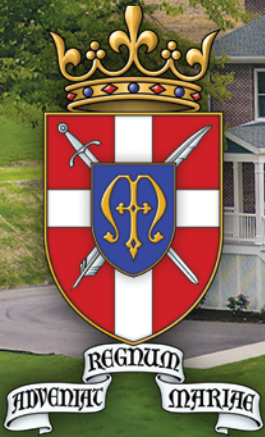


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TRUTHS

Not Just a Private Sin—Sodomy Pollutes Everything

BY THOMAS RYDER

Saint Peter Damian (1007–1072), Doctor of the Church, cardinal and a great reformer of the clergy, wrote his famous *Book of Gomorrah* against the inroads made by homosexuality among the clergy. He describes not only the iniquity of homosexuality, but also its psychological and moral consequences:

“Truly, this vice is never to be compared with any other vice because it surpasses the enormity of all vices. . . . It defiles everything, stains everything, pollutes everything. And as for itself, it permits nothing pure, nothing clean, nothing other than filth. . . .

“The miserable flesh burns with the heat of lust; the cold mind trembles with the rancor of suspicion; and in the heart of the miserable man chaos boils like Tartarus [Hell]. . . . In fact, once this most



Lot and his family fleeing the city of Sodom to escape God's wrath.

poisonous serpent sinks its fangs into the unhappy soul, sense is snatched away, memory is borne off, the sharpness of the mind is obscured. It becomes unmindful of God and even forgetful of itself. This plague undermines the foundation of faith, weakens the strength of hope, destroys the bond of charity; it takes away justice, subverts fortitude, banishes temperance, blunts the keenness of prudence.

“And what more should I say since it expels the whole host of the virtues from the chamber of the human heart and introduces every barbarous vice as if the bolts of the doors were pulled out.” ■

Saint Peter Damian, *Book of Gomorrah*, Pierre J. Payer, trans., (Waterloo, Ont.: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 1982), pp. 63–64.



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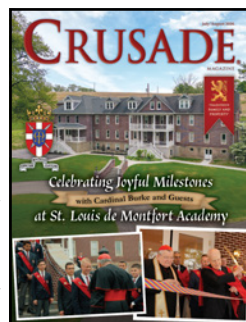
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The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) is an organization of lay Catholic Americans concerned about the moral crisis shaking the remnants of Christian civilization. Its earliest origins date back to January 1971,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

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Celebrating Joyful Milestones with Cardinal Burke and Guests at St. Louis de Montfort Academy

BY JOSEPH GENSENS

On Saturday, April 25, 2026, St. Louis de Montfort Academy celebrated its thirty-year anniversary and inaugurated a new school building. Guests, friends, alumni, parents and children came from all over the world for the joyous occasion at the Academy's campus in Herndon, Pa.

The Academy welcomed a number of honored guests, including His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, who gave the keynote luncheon address, offered Holy Mass and blessed the new premises. The Academy was also honored to have Prince Bertrand of Orléans-Braganza who traveled from Brazil to attend the event. Thus, both spiritual and temporal spheres were harmoniously represented.

A New Building for a New Era of Expansion

The Most Rev. William J. Waltersheid, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and long-time friend of the Academy, opened the ribbon-cutting ceremony. He expressed how edified he has

always been by the Academy's faculty and student body, observing: "I have found great inspiration for my own spiritual life."

Wendy Dombroskie from the office of State Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver presented a citation to the Academy from the Pennsylvania State Senate in recognition of the Academy's thirtieth anniversary.

A unique attribute of the Academy's ribbon-cutting was its use of a sword rather than a pair of scissors. Cardinal Burke blessed the sword, a replica of Emperor Charlemagne's, which Prince Bertrand of Orléans-Braganza used to cut the ribbon as the onlookers burst into applause.

Afterwards, Prince Bertrand's words called to mind the crusader-mission of the Academy:

"This is not merely the expansion of a school. It is the expansion of a movement to form young men into modern-day crusaders—crusaders who are eager to defend Holy Mother Church at all costs."

The new 10,000-square-foot expansion features a more spacious chapel,

a large refectory and additional dormitory space.

Cardinal Burke celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the new chapel, which concluded with a moving recessional: a triumphal rendition of the Papal Anthem, "O Rome Eternal," accompanied by trumpets and an organ.

As the Cardinal processed out of the chapel in his white lace and scarlet vestments, everyone was struck by the solemnity and grandeur of Holy Mother Church.

A Keynote Address to Remember

During lunch, Cardinal Burke delivered a moving keynote address, in which he highlighted the monumental value of the Academy's apostolate and entrusted the Academy's future to Our Lady. Despite the challenges of the

Notable attendees of the St. Louis de Montfort thirty-year anniversary and inauguration of its new school building were His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Prince Bertrand of Orléans-Braganza and the Most Rev. William J. Waltersheid.





A sudden downpour did not dampen the spirits of family and friends gathered for the day's festivities.

times, His Eminence exhorted those present to remain faithful to Christ through Mary. In this way, he said, "St. Louis de Montfort Academy will continue to be a beacon of light in an age beset with darkness."

He finished the speech with the battle cry: "Viva Cristo Rey!" The audience responded with a standing ovation and an enthusiastic reply: "Viva!"

His Eminence's keynote address may be read in full on pages eight and nine of this issue of *Crusade*.

St. Louis de Montfort Academy: Growing Amidst the Storms

It was a joyful day. Not even the persistent rain could dampen the enthusiasm seen on the faces of nearly 300 people who gathered to celebrate the

historic milestones of the Academy. Many saw the inclement weather as symbolic of the trials and storms that the Academy has confronted since its beginning—and many more yet to come.

Prince Bertrand expressed his enthusiasm: "I am grateful that Our Lady has watched over and guided this remarkable Academy for the last thirty years."

"We Want God"

The full day ended with a procession up the hill to the Lourdes Grotto while praying the Holy Rosary, interspersed with hymns to Our Lady. It was raining, but all prayed with resolution and devotion. The rosary concluded with a rousing singing of the hymn "We Want God," which is often sung at the Academy and



Friends and family shared a meal at the festive celebration.

the Call to Chivalry summer camps.

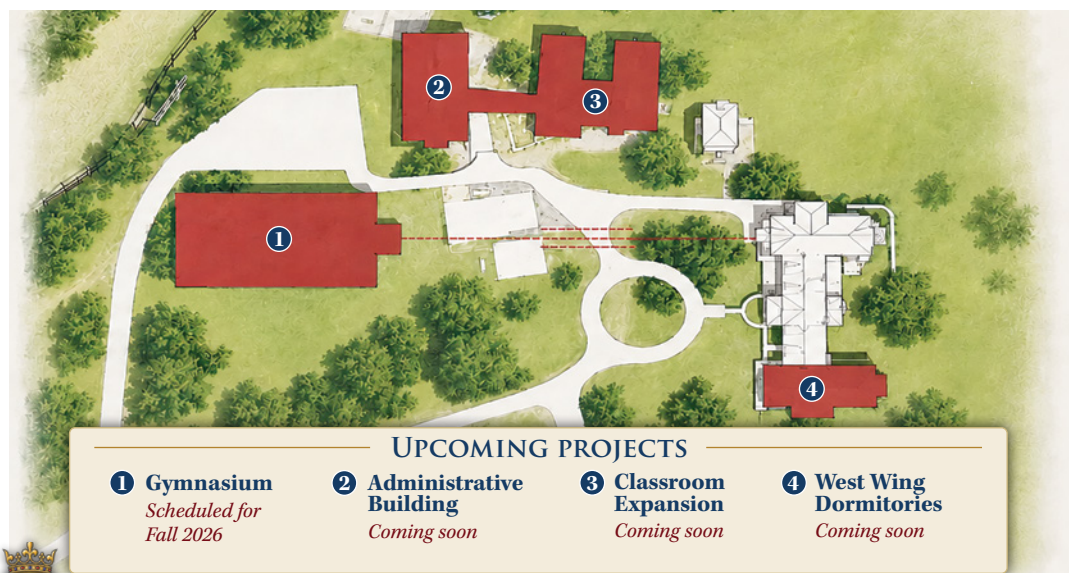
One verse in the hymn stood out in particular. It called to mind the mission of the Academy students, past and present, to fight for the rights of God and Holy Mother Church:

*We want God, ready we go,
His holy law to defend;
Always we are here to serve Him,
We want God until we die!* ■



As a final tribute to Our Lady, attendees were led up the hill to the Lourdes Grotto by students of the Academy as all prayed the Holy Rosary and sang hymns.

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“A Diamond for a Diadem”

BY TED HUEREÑA



A diamond for a diadem

For the Queen of Heav'n and Earth.
That's our goal, that's our purpose
For her Reign, that's our worth.

A diamond hidden wisely
In the coal hills of PA,
Thus was styled the Academy
On our first commencement day.

From the start the student body
Comprised of measly fifteen,
Who'd have pondered year thirty,
A great expansion to be seen.



A diamond for a diadem

For the Queen of Heav'n and Earth.
That's our goal, that's our purpose
For her Reign, that's our worth.

Abundant time, abundant effort
Little by little the body grew.
Finally came a classroom building
Bringing progress something new.

The pupils more than doubled
From back then the original crew.
Who'd surmise, alas, the trouble
A silly sickness would brew.



A diamond for a diadem

For the Queen of Heav'n and Earth?
Our goal lost, our purpose shattered?
Did the devil bring a curse?

Way back down our number dwindled
To a dozen and a few.
Vicious scare of a lifetime
From a foe so miniscule.
But from an evil only seen
In a century or two,
God can bring miracles,
Fear not a fearsome flu.



That diamond for a diadem

For the Queen of Heav'n and Earth
The gangue was cut, facets sharpened
Grace fashioned a new birth.

From lockdowns and shutdowns
Emerged bursting an audacious youth.
The sublime became a principle
Souls yearning for a boost.

A clarion Call to Chivalry
Inviting fighters from far and wide.
“Toss a sword! Let me fight!”
Could be heard on every side.



The diamond for the diadem

For the Queen of Heav'n and Earth
Shone brightly, shone boldly
Once again we found our worth.

The winds of grace blow firmly
The youth begin to rise
They want hope, they want purpose
A cause for which to fight.

A crusade for an ideal
resounding in their soul,
Hence this grand expansion,
A response to Mary's call.



A diamond for a diadem

For the Queen of the Universe.
Behold our goal, behold our purpose.
May her Reign fill this very earth.

THE END.



“By Their Fruits, You Shall Know Them”

*Keynote address delivered by
His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke
at St. Louis de Montfort Academy*

Dear Principal and faculty members, dear parents and students and dear benefactors and friends of the St. Louis de Montfort Academy.

It is with profound joy that I stand before you today for the inauguration of these expanded premises of the Academy. Allow me, first of all, to praise you—sincerely and wholeheartedly—for the years of faithful Catholic academic apostolate you have been carrying out here. The very fact that new buildings are required to respond to the growing number of families seeking admission to the Academy for their children is itself a testimony to your fidelity to the Academy’s mission. Stone and mortar now testify to what grace, over many years, has been steadfastly accomplishing in souls here.

Yours is a most necessary apostolate—and one of the most beautiful forms of collaboration between the laity and the hierarchy of the Church. Catholic education is not merely the transmission of information; it is the harmonious integration of ethical and religious instruction, the teaching of human sciences and the cultivation of natural talents. I witnessed this harmony in your excellent band, whose pipes and drums have become a distinctive and uplifting presence at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. There, before the nation, young men of the Academy not only provide music, but they also proclaim order, discipline and Catholic identity.

The work of forming new generations of Catholic men is all the more urgent in our present circumstances. Many Catholic families today feel engulfed by a surrounding culture that is not merely secular, but aggressively hostile to Christian anthropology.

The so-called “woke” ideology has advanced a gender agenda that seeks to dissolve the fundamental natural distinctions established by the Creator, promoting instead a unisex culture of androgyny. Against this confusion, Catholic education must stand as a luminous affirmation of truth: that, in the beginning, God created man, male and female, breathing His own life into their nostrils, and that, therefore, sexual identity is not self-invented but received, and that true freedom consists in living according to the gift of divine order (cfr. Gen. 1: 27; 2: 7).

How appropriate, then, that you have chosen as your patron the great missionary, Saint Louis de Montfort.

First, because he founded two religious congregations devoted to education: the Daughters of Wisdom, entrusted with the direction and care of hospitals and schools for girls, and the Brothers of Saint Gabriel, dedicated entirely to the formation of boys. He understood that the renewal of Christian society begins with the Christian formation of youth, respecting, in all things, their identity as male and female.

Second, because he is the author of that magnificent work, *Love of the Eternal Wisdom*, whose very heart is a hymn to the Incarnate Word and a call to live in Him, according to His divine truth and love. In that book, he exposes the false wisdom of the world and contrasts it with Eternal Wisdom made flesh. Catholic education aims not merely to instruct, but to form, to shape personality and character so that young men grow into wise Christians and courageous soldiers of Christ in adult life.

Third, Saint Louis de Montfort is the great apostle of true devotion to the Virgin Mother of God, Our Lady. In his masterpiece, *True Devotion to Mary*, he offers a most profound and systematic defense of Our Lady's prerogatives and her mission in the plan of salvation—not only as the one chosen by God the Father to bring His only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, into the world, but also as the spiritual Mother of His Mystical Body through her role as Co-Redemptrix and Mediatrix of All Graces. He writes that since God the Son Incarnate came the first time in humility and secrecy through Mary, we may expect that He will come again to reign through her. If we labor for the restoration of Christian civilization and the reign of Christ in society, we must spread devotion to His Blessed Mother. Your choice of a spiritual patron was therefore not accidental. It is providential.

Finally, many of you know how Saint Louis de Montfort's missionary labors in western France, especially in the region of the Vendée, formed a deeply Marian and fervently Catholic people. Through his preaching, songs and poetry, he sowed seeds that would bear fruit decades later. When the Revolution sought to sever France from Rome and to impose a schismatic, state-controlled Church, shaped by the agnostic principles of the age, the peasants of the Vendée—formed in Marian devotion—rose in defense of altar and throne. Wearing the image of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus upon their garments, they heroically resisted the enemies of Christ. Only when the Terror unleashed the infamous “hellish columns” did the repression culminate in what historians now call the Vendée genocide—one of the first genocides of modern history. The fidelity of the peasants to Christ, taught to them by His Virgin Mother and born of a truly Catholic formation, stands as a lesson for us today.

It is therefore fitting that an academy whose temporal curriculum is centered in *Revolution and Counter-Revolution* by Professor Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira, should place itself under the patronage of Saint Louis de Montfort. The saint represents the living antidote to Revolution: Marian devotion, doctrinal clarity and apostolic zeal.



I can personally attest to the fruits of your educational endeavors. Millions of Americans have seen, through the videos of TFP Student Action, how the young men formed here go onto university campuses to confront the prevailing ideology. They do so not with anger, not with disorder, but with clarity, charity and courage. They calmly dismantle anti-Christian fallacies. They endure ridicule, threats and even physical intimidation with dignity. And in every instance, they emerge victorious—not because they shout the loudest, but because they stand on truth.

This visible testimony—accessible to all on the internet—confirms the excellence of the formation given within the walls of these buildings. With these new premises, that formation will extend to even more young men, for the establishment of the reign of Christ the King in their hearts and in our society.

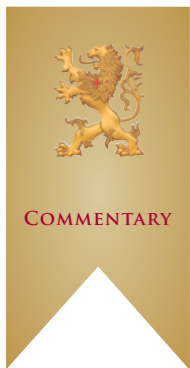
And now, as we bless these buildings, we entrust them to Our Lady—whom you have recently honored with a beautiful Lourdes grotto on these grounds. May she watch over every classroom, every corridor, every heart formed here. May she bless your apostolate abundantly for the good of America, for the good of Holy Church and for the coming of that reign of Mary foretold by Saint Louis de Montfort and announced at Fatima.

Let us move forward with confidence. The times are challenging, but grace is powerful to help us meet every challenge. If you remain faithful to Christ through Mary, if your hearts, one with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, rest ever more fully in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the St. Louis de Montfort Academy will continue to be a beacon of light in an age beset with darkness. Let us always remember the promise of Our Lord and Master, Christ the King: “If any one serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there shall My servant be also; if any one serves Me, the Father will honor him” (John 12:26).

May God bless you and your homes.

Viva Cristo Rey! Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe!

Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke



The Supreme Court Hands the LGBT Movement a Major Loss Over Conversion Therapy

BY EDWIN BENSON



The U. S. Supreme Court decided 8–1 in favor of a Christian therapist's right to counsel her clients to receive de-transitioning therapy.

The U.S. Supreme Court recently struck down Colorado's ban on something called "conversion therapy." When the Court announced it, media outlets on the left sprang into action.

The leftists used their headlines to broadcast dismay. National Public Radio (NPR) mourned that "Supreme Court Opens Door to Controversial Conversion Therapy." *Slate* agonized over the fact that two liberal justices joined the conservatives, whining that "How in the World Was the Supreme Court's Awful Conversion Therapy Ruling 8–1?" *Independent* screamed, "Supreme Court Blasted for 'Reckless' Conversion Therapy Ruling That Will Have a 'Catastrophic Fallout' for LGBT+ Youth." *Mother Jones* added a complaint about the timing: "On Trans Day of Visibility, Supreme Court Sides with Conversion Therapy."

This decision is a major defeat for a movement that lives much more off the

momentum of its social activism than the scientific evidence supporting its "gender-based" affirmations.

The Growth of a Leftist Movement

This fight is best seen in the context of the rise of the LGBT movement over the years.

As the sexual revolution grew during the late sixties, it was limited largely to heterosexuals. However, it provided a foundation on which an underground network of LGBT activists could build. Removing popular ideas of morality from heterosexual relationships soon had a similar effect on attitudes about homosexuals.

Until 1973, the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM) classified homosexuality as a mental disorder. The change, as even its supporters admit, was not mandated by scientific proof, but by a popular vote at the 1973 American Psychiatric Association convention, following defeats in 1971 and 1972. In 1975, the less-prestigious American Psychological Association passed a similar resolution.

However, there was little scientific evidence justifying the LGBT position. Researchers sympathetic to "sexual minorities" struggled to find some physical structure that dictated same-sex attraction. Had they succeeded, they would have proclaimed the news of such a "discovery" with great fervor. Their silence is their concession.

Lacking such proof, the activists turned to the political process. Here, they enjoyed great success. Books, movies and television programs presented homosexuality as another form

of normal life. Pseudo-historians highlighted men and women of achievement, emphasizing unproven theories that they had been "closeted homosexuals." Festivals of "Pride" began to occur in large cities.

The Leftist Myth of Conversion Therapy

As the movement developed, a series of ideas took hold. Movement supporters clung to the myth that homosexuality is a condition into which a person is born. Many medical organizations have adopted this idea, but the science does not support this.

The leftists dubbed any psychological process designed to help patients escape same-sex attraction as conversion therapy. An undated article from *Psychology Today* defines it. Readers will have no trouble detecting the leftist bias.

"Conversion therapy is a pseudo-scientific and discredited practice that attempts to force LGBTQ+ individuals to change their sexual orientation or gender identity and instead identify as heterosexual or cisgender. Because it is now understood that sexual orientation is not a choice or something that can be changed, so-called conversion therapy—sometimes called reparative therapy, ex-gay therapy or sexual reorientation therapy—is not only ineffective, it is often actively harmful."

To protect their dogmas, they tried to root this therapy out ruthlessly. Their lobbyists successfully persuaded many states to forbid it. According to the Movement Achievement Project,



To protect its "dogmas," the LGBT movement long ago attacked conversion therapy as not only ineffective, but actively harmful.



It has been scientifically proven that conversion therapy brings patients relief from psychologically troubling issues.

twenty-three states and the District of Columbia prohibit licensed therapists from using the treatment. Four other states severely restrict it.

Declaring the Science to be Settled

In 2021, *Psychology Today* took another swipe at it, this one authored by “experienced psychosexual and relationship psychotherapist,” Silva Neves. He reiterates much of their previous jargon and then works in a condemnation.

“People who believe in ‘conversion therapy’ are usually highly religious and promote it as a path to ‘freedom’ so that people can turn heterosexual, marry and have children as God presumably intended. The practice of ‘conversion therapy’ varies from violent ‘exorcism’ and sexual or erotic aversion therapy to more subtle and insidious techniques that sound like legitimate therapy but instead represent pseudoscience.”

Thus, Dr. Neves brands any attempt to assist someone out of homosexuality as being among the “subtle and insidious techniques” that he decries. He begins his concluding paragraph with a loaded statement. “I know I am amongst a majority of therapists who will want a total ban of conversion therapy without any loopholes.” If we accept his assessment, the issue is closed. The “science” is settled. Any more questions would be harmful distractions.

New Evidence

Many scientists who doubted the LGBT consensus were nonetheless wary of conducting research that might contradict it. Medical research is very ex-

pensive. Much of it is done under the auspices of a university and funded by the federal government. Since liberals dominated both, they denied research applications that might shake the consensus.

Rev. Donald P. Sullins, Ph.D., is a distinguished senior fellow at the Institute for Human Ecology and teaches Epidemiology and Public Health at the Catholic University of America. However, he did most of his research work at an independent organization called the Ruth Institute. The title of his most recent work is a bit of a mouthful: *Sex Differences in Reported Effectiveness and Psychosocial Effects of Therapy-Assisted Sexual Orientation Change*.

Rather than adopting the common phrase, conversion therapy, Rev. Dr. Sullins prefers the more scientific and descriptive term, sexual reorientation therapy, which he defines as “voluntary therapeutic interventions for sexual orientation change.”

In an article on *LifeSiteNews*, Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, president of the Ruth Institute, sums up the results of this complex project.

1. All the individuals in this sample had reduced their same-sex behavior to “slight” or none.

2. Although most sought out supportive therapy, forty-one percent changed their same-sex sexual behavior with no sexual reorientation therapy.

3. Therapy affected men and women differently. Women were more likely to

have strongly reduced same-sex attraction than men, eighty-eight percent versus thirty-nine percent.

4. Therapy to change sexual orientation sometimes brings relief from other psychologically troubling issues.

Science Interfacing with the Legal World

Rev. Dr. Sullins and Dr. Morse are not the only doubters.

Kaley Chiles is a mental-health counselor in Colorado. She holds a master’s degree and a state-issued therapist’s license. She does not prescribe medicines, but she does counsel patients through a wide variety of issues. Her method is simple and common to her profession. When a new patient comes to her, she discusses their problems and goals. Then, she tries to guide them through the issues toward their self-determined objectives.

Over the course of her career, she has treated patients who felt homosexual inclinations, but who—usually for religious reasons—wanted to live a normal heterosexual life. She attempted to help them. However, according to the State of Colorado, this violated the conversion therapy ban.

A Controversial Decision

With the help of the Alliance Defending Freedom, Kaley was able to take her case through Colorado’s courts and, ultimately, to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court is not a scientific body. Their task is to apply the Constitution of the United States. From its perspective, this case was relatively simple. Colorado forbade Kaley Chiles from freely expressing her beliefs. Moreover, the state was telling her to espouse beliefs that she did not hold. Both acts, eight of the justices held, are impermissible violations of the First Amendment.

Of course, no case that rises to the Supreme Court’s level is ever quite that simple. One aspect of that complexity is the extent to which the decision affects Colorado’s law and the laws of other states with similar statutes. This war is far from over, but the leftists lost significant ground that they thought was theirs. ■



Kaley Chiles, a mental-health counselor in Colorado, whose First Amendment rights were violated by the Colorado state ban on conversion therapy.

The Curé of Ars Shows How You Can Benefit from Your Suffering

BY PLINIO CORRÊA DE OLIVEIRA

The book *The Spirit of the Curé of Ars*, by Father Alfred Monnin, contains the catechism classes, homilies and conversations of Saint John Vianney, commonly known as the Curé of Ars, whose feast day is celebrated on August 4. One passage speaks about how to see suffering as a privilege. The Curé of Ars says:

“Some people do not love God or pray to Him, and yet they prosper. When this happens, it is a bad sign. It means these people did a few good things amid many bad things. God rewards these small good deeds in this life. Sometimes, we say that God punishes those He loves. However, this statement is not always true. For those whom God loves, trials are not punishments; they are graces.”

Suffering as a Means of Approaching God

This passage summarizes the great principle of Catholic doctrine that suffering is an indispensable means of approaching God. It is indispensable for two reasons.

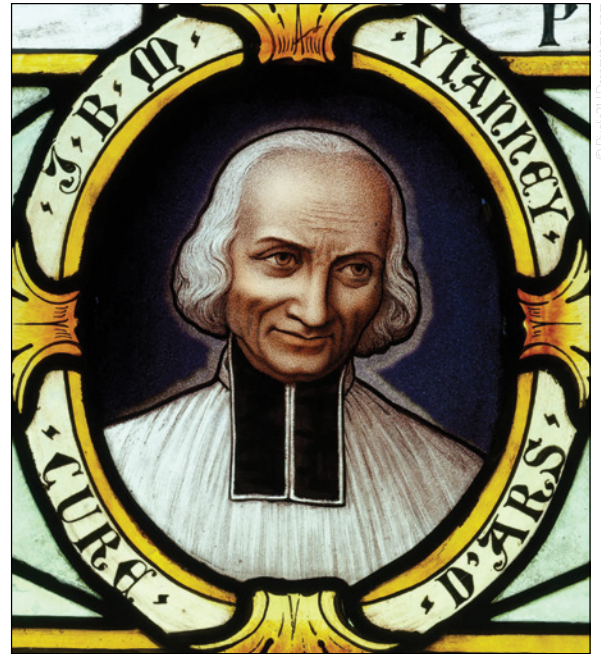
The first is because God wants us, for the good of our souls, to complete that small bit of suffering that He wanted to be missing from His Passion (cfr. Col. 1:24). The second reason is because man is conceived in Original Sin and therefore needs to suffer. We have a permanent source of disorder in us. We have unbridled and bad appetites coming from our disordered and fallen nature.

Our human nature constantly asks for objectionable things. Thus, we want what belongs to others. We do that which we should not do and think about that which we should not think. We are always inclined to act in this manner.

Suffering Eliminates Disordered Appetites

Suffering is the way to eliminate these disordered appetites found in our nature. Suffering breaks a certain exuberance that caters to this bad side of nature. This bad exuberance makes us pretentious, pampered, arrogant, petulant and demanding.

When we suffer, we learn to be content with little. We become affective, understanding and hum-



ble. When we start suffering, it eats away at our soul's bad tendencies so that they gradually disappear and wane. We can then improve.

How an Unbearable Suffering Can Change a Person's Life

Imagine an extremely sensitive man with an unbearable temperament who becomes resentful at the least thing. He only concerns himself with being at the center of things and showing off.

Imagine him experiencing a physical suffering. Suddenly, he senses an intense pain in his leg. He finds himself moaning in pain fifteen hours a day, saying, “Oh, I can't bear it anymore! Please come and keep me company by talking a little with me. Bring me an object I need. Help me with something I need done. For God's sake, have pity on me!”

Is it not true that after six months, this person's bad temperament would be broken? He would be put through the wringer. By dint of his groaning and suffering, he learns that truth which human nature conceived in Original Sin detests. We do not like to hear that an ordinary life without great pleasures is already a great thing. Such a man can already call himself happy. Unfortunately, life is such a valley of tears that we continuously seek instead for extraordinary conditions of existence such as great fortunes, consideration or whatever we want. When this happens, we become unbalanced.

When Normal Pleasures Satisfy

For example, a man who has secured all his necessities will often begin to daydream. He will imagine a bed that allows him to sleep with the utmost comfort with a special kind of mattress and all sorts of accessories. He would consider this happiness!

*"Sometimes, we say that God punishes those He loves.
However, this statement is not always true. For those whom
God loves, trials are not punishments; they are graces."*

However, when a normal night of sleep is taken from him because of suffering, he recalls how wonderful it is to sleep without pain. He says to himself, "Oh, how good that was! I am now the only one who will spend the night moaning! Everyone in this house goes to sleep normally, and I alone will spend the whole night groaning. What a great thing a painless night is!"

Since he suffered so much, he begins to understand the enormous value of regular sleep and a standard bed. This realization is the beginning of temperance; it is the ground floor of temperance.

Seeking After Fantasies

Another example might be a man who daydreams about making fabulous trips to attend magnificent events. In the past, certain people would open a newspaper and read: "Fly to Persia for the Coronation of the Shah." The trip would cost many thousands of dollars. The person, who had not even \$1,000, thinks to himself of how he might get the money by selling his car, paying in installments or going into debt.

In the end, he does not go to the event and is therefore unhappy. On the day of the Shah of Persia's coronation, he lies in bed sulking because he could not live up to his daydream of going to the event.

That person well deserves a few hard knocks. If this poor man breaks his leg and spends six months in a wheelchair, he soon realizes that the greatest happiness is not watching the coronation of the Shah of Persia, but instead going for a walk in the garden. As he sits there in his chair, he thinks how delightful it would be only to get to the corner and watch the passersby in the street. Thus, he begins to acquire a little wisdom.



The Epistle of Saint James proclaims: "Blessed is the man who perseveres in temptation, for when he has been proved he will receive the crown of life that He promised to those who love Him"(James 1:12).

Trials Are Indispensable

Our extravagances, whims and crazes are broken in this manner through suffering. These trials and failures are indispensable. Without them, we do not live well. Curiously, the need for the moral sufferings of the soul is very similar to what happens to the body. A body that never makes any effort suffers.

For example, take the image of a Middle Eastern pasha who lives in the middle of cushions, never moving, and spends all his time smoking a water pipe and eating brightly-colored sweets while lying on a terrace.

We might think, "What a delightful life this pasha leads!" That is an illusion. Because of his inaction, the pasha suffers all kinds of organic disorders. He lives between two hellish alternatives: if he moves around, he suffers from doing something that disturbs his immobile comfort. If he remains inactive, he feels horrible because it is bad for his health. So, he finds himself between violence and illness. As a result, his health will decline, and he will die early.

The human body needs a certain amount of exercise to feel well. The same is true of the soul. The soul needs suffering. When we do not suffer, we end up looking for it. There is something in our souls whereby we suffer when we do not suffer. Lack of suffering causes a kind of nausea with everything around us. This discomfort is a punishment for those to whom God does not send crosses. Thus, the holy Curé of Ars's very true and just thought on the importance of suffering is one that we must always keep in mind. ■

The soul needs suffering just as the body needs exercise. Let us turn to the Curé of Ars and ask him to give us the grace to endure our suffering well.



The preceding article is taken from an informal lecture Professor Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira gave on August 8, 1967. It has been translated and adapted for publication without his revision. —Ed.



Are There Any Atheists Left in Ukraine's Foxholes?

BY GARY ISBELL

In 1917 at Fatima, Our Lady called Russia a scourge but also foretold its immense potential for a spiritual turnaround. Fast-forward to today, and Vladimir Putin's attempt to demoralize Ukraine has ironically become the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church's greatest cause for conversion in a century.

Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Galicia notes that church affiliation has increased by 150 percent since the invasion. It seems that when you launch rockets at innocent civilians to crush their hope, they don't capitulate—they pack the pews.

“Our churches are filled with people who had never come before,” according to the Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Galicia and Primate of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. The nation's resilience is so stubbornly robust that it even surprises the clergy.

When the Diplomats Fled, the Clergy Dug In

The invasion in February 2022 changed everything. Parishes became bunkers, priests became chaplains and charity became a matter of daily survival. When Russian forces threatened to encircle Kyiv within twenty-four hours, most diplomats quickly packed their bags and left.

Yet, Catholic Archbishop Visvaldas Kulbokas, the Vatican's apostolic nuncio to Ukraine, chose to stay. Along with only the ambassadors of Poland and Turkmenistan, Archbishop Kulbokas watched the chaos unfold. As he put it with masterful understatement, “It was clear the city could soon be fully surrounded. But we stayed.”

The One-Man Army

Archbishop Kulbokas recounts the

story of a single Ukrainian soldier armed with portable Javelin missiles. He stepped out of cover, destroyed a Russian tank, then hid. He did it again when a second tank appeared, and then a third time. The Russian convoy, utterly convinced they had stumbled into a massive defensive trap, halted their advance and retreated.

“It's good I didn't know there were a dozen tanks there,” the soldier later said. In the grand theater of war, sometimes a little ignorance, paired with a shoulder-fired missile, is the ultimate strategic advantage.

This episode convinced Archbishop Kulbokas that, in moments of crisis, even one person's heroism could change the course of history.

The Final Medicine

With chaplains meeting only about sixty percent of the desperate demand for care, the frontline reality remains starkly devastating. The nuncio shared a heartbreaking account of a military doctor treating soldiers pinned down by drone surveillance. Knowing evacuation was impossible, the critically wounded soldiers declined further medical treatment. “Don't stitch me up; it won't help anymore,” they told the doctor. “Better give me absolution.”

When the horizon presents eternity, stitches lose their appeal and the Faith becomes the paramount concern.

A Surprising Harvest

Perhaps the sharpest irony of the conflict is its effect on religious belief. In Kherson, where the civilian population has plummeted to a fifth of its former size, Catholic parish attendance has somehow surged by 500 percent.



The sharpest irony of the Ukrainian conflict is its positive effect on religious belief.

“In Kherson, there are no unbelievers left,” Archbishop Kulbokas notes. Farther from the front lines, bishops quietly distribute the Sacraments, canned meat and bread, feeding both bodies and souls amid a tragedy that has radically united the populace around the One True Faith.

The war has even sparked amazing conversions. Archbishop Kulbokas noted that an Orthodox bishop and two Protestant pastors recently converted to Catholicism. One Protestant pastor was warned by a friend not to listen to a particular rosary-praying Catholic bishop for fear of converting. He attended a single homily and is now converting to the Catholic Faith.

The Smile of Our Lady

Russia's diabolical struggle to subjugate Ukraine has failed, especially in its attempt to stamp out the Catholic faithful. If anything, the invasion might well become a modern-day Damascus Road story. Saul persecuted the early Church and was knocked off his horse and struck blind. Our Lord's words converted him, transforming him into the great Apostle Saint Paul. Similarly, will Russia's aggressive overreach have set the stage for its own spiritual conversion at the hands of Ukraine, its victim?

Our Lady foretold Russia's conversion at Fatima. TFP founder, Professor Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira thought this historic conversion would come through a smile of Our Lady. Might Ukraine's sufferings and growing Catholic population turn it into an instrument for Our Lady to bring Russia back to the Catholic Faith, transforming the very scourge of the West into a new Saint Paul, a new champion of the Church? ■



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PROGRESS REPORT

From the Desk of Robert Ritchie

Dear Soldier of Our Lady,

Instead of remaining places of learning, many libraries are becoming environments where children are exposed to materials that undermine their innocence. What was once a safe space for young minds to grow and discover the world is now filled with books containing immoral and explicit LGBT themes directed toward children.

Even more troubling is how few people seem willing to confront this issue. In many communities, children as young as four are being encouraged to read books that promote LGBT themes and topics such as gender fluidity—content that is inappropriate in any setting—and contrary to the moral formation parents expect from public institutions.

As a result, children across America face a moral crisis every time they step into their school library.

You and I know it is morally wrong to subject children to books containing graphic content and pornographic portrayals of unnatural vice. No child's innocence should ever be compromised by any school or local library.

Yet, as the guardians of their children before God, many parents are courageously standing up to say that this content has no place in their communities. Across the country, parents, grandparents and indeed, concerned citizens are holding rosary rallies, speaking out at school board meetings and signing petitions urging local libraries to remove pornographic and LGBT-themed books. Their public witness shows that the faithful are not willing to remain silent while children's innocence is at stake.

I hope you'll join them in a special campaign dedicated to protecting the moral formation of our children. Gather your family and friends and pray the rosary in public as a peaceful act of protest and a visible reminder that families want wholesome, age-appropriate materials, not the pornographic and immoral books being offered in schools and public libraries.

It's easy to participate—simply choose any day and time in August and September that works for you. To sign up, please email **Protest@TFP.org**.

Please help me honor God and Our Lady and defend our children by taking a stand against immoral content in our schools and libraries. Your rosary rally is a true act of love for God, for families and for the children who depend on us.



Sincerely,
In Jesus and Mary,

Robert E. Ritchie

Robert E. Ritchie
Executive Director

TAKEN FROM ANF'S PUBLICATION, *BATTLELINES***Indiana Catholics Denounce All-Ages Drag Brunch**

When Alessandra, a rally captain, heard about all-ages drag brunches in Westfield and Indianapolis, Ind., she immediately organized two peaceful rallies of protest.

Although only Alessandra and her husband were able to attend, she never hesitated to move forward. She understood the power of public prayer—even when only a few people are present—and she felt a deep responsibility to peacefully protest events that seek to normalize LGBT behaviors harmful to children and families under the guise of entertainment.

“The rallies went well and were pretty peaceful,” Alessandra said. “At the first rally, a security guard saw us praying and didn’t make us stop; he just asked that we stay on public property and keep it peaceful. We assured him that was our intent and we would follow the rules. During the other rally, one woman stopped her car in front of us and shouted insults, but we kept praying and did not pay attention to her.”

We know God will make the most of our public action and prayers. Alessandra and her husband’s quiet witness reminds us that even a single rosary prayed in public is strengthened by the presence of countless angels and therefore, multiplied in grace.

Courage and the Rosary: One Woman’s Stand in New Jersey

In less than two weeks, Maria, a rally captain, organized a rally against Paranormal Cirque, a demonic circus, showing in Freehold, N.J. She proved that even one person, armed with faith, can make a difference.

Despite several obstacles, Maria refused to let anything hinder her witness. Even when her daughter needed extra care that day, she pressed forward with the rally and made sure her voice was heard. Although she faced some opposition from passersby, she remained steadfast in prayer. She even shared a live video on Facebook to call others to prayer.

“When a passerby asked what religion I was, I proudly responded that I am Catholic and am simply praying the rosary, and I showed him my rosary from Jerusalem,” Maria said. “A married couple joined me in prayer and offered their encouragement. This was my first protest rally, but I’m already looking forward to doing another one with more preparation time.”

Maria’s example shows how one determined soul can in-

spire others and offer a strong public witness to defend God and Our Lady in the face of darkness.

Now more than ever, we need Catholics willing to take a stand. If you feel called to defend the innocence of children and bring prayer into the public square, consider becoming a rally captain in your own community. Your witness—no matter how small it may seem—can make a powerful difference.



Westfield, Ind.

Six Performances, One Mission: Rally Captain Brings Steadfast Prayer to Yuma

Our rally captains continue to gather in cities across the country to hold peaceful and legal protest rallies against Paranormal Cirque shows. These events, open to children as young as thirteen, promote Satanism and feature demonic themes, blasphemous imagery and immoral content.

In Yuma, Ariz., Denis gathered his friends and family to pray when the Paranormal Cirque visited the Arizona Market Place—and he didn’t stop at just the first show. Denis and his group showed up to pray outside all six performances of the show, each time offering steadfast public witness that Satan has no rights in Yuma.

“Overall, I thought they went very well. Although the sun was setting when we held the rallies, we had lights up, and I believe that pretty much all the attendees to the show saw our banner and knew why we were there,” Denis said. “Only one or two passersby were disrespectful to us. We ignored any opposition, held our rosaries out and kept praying.”



Coral Gables, Fla.

Our Lady Inspires Growing Rosary Rallies Across South Florida

Our faithful and dedicated prayer warrior, Sergio, continues to lead two monthly rosary rallies in Coral Gables and Miami, Fla. Each month, participation grows—a beautiful but urgent reminder of how easy it is to bring the community together in prayer.

“We continue to gather on the last Saturday of every month for a very blessed men’s rosary in Ponce de Leon Circle in Coral Gables,” Sergio shared. “We also host a very blessed traditional rosary in Tropical Park in Miami. During our last rally, we received many honks and signs of approval from the heavy traffic passing by. We continue to spread the word so new members will join us.”

Sergio explained that each month’s rally focuses on a different intention, helping everyone remember the many offenses perpetrated against God and Our Lady. Recent themes included a celebration of Our Lady of Fatima’s first apparition and a special Mother’s Day rosary procession.

Rosaries Raised High: Houston Rally Defends the Innocence of Children

Prayer warriors gathered outside Gerry’s Grill in Houston, Tex., for a peaceful rosary rally to defend children’s innocence by protesting the all-ages drag show taking place inside. The group was led by Guadalupe, a rally captain, and included fifteen young men who joined the rally on their return from the annual spring Call to Chivalry Camp sponsored by Tradition, Family and Property (TFP).

The response from passersby was overwhelming, with many cars and trucks honking in support of the rally and in opposition to gender ideology. Joseph Dunlap, one of the young men, stated, “It was a good opportunity to stand up and make a public witness of our Faith. Innocence needs

to be protected in our days, especially the innocence found in children. Today was a good example of how we should make public reparation, and I know Our Heavenly Mother is pleased with our efforts. *Viva Cristo Rey!*”

Prayer and action reveal the strength that comes when the faithful unite in public prayer. When the faithful come together, even for a single hour, their witness offers reparation to God and Our Lady, strengthens the community, encourages others to stand firm and brings grace into places that need it most.

Victory Through Prayer: Mobile Story Time Canceled Again

As Saint Joan of Arc said, “The soldiers will fight and God will grant the victory.” That truth was seen once again when the Books-A-Million Mobile Drag Queen Story Time event in Mobile, Ala., was canceled for the third time following peaceful public opposition from TFP friends and supporters.

The event was originally scheduled to take place at Oyster City restaurant. But after strong pushback from peaceful, legal rosary rallies, the drag performer withdrew and the venue chose to cancel the event entirely.

Books-A-Million then attempted to relocate the event to its Mobile office, but the company’s corporate leadership ultimately decided to cancel it again.

This series of cancellations shows the real impact that peaceful public protests can have. When Catholics stand together in the public square, their witness inspires courage and calls upon God to stop events that undermine the innocence of children.

By hosting a rally in your own town, you can help ensure that events like this do not take root in your community—and you can help win more victories for God and Our Lady. Remember, we are the soldiers! ■



Honoring the Mother of All Mothers at Fatima

BY MICHAEL GORRE

As pilgrims have done for over a hundred years, thousands converged on Fatima, Portugal, to commemorate Our Lady's first apparition there on May 13, 1917. Already on the eve of the feast, the roads swelled with pilgrims walking to the shrine from long distances. Large crucifixes could be seen at the head of many groups as they prayed the rosary and sang Marian hymns.

In the large esplanade known as the Cova da Iria, one could hear the sounds of a multitude of languages from every continent. At the candlelight procession that began at 9:30 p.m., pilgrims took turns praying the Hail Mary in many languages. The sight of over 250,000 people praying the Holy Rosary together, with lighted tapers in their hands, is a testament to the enduring impact of the Fatima message.

Among the pilgrims were several representatives of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property's America Needs Fatima (ANF) campaign as well as the representatives of sister organizations from Bel-

gium, Brazil, Canada, France, Ireland, the Netherlands and Poland. The United States and Canada were represented at the candlelight rosary procession with one banner, while Ireland had its own banner. Both banners displayed an image of Our Lady of Fatima flanked by numerous names of their members and benefactors who requested to be represented in the rosary procession.

It is fitting that Our Lady chose to appear to the Fatima children first in May, since that month has been dedicated to her from time immemorial. To honor the Mother of All Mothers and to honor its members' own mothers, ANF presented 3,000 roses on May 13, just a few days after Mother's Day was celebrated in the United States. After presenting them at the entrance to the Cova da Iria, the roses were delivered to the shrine to be displayed at the Chapel of the Apparitions.

On May 13, ANF also presented a wreath made of over 9,000 silk rosettes and a large red candle molded from thousands of small candles. A large bouquet

of roses was presented in honor of the "Child of Mary" and "Our Lady's Companions" programs. A large, double-sided scroll bearing the names of many thousands of ANF members and fifty pounds of prayer petitions from ANF members were also presented at the very spot where Our Lady appeared.

Besides ANF's numerous tokens of love to Our Lady, sister organizations presented their own gifts. Among them, special mention should be made of Ireland Needs Fatima's presentation of 586 red roses, representing the rosary rallies they organized in the month of May.

A mother's love can never be truly repaid. However, it is the duty of children to honor their mothers. Even though Our Blessed Mother's love can never be fully repaid, ANF members do their best to honor her and show their love for her, who personally came to us from Heaven a century ago to do, as all good mothers do: warn, admonish and encourage us to hope against all hope. ■

Numerous heartfelt tributes were offered to Our Lady, celebrating her first apparition at Fatima, which took place 109 years ago.





Our Readers and Viewers Write

FROM OUR READERS:

America Needs Fatima

"There are very few organizations that I consider to be banging the drums of the true heartbeat of America—or rather, the America that should be, the America that our nation is called to be. But your group, with its tenacious and wise fidelity to truth, meets the mark and then some. Keep beating those drums, figurative and literal, to save the soul of America. There's still some good left in us—and it's worth saving!"

M.D., Salem, Mass.

"No one works as hard as America Needs Fatima in telling the world about Our Lady of Fatima, who is Queen of Heaven and Earth and the whole universe. We know how powerful the rosary is and we strive to say it every day."

S.M., Dallas, Tex.

"I hope your group never stops participating in the March for Life because no one there does it like you do: the big red banners, the morally upright men, the Catholic signage that doesn't compromise, the stirring sound of the bagpipe band...it connects with the mind *and* the soul!"

H.M., Bristol, Conn.

2026 Fatima Calendar

"Sorry for the late reply, but this is a stunner of a calendar! Our Lady's eyes are just piercing; how could a soul not respond to such a gravely inviting gaze?"

P.S., Philadelphia, Pa.

"Thank you so much for your kind letters and words and for the beautiful calendar of Our Lady of Fatima. The world is, indeed, in a very bad state—immorality and perversion are ram-

pant—only the rosary and turning to Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin, can save us now. America has changed; from the love and benevolence that I first experienced when I came here in 1955 from Northern Italy, we now find ourselves besieged by evil forces on all sides, and this is because people have lost respect for and holy fear of God. May God grant you strength to continue your great work and mission."

G.C., Farmington Hills, Mich.

FROM OUR VIEWERS:

"You guys are awesome. I deeply respect you. Thank you for blocking out the bad words people used. I praise God for your calmness and courage in speaking with so many, being God's weapons of truth, light and love."

@jesusitrustsurrenderme1312

"That person really wants kids to view pornography?! They HAVE to draw a line somewhere. I mean COME ON! Our babies need to be protected from all of that mess. Thank you, TFP, for standing up for our children!"

@Sugatricey

"The end just melted my heart!! Such good men!! They don't even mention anything that might sexualize a woman. There is chivalry in that hesitation. Beautiful!"

@betterwithjesus1519

"Perversity is not diversity. Why haven't I heard this earlier? Genius."

@Sonick92

"Super courageous, especially in those places where people tend to justify harm against others for their beliefs. Keep up the good work guys. May Jesus Christ bless you all! Hail Mary!"

@rod2d2rs

"I live in the suburbs of Chicago. I would have come out and supported if I knew you guys were here. I love what you do."

@keciabrown7455

"You used to be charged for this type of thing. It was called 'corrupting the morals of a minor.' Adults have the duty to protect children!"

@Sandrocus

"Thinking you are not the gender you were born with is a thought put in your head by the devil. God doesn't make mistakes."

@Jonsmith9313

"Thank you for telling the truth. God bless you and may the Blessed Virgin Mary protect you."

@bluebanderhaitartist

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Rosaries at the Gates: Catholics Respond to Boston College's "Lavender Graduation"

BY TONIA LONG

Founded in 1863 by the Jesuits, Boston College was created to offer a completely Catholic education grounded in loyalty to the Church's teachings. Over 160 years later, many faithful Catholics believe that the university has strayed far from those founding principles.

On May 13, 2026, Boston College hosted a "Lavender Graduation," a ceremony "celebrating" LGBT-identifying students and the broader LGBT movement on campus. The event took place one week before the university's official commencement exercises.

In response, members of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) gathered outside the campus to hold a public rosary rally of reparation, praying for the school, its students and a return to authentic Catholic teaching.

During the peaceful confrontation, participants prayed the rosary, displayed banners and openly testified to the Church's enduring moral teachings. One banner read: "Catholic Schools Should Defend Catholic Teaching."

Catholics gathered in opposition to Jesuit-run Boston College's "Lavender Graduation," which gave undue recognition to the LGBT-identifying student population.



According to one participant who attended the rally, the response from the public was far more encouraging than hostile.

"Thanks be to Our Lady, there was much support for us as we prayed the rosary," the attendee wrote afterward. "For every thumbs-down or visible mockery, there were at least five thumbs-up and shouts of support from the cars driving by."

The participant also described one memorable interaction: "A bicyclist riding by looked at the banner and then shouted, 'Good luck with that!'"

Despite occasional mockery, the overall atmosphere remained prayerful and hopeful. Catholics young and old joined together in a spirit of reparation—a traditional Catholic practice of offering prayers and sacrifices to make amends for sins and offenses against God.

Among those present was Patrick O. of Roslindale, Mass., who joined the rosary rally of reparation. In a particularly striking moment, a Franciscan nun who is currently a student at Boston College joined the rosary midway through the rally, praying alongside the demonstrators.

The rally was held on the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima, adding even deeper spiritual significance to the gathering. Catholics devoted to the message of Our Lady of Fatima should always emphasize prayer, penance and reparation for sin—themes that were central to the rosary rally outside the university.

For the faithful Catholics gathered there, the issue extended beyond one ceremony. It touched on a larger concern that Catholic educational institutions return to the moral teachings that once defined them.

As cars passed by and rosary beads slipped through praying hands, those assembled outside Boston College sought to remind the institution of its Catholic roots—and to publicly affirm that Catholic education must always remain united to truth. ■





Reparation for the Sacrilegious Attack at Milwaukee's Gesu

BY REX TEODOSIO

Attacks against the Catholic Church often take the form of physical violence, whether by arson, vandalism, destruction of property or direct violence against the faithful. The recent attack at Milwaukee's Gesu Parish stands out, leaving locals reeling in shock.

In the early morning of March 18, 2026, the community woke to the news that the church had been desecrated. A parishioner praying in the main part of the church heard loud noises coming from the lower chapel. When the person went to investigate, the person saw a man wreaking havoc—breaking statues, pulling down Stations of the Cross from the walls and thrashing pews and vigil candles. The parishioner called the police and waited in the chapel, praying out loud to warn the intruder that he was being watched. The man, however, was undeterred.

In total, he destroyed nine statues, seven Stations of the Cross, four pews, two kneelers and several votive candle displays. Seeing sacred objects profaned is always shocking, but realizing that several statues were intentionally beheaded is particularly jarring. The beheaded statues included one of the Blessed Virgin Mary and another of the Infant Jesus. Such a targeted attack indicates an unusual degree of hatred toward the holy, since the attacker focused his malice on the most noble part of the statues.

In response, members of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) organized a rosary rally of reparation for this deplorable sacrilege. The event coincided with a special youth weekend program held by the TFP. Despite thirty-degree temperatures and twenty-five mile-per-hour winds, nineteen participants of the TFP's Call to Chivalry weekend program prayed the rosary on their knees in front of Milwaukee's Gesu. For the last decade of the rosary, the participants held their arms outstretched in the form of a cross as an additional sacrifice. This was a spiritual practice favored by Saint Francisco Marto of Fatima.

Public reaction to the sacrilege was swift. Almost 400 comments on one local news report on Facebook expressed distress at seeing the pictures of the beheaded statues. One person commented that there is no more respect

for the house of God. Another news post garnered over 1,500 comments. A user noted, "This act of vandalism is wrong on so many levels."

Though the man was caught at the scene and charged with felony destruction of property, his motivation remains unknown.

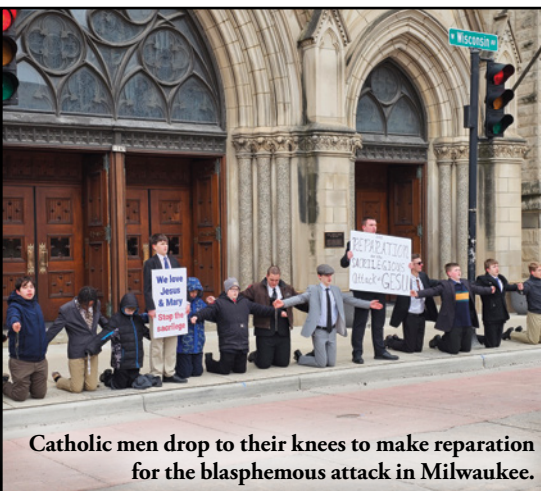
A Marquette University administrator commented, "Regardless of the mental state of the vandal, this was another in an increasing number of attacks against the Catholic Church and—more importantly—Jesus Christ. What does that say about the state of modern society?"

When pictures of the beheaded statues were shown to the young participants in the Call to Chivalry program, one boy asked whether the person was possessed. It was a logical question. Who could hate the sacred as much as the devil or one influenced by him? This seemed to be on the minds of the general public as well. One Facebook commenter wrote, "It always happens the most during the holy weeks. The demonic spirits are more triggered this time of year. It really just proves how real God is." Others expressed the same opinion: "The devil made him do it."

A shocked Marquette student commented that the person who "vandalized the house of God has a disturbed soul."

Evan Orwell, organizer of the youth program, said, "I'm glad we were able to do an act of reparation. The media, and even the parish priest, do not label this as an act of hate. But it is evident that hate was involved by just looking at the scene of destruction." Many Facebook commenters likewise labeled it a hate crime.

Addressing the modern tendency to misplace sympathy after such acts, he added, "It doesn't make sense that when God is attacked, some people are more concerned with the attacker than the One offended. This act of reparation was intended to publicly console God for this horrible sacrilege." ■



Catholic men drop to their knees to make reparation for the blasphemous attack in Milwaukee.

The California Rosary Rally that Confronted the Unimaginable

BY JON PAUL FABRIZIO

The corruption of childhood innocence is one of the gravest evils a man can commit. Combine this with deliberate blasphemy and you have a sin of unfathomable gravity.

The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) volunteers and local Catholics recently held a rosary rally in reparation for both of these sins at a California public library.

A group called the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence was invited to read stories to children of all ages at the Guerneville Regional Library.

These “sisters” are actually men who dress themselves in a lewd caricature of a nun’s habit. They have gained notoriety for their crude anti-Catholic activities, including pole dancing on crucifixes, declaring pedophiles as “saints” and performing suggestive acts while dressed as Jesus and Mary.

When local Catholics heard about the event, they immediately scheduled a public rosary rally of reparation. Additionally, over 5,000 people from across the country signed a petition asking the

county library director to disinvite this anti-Catholic hate group.

A delegation of TFP volunteers traveled to deliver the signatures to the library headquarters, letting them know that thousands of Catholics were outraged by the invitation. However, their pleas went unheeded, and the story time event went on as scheduled.

A Failed Sabotage

When the prayerful protestors arrived at the library, twenty counter-protestors were already waiting for them. They brought all sorts of noisemakers and rainbow memorabilia. It was immediately clear that they were determined to harass the good side.

As the rally participants began to gather, the agitators tried to take over the section of the sidewalk where the rally was going to be held. However, they failed.

Once the speaker system was set up, founding American TFP member Philip Calder led the rosary. During the rally, one woman came up from behind and turned off the speaker twice. Her efforts did not make a lasting impact, as it only took a few seconds to flip the switch back on.

The efforts to sabotage the rally did not stop there. Many of the LGBT activists repetitively cursed in the ears of the volunteers, attempting to provoke them to anger. At a certain point, a couple of the rabble-rousers got inches away from the faces of those praying, yelling at them and attempting to provoke a fight.

Others aggressively waved their rainbow flags, which sometimes hit those praying the rosary. However, most of them just stood by and screamed, howled and heckled.

In the face of this, God’s side did not



Despite the jeers of the LGBT crowd, TFP members resolutely pray in reparation for the attacks made on children's innocence at the Guerneville Public Library in California.

waver. They refused to accept provocation and focused on making reparations. Following the rosary, they also prayed the Litany of Saint Michael, the Divine Praises and the Act of Consecration to Our Lady.

Their endurance could not be shaken by the hecklers. As time went on, some of them asked, “So... when are you going to leave?” It was clear in the tones of their voices that they wanted to go home. Before the rosary was finished, many of them began to put away their noisemakers and head to their cars.

While the opposition was loud and obnoxious, it was clear that the counter-protestors appeared defeated. They did not show up with logical arguments, and as a result, their demonstration came across as ridiculous.

Empty Words Are Not Enough

The rosary rally in Guerneville, Calif., sent a crucial message to Catholics worldwide.

All too often, the devil tempts souls to indolence in the face of public blasphemies. They may not condone the sin, but they see no benefit in taking action.

This is not a legitimate attitude to take. Members of the Church Militant are not called to camp out and constantly retreat from the enemy. They are called to advance and fight for the Lord God of Hosts.

Every Hail Mary of the Guerneville rosary rally proclaimed that when God is slapped in the face, Catholics will not be silent. Catholics will be there to defend Him. ■



Two polar world views are represented on the four banners pictured here.

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battling a preternatural force and that angelic assistance would be crucial. As a result, the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel, the Litany of Saint Joseph and the Holy Rosary were recited incessantly.

Furthermore, the TFP's Holy Guardian Angels marching band was present in full force. The beautiful Marian and patriotic hymns they played could not have contrasted more with the Pentagram String Band, which was scheduled to play only a few hours later.

This contrast was even more stark once the Satanists began to arrive. Most were dressed in all black and wore accessories, including pentagrams and devil horns.

It was saddening to hear them enraged at the prayerful protest. Many of them screamed "Hail Satan" and made demonic gestures with their hands.

However, the rosary rally participants were not perturbed by this. They knew that Saint Michael was vigilantly watching over their efforts and that the devil would be powerless against the sons of light.

As they were mocked by the Satanists, their prayers only became louder. Additionally, they called out slogans like "Satan has no rights" and "Down with Satan, the Eternal Loser!"

This made it clear to everyone passing by that the TFP's rally was not an admission of defeat—it was a declaration of victory.

Satan Always Loses

Some might object that, since the event took place as scheduled, the protest failed.

However, that perspective fails to grasp the nature of this battle. This campaign was a victory for one main reason: every time faithful Catholics take a stand, Satan always loses.

The Satanic Temple's end goal is to normalize the occult in America. They want to present themselves as just another acceptable voice in the public square. As soon as they are allowed to blaspheme without backlash, they have achieved their goal. That goal depends on silence.

But on May 1, there was no silence. There were bagpipes, drums and megaphones. There were rosaries and anti-satanic slogans. There was an online petition drive that collected over 22,000 signatures.

This protest affirmed that Satanism is not a religion, but is an intrinsically evil doctrine that has no place in our country. ■

Top: Catholics of all ages join in the peaceful protest against the Satanic Revival.

Second: The President of the American TFP, Mr. Raymond Drake, discusses the perils of mainstreaming Satanism with a passerby.

Third: A multitude of honks affirm that there is no room for Satanism in America.

Right: Rosaries are held aloft as a silent declaration of Our Lady's ultimate triumph over Satan and his followers.





Catholics Make Reparation for a “Satanic Revival” in Baltimore

BY JON PAUL FABRIZIO

On May 1, 2026, scores of demons descended upon Baltimore, Md.

It was there, at the Mobtown Ballroom, that The Satanic Temple held an event called the “Satanic Revival.” This was their first national event since the SatanCon back in 2023. The program featured several blasphemies, including:

- A talk titled: “The Satanic Pulpit: Sinful Testimonies”
- A Ceremony of Infernal Pride
- A drag performance
- A concert by the Pentagram String Band
- A study session about the “satanic religion”

All of these things gravely offend God and demand acts of reparation. That is why faithful Catholics also showed up to ensure that reparation was made and the wicked serpent’s head was crushed.

The rosary rally was organized by the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP). The TFP volunteers were joined by local Catholics who were upset that Satan had been invited into their city.

In addition, the St. Louis de Montfort Academy sent a busload of students to join the rally. These students frequently join TFP protests throughout the year, and their youthful enthusiasm always brings vitality to these demonstrations. They brought their instruments, which included drums, brass and their trademark bagpipes.

The TFP’s prayerful protest began at 3:30 p.m., just thirty minutes before the Satanic Revival was set to take place. The protesters gathered at the intersection diagonally across from the Mobtown Ballroom, providing optimal visibility and safety.

There was a heavy emphasis on prayer throughout the rally. The attendees realized they were

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