternal which serve as the basis for an organic Christian society. He said, “Heaven and earth shall pass, but my words shall not pass.”¹⁹ They are principles that should govern the lives of all Christians wherever, and whenever, they may live.

Modernity is bankrupt spiritually, morally, intellectually, and politically. The strength of tradition is the key to averting catastrophe. In its principles and practices, tradition will keep us alive and well in this troubled world. ■

¹⁶ Josef Pieper, *Tradition: Concept and Claim*.

¹⁷ Matt. 16:24.

¹⁸ <https://www.tfp.org/TFP-tradition/>.

¹⁹ Matt. 23:35.



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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022

PROGRESS REPORT

Dear Soldier of Our Lady,

It is coming up soon!

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, people all across the country will be united in prayer at noon, local time, participating in the world's largest network of rosary rallies ever.

America Needs Fatima's Public Square National Rosary Rally Campaign in honor of the Miracle of the Sun is not an event to be missed! That is why I am asking you to become a rally captain.

It is easy to do.

Just grab a few friends and some rosaries and go to a public place to pray for our nation. It is as simple as that!

To sign up, just call (866) 584-6012 or you can visit our website at ANF.org and sign up from there. You will also find plenty of free downloadable rally materials on the ANF website - like a Rosary Rally Manual and rally fliers and banners.

If you feel help is needed at any time, just call the number above or e-mail me at anfrosaryrally@aol.com.

What if you are already a captain? Then I thank you! And I invite you to tell others about our mission and recruit more captains for Our Lady. The more rosary rallies that are held, the more hearts Our Lady's message will touch!

Society so badly needs prayers. Abortion is rampant, transgenderism and homosexuality have become more normalized, especially with the influence of the Drag Queen Story Hours, and Satanism is on the rise. That is why we hold public rallies like these every year: to reach the hardened hearts of men with our prayers and bring them back to the Faith, to implore Our Lord to have mercy on our broken nation, and to bring graces to our communities.



Please join us and hundreds of thousands of Catholics in this monumental and historic event! Such actions will surely bring comfort to the sorrowful Hearts of Jesus and Mary, who are already so very much offended.

Thank you, and may God bless you!
In Jesus and Mary,
Robert E. Ritchie
Director



TAKEN FROM ANF'S PUBLICATION, *BATTLELINES*

Preserving the Sanctity of Marriage

More than 1,500 Saint Joseph Rosary Rallies were held across the country as part of the Traditional Marriage Crusade. A tremendous victory for God's law!

A report tells us of Tradition, Family and Property/ America Needs Fatima friends and supporters in Florida who held rosary rallies at Tropical Park in metropolitan Miami and in Miami Springs. Tropical Park rally participants said they were very blessed to be part of proclaiming the true meaning of marriage, as the TFP/ANF banner resolutely proclaimed: Marriage = One Man + One Woman! The rally was supported with many honks from motorists who were passing along the busy avenue.

At another location, more than thirty-five TFP/ANF friends and supporters gathered in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, for a rosary rally of reparation in honor of the Traditional Marriage Crusade.

One of the rally supporters said, "Our Lady stopped the rain for our rosary! One man got out of his truck to go to a nearby business, saw us praying and got back in his truck to grab his rosary and join us in prayer! We also used a microphone so people frequenting the businesses heard us praying. God is good!"

ANF supporters hold these rallies annually to make reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and to fervently pray for a restoration of traditional marriage in America.

As Catholics, we know without any doubt that marriage can only occur between one man and one woman, period. We know that despite what men or men's laws state to the contrary, marriage always has been and always will be between one man and one woman. God bless these faithful prayer warriors for taking a public stand for God's marriage! ■



Take a stand today to defend traditional marriage in your community by hosting your own peaceful and legal rosary rally of reparation. We will help you organize the rally and provide you with a free rosary rally manual and banner, so all you have to do is show up and pray!

Jose Ferraz is ready to help you at a moment's notice to ensure your rosary rally has the right impact. Just call him, toll-free, at 844-830-3570 or e-mail him at Protest@TFP.org.



We Dried Our Lady's Tears

On June 25, feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, approximately eighty participants of the TFP Louisiana Call to Chivalry camp poured into the French Quarter in New Orleans, Louisiana. They commemorated the fifty-year anniversary of the miraculous weeping of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima*.

In remembrance of Our Lady's Fatima request to console her Immaculate Heart, make reparation, and pray for the conversion of sinners, the boys of the camp publicly marched through the French Quarter praying the rosary and singing hymns.

The march circled the St. Louis Cathedral. The boys of the camp also traveled to some of the churches the Pilgrim Virgin visited on her 1972 tour in New Orleans. One was Holy Rosary and another was St. Stephen.

The day finished with a rally in front of Planned Parenthood. The boys were enthusiastic after the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*. The rosary, bagpipes and drums, signs and banners were impossible to miss. Many people honked or waved their support; some screamed and gesticulated their vulgar opposition. One angry man threw eggs at the TFP prayer warriors. Thankfully, "He had very bad aim," said TFP Louisiana director Thomas Drake.

America Needs Fatima thanks all those who donated to make this pilgrimage possible. So many dear friends made huge sacrifices so everyone could make this trip and console



Our Lady. Thank you also to all who submitted intentions to Our Lady of Tears; you and your intentions were remembered in our prayers along the way. As one participant remarked, "If I could see that we dried just one tear from Our Lady, my life would be complete!" ■

*The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is under the custodianship of the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA.

God Always. Satan, Never!

TFP/ANF friends and supporters in Lebanon, Ohio, gathered to hold a rosary rally of reparation against The Satanic Temple's "After School Satan Club," which holds monthly after-school activities for young children inside Donovan Elementary School.

Rally captains Anthony and Darlene said that although rain clouds started to form as the participants were praying, Our Lady blessed them and the rain held off until they finished their prayers.

Darlene said the rally members, including several who drove a great distance from Kentucky to participate, peacefully



and legally protested across the street from the school, and were visible to parents and children as they drove by. She affirmed, "Anthony and I could not have done this without the help of everyone who joined us—including Anthony, himself, who traveled two-and-a-half hours from his home to Lebanon and back."

May Our Lady reward rally captains Anthony and Darlene and their faithful prayer warriors for protesting the exposure of children and youth to Satanism.

When Rally Captain Christopher found out that an organization called the Satanic Bay Area was holding a black mass in Oakland, California, he sprang into action to organize a rosary rally of reparation.

Although the peaceful and legal rally was planned on short notice, Christopher was pleased that there were nine people there to pray that Satan not be honored by any ceremony, private or public.

"I felt a calling from Our Lady to plan this rally because a black mass involves the desecration of the Eucharist and that is a grave sacrilege against Our Lord Jesus Christ," he said. "Considering the short notice and time to get prepared, the rally turned out better than I could have imagined! Thanks to Our Lady and Saint Joseph and special thanks to the ANF staff for helping us to get it rolling." ■



Our Readers Write



Crusade Magazine

“I had to tell you that last year’s March-April edition of *Crusade Magazine* was exceptional. It answered so many questions about morality and papal statements that I had been pondering for many months.”

M. A., East Aurora, New York

“The *Crusade Magazine* is so interesting and inspiring, with a definite focus on our precious Faith. I read it cover to cover. Thank you so much. It’s like a gift from the Holy Spirit through you. I pray your chaplet to St. Michael the Archangel, too, every night before bed, along with the Rosary.”

C. B., Brooklyn, New York

“Your magazine gives me hope for the present and the future. Thank you.”

C. C., Alameda, California

“Thank you so much for the rosary. Please send me *Crusade Magazine*. I am a revert to the Catholic Faith (having left it and returned) and need all the encouragement and support I can get to continue on the right path. Also, any materials or books you can send me will be greatly appreciated.”

M. H., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

ANF Apostolate

“Thank you for sending me the beautiful items and timely protests. Our grandchildren are getting hit from all sides with racial indoctrination in our schools in the form of this ‘Critical Race Theory,’ the filth of so many tv shows and movies, the clothing in stores that is demoralizing, and now Satanic items being sold from retailers. A word of thanks for the calendar; it has so much religious information that will keep me informed on different feast days and religious holidays.”

J. L. F., Ville Platte, Louisiana

“I am a member of your *Child of Mary* program with a small monthly gift. I am happy that in my small little way I can be of help to the organization. I always treasure the things you send me. Thank you very much and may GOD always guide you with Mama Mary’s intercession.”

C. D., Kissimmee, Florida

“We appreciate the gifts that are sent to us. We are given hope in these difficult times we live in today. The gifts are inspiring; they make us try to live according to God’s laws, truth, and teachings.”

A. Z., Verona, New Jersey

“Thank you for your service mission to our beloved Almighty God.”

E. T., Los Angeles, California

“Thank you for your letter. I cannot explain how happy I was when I opened this envelope and saw the beautiful smile of Our Lady! I am happy to help in spreading the love of Our Lady, which is the rosary, to the world. I am praying that our beloved Mother will show me the way to extend more of my help to the world.

“I used your rosary from the day I received it. I was glad to join the group Our Lady’s Companions, to be a part of the group of supporters for the men that work as messengers of Mama Mary, taking her and her story around the country into homes. Thank you for leading me to be a part of Mama Mary’s Companions.”

R. O., Barrigada, Guam

Monthly Rosary Rallies

“I met today with our priest and scheduled Public Rosaries and Rosary Walks outside for every month this year! Of course, the big October Rally will be in conjunction with all of ANF’s rallies across America at noon on the marked day! We are St. Margaret’s parish in Bel Air, Maryland, and its mission church St. Mary Magdalen.”

J. Z., Aberdeen, Maryland

“My husband and I have set the 3rd Saturday of each month, weather conditions allowing, for a Public Rosary in front of the Cathedral of Christ the King in Atlanta, Georgia. Our pastor is open to this continuation, and so we usually gather around 10 or more people to pray for our nation, leaders, Church, conversions of heart and mind, for traditional marriage, strength and courage in our families, to name a few. With the current dire situations in need of prayer, this is the least we can do for our country, leaders, families, and our Catholic Faith.”

D. O., Smyrna, Georgia



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School Board Says NO to Satan Club in Elementary School

BY JOHN RITCHIE



Satanism failed this time.

On April 19, 2022, the Northern York School Board voted against allowing an After School Satan Club to operate at Northern Elementary School. The school board's eight to one decision to protect children from evil was received with applause by the local community. However, The Satanic Temple already retaliated with a lawsuit.

The controversial proposal to open a pro-satanic club at Northern Elementary sparked a major reaction among residents in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania. So many parents wanted to voice their concern that the school board meeting held last Tuesday was moved to a larger auditorium at Northern High School to accommodate the unusual turnout.

Once the floor opened for public comment, dozens of God-fearing Americans stepped forward. They expressed total rejection of the After School Satan Club with great passion.

"I strongly oppose the After School Satan Club sponsored by The Satanic Temple," said TFP Student Action volunteer Evan Olwell. "The Satanic Temple, which targets school children, describes itself as a non-theistic religion. However, a non-theistic religion is an oxymoron, a blatant contradiction. Satanism is not a religion but rather an anti-religion because it is anti-God."

TFP volunteers brought "Say NO to the Satan Club" signs to the meeting. In no time, meeting goers snatched them up and displayed them throughout the auditorium. Hundreds of TFP flyers containing talking points against Satanism also spread among the crowd.

Although a handful of Satanists attempted to explain the "benefits" of a Satan club for children, their message fell flat and failed to persuade the school board.

Anyone still on the fence about Satanism was startled when one of the mothers, Jackie Bieber, told the audience how her daughter was coaxed by a satanic group to commit suicide. "They gave her step-by-step instructions," she said. After the tragic death of her daughter, the distraught mother moved with her remaining children to Dillsburg, hoping to find a better atmosphere for the family. However, her hopes were shattered when she heard about the proposed Satan club in the area. "Now they're going to be subjected to evil," she said. "They [Satanist group] talk about the violation of 'rights,' but what about the violation of our children?"

Nevertheless, pro-Satan advocates in the room insisted that the After School Satan Club would be harmless to children.

But TFP volunteer, Evan Olwell, called them out. "This revolutionary figure—Satan—is universally regarded through history as a tempter, liar, murderer, and thief; the embodiment of evil."

"Satan has no rights because evil has no rights," said Olwell. "Some things should NOT be allowed in schools. For example, allowing a club for neo-Nazis would be wrong, and it would be wrong to allow a club for student drug dealers ... Adults have to protect children from evil, not expose them to it. Having a program in school where Satan is invoked exposes every child—directly or indirectly—to real spiritual harm."

"The devil has no place in school," Olwell concluded. "Not now, and not in the future."

Those who tried to present the After School Satan Club as nothing more than a cute attention grabber were confronted with facts. As the TFP handout points out, the satanic organization that sponsors After School Satan Clubs is anti-God, anti-Christian, and anti-family.

Dark rituals approved by The Satanic Temple include:

- Unbaptism, where participants renounce the True Faith;
- Destruction Ritual, where participants destroy an object they own that symbolizes a source of pain in their lives, which exorcists claim can often mean something like a crucifix or a bible;
- Defiance Ritual, where a person pledges to challenge the status quo; and
- Black Mass, which celebrates blasphemy, sacrilege, and attacks God and the true Catholic Mass (frequently involving the desecration of a stolen consecrated Host).

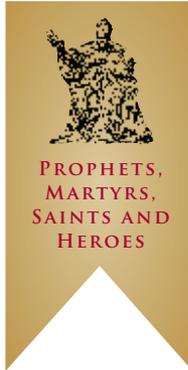
Right now, America has a choice to make: We can either remain with God, defend innocent children, and receive His countless blessings. Or we can open the door to hell and allow Satan, the father of lies, to come in and destroy us.

We must fight to keep America one nation under God.



The Hidden Life of Mary Ann Long

BY NORMAN FULKERSON



Saintly souls often remain hidden from the eyes of the world and are only discovered by chance. In this way, Mary Ann Long is a source of inspiration in much the same way as Saint Therese of the Infant Jesus. Like the “Little Flower,” Mary Ann provides a valuable lesson that anyone can fully live a Catholic life and die a saintly death by simply accepting God’s will. This is especially true in our present world where a person’s life is judged by the pleasures they enjoy and where “useless” lives are extinguished before birth or shortened in old age.

The only book about this unique little girl, titled *A Memoir of Mary Ann*¹, was written by the Dominican nuns who cared for her in Atlanta, Georgia. The only photo available of her shows just the profile of Mary Ann sitting in a wheelchair. The reason why we only see part of her face is where the story of Mary Ann begins.



The only surviving photo of the young heroic cancer patient, Mary Ann Long.

Deformed Face

Mary Ann was born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1946. The *Memoir* does not mention the day of her birth nor the names of her parents. We only know they were Dollie and George Long because she is buried beside them in Louisville’s St. Stephen’s Cemetery.

At the age of three and a half, she was afflicted with a cancerous tumor on the left side of her face which required the removal of her eye. The doctors gave her six months to live and told her parents there was nothing more they could do for their child. At the doctor’s recommendation, they decided to send Mary Ann to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Free Cancer Home in Atlanta, Georgia.² It was a painful decision for the parents but they had no other solution.

Most Unique Religious Vocation

When the family arrived at the home, Sister Veronica, who was the first to see the child, held out her motherly arms. Mary Ann instinctively flung herself into her maternal embrace. One sister wrote down a first impression of the child:

“As I entered the ward, I saw just one side of the child’s face. A lustrous sparkling brown eye, clear bright skin tending toward olive, with a faint flush high on her cheek, a delicate straight nose, all this framed by light brown wavy curling hair, made a symmetrical, clean cut profile.”

Mary Ann quickly moved from one patient’s bed to another spreading sunshine and comforting those with whom she shared the same illness. It was the beginning of a most unique religious vocation. Indeed, before her death at thirteen, she was admitted into the Third Order of Saint Dominic as a Tertiary.

Apostolic Efforts of the Child

Over the next nine years—for a girl who only expected to live six months—Mary was a normal little Kentuckian in every respect. She had a dog named Snappy, loved Dagwood sandwiches, and played hide and seek with her sisters when they came to visit. She was also mischievous; her pranks were not meant to harm, but rather to uplift the spirits of those around her.

Before long, Mary Ann began to ask questions about the Catholic Faith. When she was told about the True Presence, she longed to be included in the heavenly banquet and wept when she could not receive Holy Communion with the nuns. She loved to talk about the “baby Jesus” and was profoundly moved by Our Lord’s Passion and Death.

When one nun first showed her the Stations of the Cross, Mary very closely examined the Second Fall of Our Lord. Moved with pity she exclaimed, “Oh, poor Jesus!”

She was eventually baptized with the somewhat reluctant permission of her parents. They were bewildered by their daughter’s conversion, but even more so by her apostolic fervor.

Mary Ann desired that her sisters convert, especially Sue who showed signs of openness to the Faith. She too desired to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Before long, Sue began religious instruction back in Louisville and was eventually baptized and received her first Holy Communion in Atlanta, while kneeling next to Mary Ann. Winnie, the oldest of the sisters, was also at this ceremony and shortly afterward converted to Catholicism.

Finally, there is the story of a twenty-year-old female patient named Charlie Mae. Her maladies were of such seriousness as to leave her bedridden. Mary would do little things like brush her hair and keep her company. One night, our little apostle asked Charlie to join her in evening prayers.

“I don’t know how to pray,” said Charlie. Mary immediately offered to teach her and this led Charlie to ask questions about the Faith. Charlie was eventually received into the Church.

Accepting the Way God Made Her

People often tried to downplay Mary’s deformed face. Once, a nun, seeing Mary in a new dress, commented how pretty she was. “No, sister,” she gravely responded, “I’m not pretty.” On another occasion, a visitor asked the child why she did not pray to God for a cure. She gently smiled and said, “This is the way God wants me.”

This admirable acceptance of suffering was also manifested when her mother tried to take Mary to a plastic surgeon. Once again the child insisted she was the way God wanted her to be.

A “self-styled faith healer” once found his way into Mary’s room.

“The Lord can heal you, Mary Ann!” he yelled. Not getting the response he expected, the healer repeated the same phrase three more times with ever greater insistence.

“I know He can,” Mary sternly replied, “but it doesn’t make a bit of difference if He heals me or not. That’s His business.”

Through all her suffering, Mary found great consolation in thoughts of Heaven, the angels, and the perfection of the glorified body. “When I get to Heaven,” she once said, “I’ll



Scenes of Our Lord’s Passion like this one often elicited the sincere sorrow of Mary Ann, who would exclaim, “Oh, poor Jesus!”

have two good eyes and I’ll run around Heaven and be able to see everybody there at once.”

Final Months

In September 1958, a nun entered Mary’s room and was shocked to find her bed soaked with blood; the little patient had suffered a severe hemorrhage.

Over the next several months, she endured similar episodes until the one which proved fatal the following January. The Dominican sisters then gathered around her bed as was their custom when one of their own was dying. They sang the *Salve Regina*. Mary looked up and was so enchanted that she asked them to repeat it.

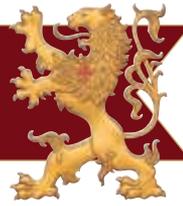
Upon awaking, she saw the lighted candle which the nuns had placed by her bed. Mary Ann reached towards the soft glow of the taper and repeated again and again, “Dear Jesus, I love You!”

At 3:00 in the morning of January 20, 1959, Mary Ann asked for her rosary. As she slipped the beads through her fingers, she dozed off and died a peaceful death.

We will only know in eternity the value of the sufferings Mary Ann Long so patiently endured during her short life. Yet her name and heroic feats are most certainly written in that marvelous Book of Life. Hidden from the eyes of man, but precious in the eyes of God. ■

¹ The Dominican Nuns of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home, Atlanta, Georgia, *Memoir of Mary Ann Long* (Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, Inc., 1961).

² This home was founded by Rose Hawthorne, daughter of the famous author Nathaniel Hawthorne. Rose converted to Catholicism and joined the Dominican Order and later founded this first such home in Atlanta to care for cancer patients.



Liberation Theology: Timely Book Launched at TFP Conferences in California

It's not often that an event deals with such a wide range of topics as the TFP Regional Conferences in northern and southern California. TFP speaker Julio Loredo quipped, "It started with the devils and ended with the angels."

On May 14, the TFP Southern California Regional Conference was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Costa Mesa. The event featured TFP speakers Julio Loredo, John Horvat, and Michael Whitcraft. On May 15, a similar conference was held in Sacramento, California, at Wyndham Hotel. The theme of the meetings was "Amid a World of Uncertainty, Our Program Must Be Chastisement, Victory and the Reign of Mary."

A special feature of the program was launching Mr. Loredo's book, *Liberation Theology: How Marxism Infiltrated the Catholic Church*. The book is a complete history of the self-destructive movement of liberation theology. It is a doctrinal criticism of how this theology contradicts Church teaching. Today, liberation theologians use the same arguments to promote ecology, racial strife, and an LGBT agenda.

As part of the Return to Order campaign, author John Horvat spoke at the event based on insights from his book, *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*.

The title of his talk was "The Preparation for the Chastisement: The Future Belongs to Those Who Improvise and Dare." Mr. Horvat explained the need to improvise and dare in the face of the present crisis. He stressed the need to have enthusiasm for a return to order.

Michael Whitcraft spoke about "The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Mind of Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira." He explained why Catholics can expect the Reign of Mary foreseen by Saint Louis de Montfort and Our Lady at Fatima. He especially stressed the reasons elaborated by Prof. Corrêa de Oliveira.

As an added feature at the Sacramento event, Mr. Julio Loredo delivered an angelic counterbalance to his talk on liberation



Top left: Mr. Julio Loredo delivering an angelic counterbalance to his talk on liberation theology. Top right: Conference participants listen earnestly to John Horvat's talk titled "The Preparation for the Chastisement: The Future Belongs to Those Who Improvise and Dare."

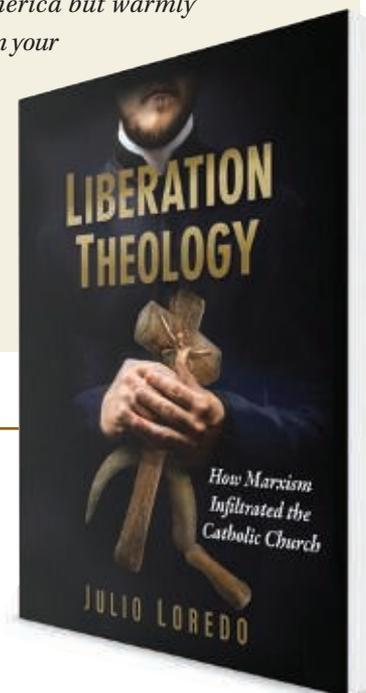
theology. His presentation was titled "How the Angels Will Fight with Us During the Chastisement." He noted that if evil people fight with the devil's help, it is only logical that those who oppose them must seek the aid of the angels.

Taken from the Review by Ettore Gotti Tedeschi *:

[T]his book must be read and discussed, and precisely at this historical moment. Toward the end of the reading, I wondered if it was "only" an analysis of liberation theology or also an analytical study of the process of dechristianization that has developed and transformed in history over time.

I would not write off this theological current as something out of a faraway Latin America but warmly invite you to seriously deepen your knowledge by reading this work by Julio Loredo.

**Ettore Gotti Tedeschi is an Italian economist and banker and was president of the Vatican Bank.*



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sieges of Vienna, Belgrade, and Buda explained in gripping detail how Catholics heroically fought against desperate odds to prevent the Muslim Ottomans from conquering Christendom. To get a taste of Austrian culture, participants were treated to an authentic Austrian dinner. On the menu was wiener schnitzel, sauerkraut, spaetzle, and for dessert, an elegant and luscious sachertorte, or Viennese chocolate cake.

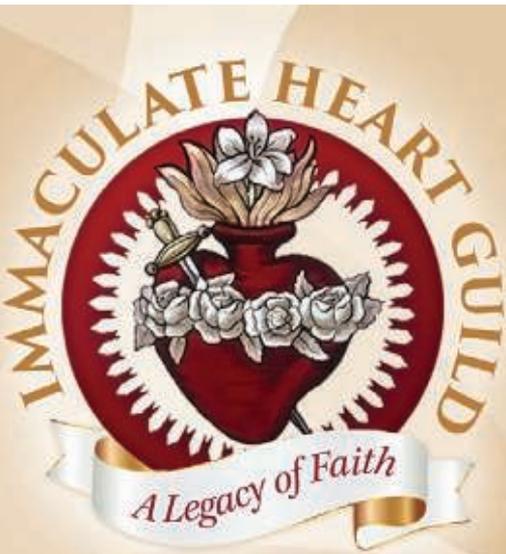
The final day of the camp was highlighted by the customary medieval games, obstacle course, solemn Rosary procession, and the final medieval banquet. Dressed in their best attire, the boys enjoyed many sumptuous dishes including a magnificent castle cake. Prizes were awarded to the tournament winners and a beautiful keepsake was given to each participant to take home.

Despite the rising tide of secularism and neo-paganism in our times, these camps continue to be in high demand and, therefore, offer a glimmer of hope in Our Lady's coming triumph. May the Blessed Mother raise up a new generation of Catholic heroes to fight the good fight for the conversion of America and the world. ■



Equal measures of youthful exuberance and dignified restraint are exhibited by the young men participating in the Call to Chivalry Camp 2022.

For more information about the Call to Chivalry Summer Camps, visit: www.tfpstudentaction.org/call-to-chivalry-camps



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Why I Decided to Make a Lasting Gift to America Needs Fatima

I've known America Needs Fatima for more than fifteen years. It's an amazing group of men and women, totally committed to spreading Our Lady's message. We all need the rosary. This country needs Our Lady of Fatima's message.

We need to find balance and order from the chaos that surrounds us every day. My husband Patrick and I pray the rosary every day. We've personally experienced the power and the calm which comes over us.

In 2019, Patrick and I went to Fatima in Portugal and attended Mass near the tree where Our Lady appeared to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. I'm a planner, so after my dad passed away, I wanted to make sure we had all our affairs in order. I know it's difficult to think about these things, but it's also a reality.

It was time to update my will and consider which organizations to include, and I didn't hesitate. I included a bequest to America Needs Fatima so they can continue their work even after I'm gone. I just told ANF about this bequest recently and they were so grateful. We need America Needs Fatima! We need them to spread the rosary and Blessed Mother's message. Considering the pandemic and chaos we are in, our country needs Our Lady of Fatima and her Son Jesus more than ever before! I hope you'll consider a gift in your will like I did. It's very easy and it will make a lasting difference!

Erica W., Marstons Mills, Massachusetts



“For God, Honor and Country!”

Young Men Answer the Call to Chivalry at TFP Summer Camps

BY ROBERT NUNEZ

Was it the meetings, the lively conversations during meals, or the making of new friends? Was it the hardy outdoor games, the highly competitive tournaments, the treasure hunt, or the summer nights eating s'mores while listening to gripping stories around a roaring campfire? Was it the daily Rosary cortege, the colorful pro-life street campaign, or the solemn all-night vigil before a relic of the True Cross? With so many activities, it is difficult to decide which part of this year's Call to Chivalry summer camp was the favorite. For the dozens of boys and fathers who trooped to St. Louis de Montfort Academy in Herndon, Pennsylvania from June 1-9, it felt like the time went by all too quickly.

The 2022 Pennsylvania Call to Chivalry Camp was one of several held by the American TFP across the country. In the midst of a crisis of manliness and the widespread corruption of America's youth, these camps aim to form Catholic heroes and leaders for tomorrow. In an atmosphere blending gentlemanly courtesies with Catholic piety and militancy, boys are taught to love their Faith, to zealously promote it, and to go against the grain when it is trendy to be vulgar and egoistic. These camps have proven time and time again to be a great success, attracting hundreds of boys who thirst for the ideals of Catholic chivalry.

A unique custom of every TFP camp is to have a theme centered around the Catholic history and culture of a particular country. Thus the focus of this year's camps was Austria-Hungary and the Holy Roman Empire. There was no shortage of role models as the boys heard about the exploits of King Saint Stephen of Hungary, Saint Clement Mary Hofbaur, Eugene of Savoy, Andreas Hofer, and so many others. Presentations about the



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