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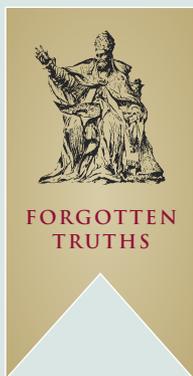
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Why Confession Is Important and Fiercely Attacked

A LESSON FROM SAINT JOHN BOSCO



Not so long ago, a cocky individual came to me [Saint John Bosco—Ed.] and asserted that he could cite many instances when priests had violated the seal of confession. I replied that even if a priest should betray his ministry, this would not lessen the sanctity of the sacrament. Are we to blame all the Apostles because Judas was a traitor?

Since my opponent insisted that he knew what he was talking about, I said: "I will wager five hundred lire that neither you nor any of your friends can prove even one such case."

"Fine!" he replied. "Put the money down. I'll be back here Saturday." "Wait," I said. "I've been through this sort of thing before! One fellow said he would return, but he never did." "I'll be back without fail," the man asserted. "I give you my word of honor."

Well, I never saw the man again! Nor do I expect to see him because he will never be able to prove his claim. Time and again I have found that those who decry confession have no better arguments than vague allegations.

There is not the slightest doubt that our Faith is being bitterly attacked in these tragic times. Since the forces of evil will fail unless they can first per-

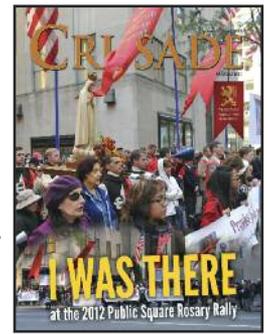
suaude Catholics to give up confession, they will direct their major attacks against this wholesome practice. One who abandons confession, if left to himself, will sink deeper in sin; like a frail plant exposed to the fury of the winds, he will fall into most deplorable excesses. To destroy the very idea of confession, Protestant publications are continually telling Catholics that confession is not of Divine institution and must therefore be rejected.

Meanwhile, deeply grieved by the harm daily perpetrated against the Church, I urge all Catholics to be brave and steadfast in the Faith. Yes, dear fellow Catholics, be brave! Let us cling firmly to the Church founded by Jesus Christ, and to His Vicar, the Pope. Let us hold fast to the Church that has been persecuted through the centuries but has always triumphed. ■

Taken from a foreword Saint John Bosco wrote for two issues of his *Letture Cattoliche* magazine. These issues were dedicated to defending the sacrament of confession. The translation of the foreword is from Reverend Giovanni Battista Lemoyne's, *The Biographical Memoirs of Saint John Bosco, Volume V* (New York: Salesiana Publishers, 2005), 162-163.

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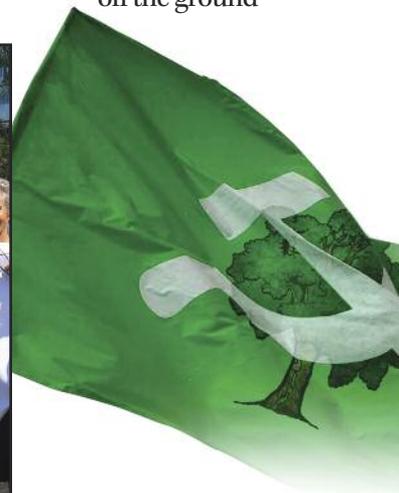
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THE AMERICAN TFP

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



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Youths Defend a Cathedral

On October 7, Argentina's 27th National Women's Conference ended with a march through the city of Posadas. As expected, the marchers vandalized church façades on their way. However, when the marchers reached the Cathedral they found that a human wall of over a hundred Catholic youths blocked them from damaging its façade. Abortion activists, radical feminists and open homosexuals—some, completely undressed—united to chant phrases such as “Church—garbage—you're

the dictatorship!” The side walls of the Cathedral were vandalized with offensive slurs such as “The only church that illuminates is the one that burns.” The young faithful prayed the rosary in front of the Cathedral while their clothes and faces were being spray-painted, their faces spit upon and they were being taunted

with obscene insults and immoral gestures. Police protection was scarce and no barricades were erected to protect the churches or Catholics from being assaulted by the pro-abortion mob.

A New Lourdes Miracle

The Marian apparition site of Lourdes is famous for its miracles. In 1905, the Lourdes Medical Bureau was set up to investigate volunteered testimonies of cures in order to prove that they took place immediately, instantaneously, and without convalescence. They normally receive a new volunteered account of a miracle each week but only ten a year are singled out for investigation. The work of verification is meticulous and complex and takes a minimum of 10 years. The Medical Bureau passes its findings to the Catholic Church for approval. On October 11, 2012, the Church approved the 68th official miracle of Lourdes. It is the unexplained cure of an Italian nun, Sister Luigina Traverso, who stood up and walked after being paralyzed and bedridden for years.

The Commandments Help Everyone

Dan Arieli, a non-Christian bestselling author and professor of psychology and behavioral economics at Duke University conducted a behavioral experiment at UCLA. He gave a classroom of students twenty mathematical problems with instructions that they should correct their own

paper after five minutes, put their test sheet into a shredder, and tell the instructor how many they got correct to receive one dollar for each correct answer. The shredder was engineered to only shred the edges of the paper so that Dan could see if the participants lied. He tested 500 students and with each classroom he studied what encouraged or discouraged them to lie. Most students solved four problems but reported to have solved six. However, after asking the students to first recall the Ten Commandments (a task which was not accurately completed) no one cheated. Even groups of self-declared atheists did not cheat after making an effort to first remember the Ten Commandments. Dan concluded that this suggests that the moment we are reminded about moral laws, regardless of our own moral code, our conscience is stronger and we are more thoughtful about our actions.

The Lily of the Mohawks

On October 21, 2012, Kateri Tekakwitha, “the Lily of the Mohawks,” was canonized. She was born in 1656 in the Mohawk fortress of Ossernenon near present-day Auriesville, New York. Her Mohawk community was stridently anti-Catholic, yet she learned about the faith from her converted mother and was baptized at the age of 20. She took the name Kateri, the Mohawk pronunciation of the French name Catherine. Tekakwitha literally means “she moves things.”

Kateri was persecuted because she refused to give up her Christian way of life. “I want to be a Christian, even though I should die for it,” she said. Her foster parents deprived her of all food on Sunday because she would not work in the fields on that day. Beatings, continual criticism, sarcasm and mockery were her constant lot. They tried to force marriage on her but she was inspired to remain a virgin and took a vow of virginity after becoming a Christian. In time, Kateri made her way to Caughnawaga, a village of Catholics. There she led a life of intense Christian virtue until her death in 1680 at the age of 24.



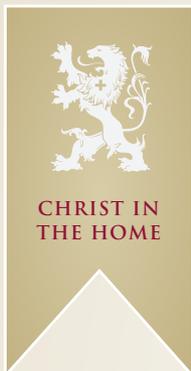
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PARENTS: 10 Important Nevers

BY FATHER RAOUL PLUS, S.J.



Talking back is one of the worst habits a child can form.

1. Never make a promise you don't intend to keep. It brings discredit on you and teaches your child to lie.

2. Never shout. To rear a child you must control him. As humans we are only controlled by qualities we do not have ourselves. If there is one quality a child does not possess, it is calm, which is the direct opposite of the extreme mobility of his nature, his impulsive impressionability. Calmness controls him, not shouting.

3. Never deceive. "Give me your whistle; you will see what fine music I can make." The child, with no defense, gives you his whistle and you put it in your pocket: "Now with the whistle there, you can't annoy us anymore."

4. Never punish trust. By saying, for example, if you want the child to take some disagreeable medicine: "Oh this is good! Drink it, you will see." The child sips it and pushes away the deceiving cup. You have failed him in your words. A few scenes of this kind and the child will lose all confidence in those who speak to him. If we wish to be believed, we must not abuse belief.

5. Never do yourself what the child, with a little time and ingenuity, can do himself; otherwise, he will never learn to take the initiative. On the contrary, confront him as soon as possible and as often as possible with tasks that are beyond him and which are capable of challenging him a bit so that he learns to gauge his strength, to remain humble because of non-success, and eager for struggle because he wants to

conquer the obstacle.

6. Never tolerate backtalk to a command, or grumbling, or any argument about it. Never take back a prohibition especially if the child tries to

work its recall by tears and coy maneuvering.

7. Never present a task to the child as completely beyond his capabilities as in "Could you do that? You'll be too afraid to do that?"—so that he gets the idea of a possible sidetracking of the issue or a sliding out of it altogether. No, tell him squarely what to do as if it were just an ordinary, simple matter. "Do this. Go there, please." In this way the child will not question his ability to do what is asked.

8. Never seem to attach importance to little scratches, bumps, and bruises he gets (naturally, proper attention should be paid to real needs). The child often cries when he hurts himself just to get attention, and being pitied makes him think he is a more interesting individual when injured. If you do not appear excited, he will understand that it is useless to make a tragedy of the affair. Care for the hurts that need care, and far from magnifying the case, explain that it isn't anything much: "You will have many others! Be brave and try to have more nerve about it!" The child grows calm.

9. Never inflict a humiliating punishment in the presence of others, except in the rare case that might be needed to punish an ineradicable pride. Aside from such a case, you would be degrading a child beyond reason: "Look how ugly he is!" "How clumsy you are!" Or what is worse—"Look at your brother, see how good he is!" Such comparisons are odious and only excite jealousy.

10. Never flatter: "Isn't he a darling!" The child knows this only too well. Encourage him, but don't praise him. To praise him [*in this instance—Ed.*] is to admire him for an advantage he has without merit on his part; to encourage him is to congratulate him on meritorious effort. Never tolerate the adulations of people who visit you either. ■

Adapted from Raoul Plus, S.J.'s *Christ in the Home* (Colorado Springs, CO: Gardner brothers, 1951), 138 – 140. It is a treasure chest of advice for Catholics on the practical and spiritual concerns of raising a family. To obtain a copy, visit www.GardnerBrothers.com.

I WAS THERE

at the 2012 Public Square Rosary Rally

BY JOHN HORVAT II



Members wearing the TFP habit carry Our Lady down Fifth Avenue to the Rosary Rally.



I could have found plenty of reasons not to go to the Public Square Rosary Rally this October 13. But as the date approached, I was determined that I would not miss it for anything in the world. All across the country, tens of thousands of Catholics would be gathering at 9,077 public places and praying for our nation in these troubled times. This was an historic event and I wanted to be part of it.

What made my rally particularly exciting was that I was going to one of America's premier public places—Fifth Avenue. We were situated in a small square in front of Rockefeller Center and across from St. Patrick's Cathedral. The place is so full of foreign tourists that we can say that it is really the world's public square. We could not have asked for a busier and more representative place to pray the rosary.

What I like about Public Square Rosary Rallies is that they have impact. If you pray a rosary inside a church, no one is especially surprised. But when you are at a busy intersection or on Fifth Avenue, people are shocked, intrigued, edified or consoled. No one expects to see two hundred people standing—some even kneeling—on the sidewalk affirming our Catholic Faith. Thousands of people are impacted by the spectacle. Many leave the scene changed.

Of course, we want to cause impact. Rosary Rally Captains are encouraged to be conspicuous. At our rally, I could sense the maximum impact caused by our banners, signs and bagpipes as tens of thousands passed by. Our voices were loud as we proudly prayed and sang hymns to Our Lady, which echoed off the glass and concrete canyons of midtown Manhattan. The sight of people praying for the nation in face of

abortion, same-sex "marriage," blasphemy and so many other ills is very strong.

What is impressive is that few think it strange that we are out there. Many think it is logical that we pray since the state of the nation is such that it merits prayer. The dramatic circumstances of our times demand that we do something of this nature. So compelling are the reasons for prayer that some people actually came up and joined us. I saw several others praying rather timidly from afar, but who gradually made their way to the prayerful crowd and became part of our rally. Still others prayed a few Hail Marys at a distance. Some dared not pray, but took out their cameras, cell phones and iPads, snapping plenty of pictures which found their way into the social media.

I cannot say that everyone was edified by our appearance there. There were definitely people who did not like it. I saw the smirks, the patronizing looks and the scowls of the "enlightened" ones who despise religion. Nor is this surprising, since as faithful followers of Our Lady, we can expect the scorn of the world. These poor figures acted as if our prayers were hopelessly out of time and place as they watched our invasion of "their" world. They feigned a disregard for our action but in the back of their heads, we shook their certainties. You could tell that we disturbed their smug complacency by our lively, proud and public witness to the Faith. Who knows? Maybe we planted a seed of grace in their souls that might sprout in the future.

There were also those who were indifferent. For them, our presence on the street was an inconvenience. We got in their way as they jogged down the street. We hardly existed to others inside their cyber-cocoons tethered to their electronic devices.

The most important part of the Public Square Rosary Rallies for me was the fact that Our Lady was queen at all 9,077 locations for a full hour. Even the police were there to protect our right to proclaim her as queen. It was truly an historic event.

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We do not know how many people were reached by the rallies. We cannot gauge the immense impact these rallies had on souls. We do know that the pleas of faithful Catholics across America and the world were heard by God in Heaven. We can be consoled by the fact that we heeded the requests of Our Lady at Fatima to pray the Rosary for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for the sins of man.

I can only give the impressions of my rally, but I suspect, from speaking with others, that similar



Over two hundred people joined the Fifth Avenue Rosary Rally.



Banners in English and Spanish announced the purpose of the 9,077 rallies.

considerations apply to all the rallies. Nine thousand points of light dared to pierce the moral darkness of our days. This veritable flood of light was invisible to the media, but not to God, Who looked down upon us. All sensed the blessing of Our Lady who took comfort to see literally hundreds of thousands of her children honoring her on this special day, the 95th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima.

Many years hence, looking back on today's confusion, history will record that there were those who braved the scorn of men and gathered in public squares to pray for our nation. While others went about their affairs, I can say that I was there, making history on the public square. And I would have it no other way. ■



Distributing Our Lady's flowers at the rally's end.

A Weapon of Faith

BY PLINIO CORRÊA DE OLIVEIRA

One great merit of the devotion to the rosary is that it was revealed by Our Lady to Saint Dominic as a means to revive the Faith in regions ravaged by the Albigensian heresy.

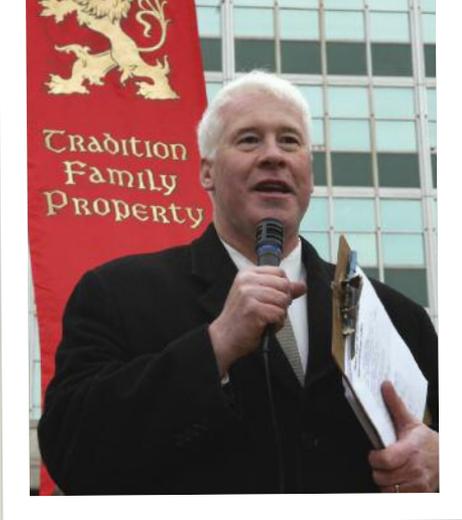
Indeed, the widespread practice of the rosary revived the Faith. With this, the rosary became, in times when there truly was faith in the world, one of the classic Catholic devotions. This led not only to the widespread making of statues of Our Lady of the rosary around the world but the practice of praying the rosary also became common among the faithful. Wearing the rosary hanging from the waist became an official component of the habits of many religious orders.

Among the thousand things that we could say about the rosary, I want to emphasize precisely this primary link between the rosary and the virtue of Faith, and be-

tween the rosary and the defeat of heretics. The rosary has always been considered an extremely powerful weapon of the Faith. We know that the virtue of Faith is the root of all virtues. Virtues are not true unless they spring from a living faith. Therefore, there is no point cultivating other virtues if one neglects Faith.

This devotion is particularly meaningful to those whose lives are marked by a continuous, legal and doctrinal struggle on behalf of orthodoxy, and who consider the victory of orthodoxy and of the Counter-Revolution in the world the ideal of our lives. This is because it establishes the link between our lives and devotion to Our Lady, who clearly appears here as the one who alone crushed all heresies, as the liturgy says. To a great extent, she has crushed them through the rosary. ■

Adapted from a recorded lecture of Prof. Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira.



The Rosary Crusade Grows STRONGER

BY FRANCIS SLOBODNIK

October 13, 2012, marked the sixth anniversary of America Needs Fatima's Public Square Rosary Crusade. Thanks to Our Lady, to dedicated volunteers and staff members, 9,077 Rosary Rallies were held in 30 different countries and across the United States, exceeding our goal of 8,000 rallies.

As director of the volunteer office in Rossville, Kansas, I know first-hand how palpable the enthusiasm was in the office this year. There was a holy fervor in the hearts of volunteers and staff members resolved to enlist as many captains as possible. 9,077 Rosary Rallies later, we consider this year's campaign a huge success.

We recruit volunteers by mail and by email. We always receive a tremendous response from those interested—young, old and in between. This year, we had the largest number of both returning volunteers, and volunteers who asked to extend their stay. Some went home and then returned later in the summer while others stayed for over a month. Many people said that the time spent volunteering in Kansas felt like a retreat.

We had volunteers not only from all around the USA but also from abroad. Catholics see that our country is at the edge of a precipice, and they want to help. There was a volunteer from Ireland and several from Canada, all eager to enlist captains—which they did rather easily. Any time a person hesitated, our international volunteers would say, "I'm not even American, but I traveled here because I believe in this cause!" And ANF would have one more captain to count on.

Each day at the shift change, at 3PM,

all volunteers prayed the Irresistible Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus together. We prayed for the success of the Public Square Rosary Crusade and that we would not only meet, but exceed our goal. As you can see, Our Lord generously heard our prayer. We asked Him to grant abundant graces and blessings, and to open the hearts of people to be receptive to our call for rosary rally captains. Finally, we asked that Our Lord remove all the obstacles that Satan places in our paths. We prayed that He would allow Our Lady to crush the devil's head whenever he interferes with Her work. One of our volunteers wrote to us, "the most enjoyable time, even more than all of the other moments, was when we all came together as a group to pray the novena at 3PM." As a result of praying this novena together, all volunteers felt the presence and sacred protection of Our Lord and Our Lady.

For these volunteers, traveling to Kansas for two or more weeks is a great sacrifice. It shows a great devotion to Our Lady, especially for the new volunteers who place themselves in the care of people they have never met. Love for Her and for Her cause overcomes these apprehensions, and the volunteers

truly receive tremendous blessings for the sacrifices they make for Our Lady!

From July through October, we tried many new strategies to enlist more captains. We greatly increased the number of home volunteers, produced highly successful voice broadcasts, and for the first time, held three tele-townhalls, which were similar to a radio talk show. A moderator and guests explained the importance of the Public Square Rosary Crusade and answered questions from callers, live. Between the great expansion of home volunteers, voice broadcasts and the tele-townhalls, about 2,000 rally captains were enlisted.

During the last several weeks there were phone calls and emails requesting assistance and information. Many called in for the locations of local rallies. Those calls, of course, provided our volunteers with the perfect opportunity to



Hundreds of captains uploaded their pictures to the ANF Facebook page or website.

The number of Public Square Rosary Rallies since the project's beginning:

2007: 2,107

2008: 3,500

2009: 4,337

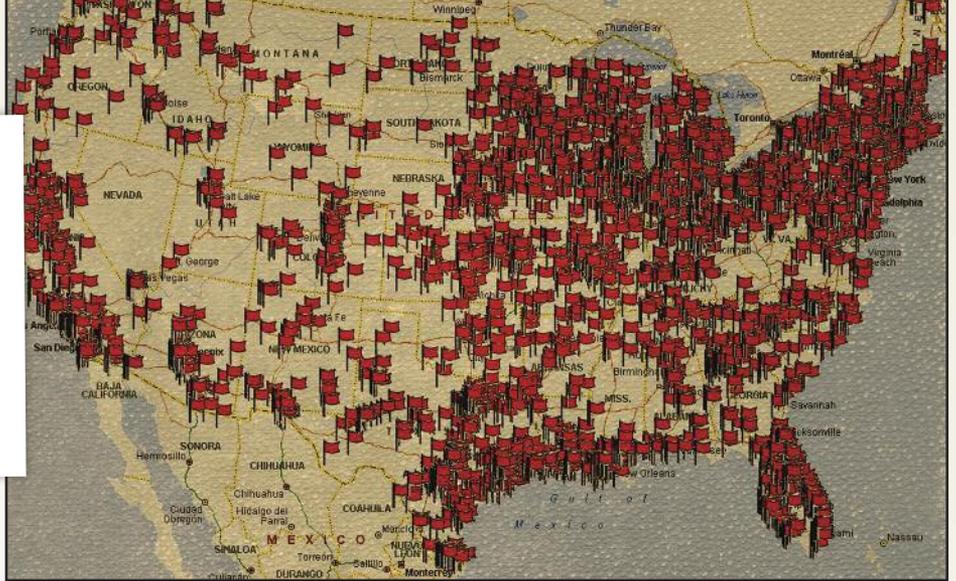
2010: 5,963

2011: 7,515

2012: 9,077



Over 140 volunteers helped to recruit and support the 9,077 Rally Captains.



Every major city had multiple Public Square Rosary Rallies.

ask the question, “Have you considered being a rally captain?” We like to explain that our goal is to have Rosary Rallies on every street corner in America. Often times, we would sign up a captain just a few days before the rallies.

Finally, the big day arrived. We were all prepared to publically stand up for our faith, and to pray in reparation for the sins of the world, along with thousands of others. Rallies were large and small, but the reparation and brave prayers for the conversion of America were fervent.

There are many stories of rallies and the incredible incidents that took place across America on that October day. While the Rosary Rally Crusade has always had the support of clergy, this year the support was greater than ever. One veteran rally captain told me that in past years her pastor was not that interested in the rosary crusade. However, he saw how beneficial it was for his parishioners to proclaim their Catholic faith in the public square, and as a result, he enthusiastically supported and promoted the rallies this year. He even attended her rally and boldly held a crucifix by the curb so that all passersby could see Our Lord crucified for the sins of our nation. At one location, a captain told us he would usually count the number of honks in support. But this year, there were so many he lost count.

When Monday morning arrived, there were already letters and reports about the rallies from captains far and wide. Then, mail began to pour in, and captains began uploading photos from their rallies to the rally photo gallery on the ANF web site. Every day for weeks, the rally mail arrived

at our volunteer center. Last year, it took until spring to enter all of the information from the rally reports. This year, we have added a full time employee just to enter the data from the mail tubs loaded with rally captain reports. Our hope is to have them completed by Christmas. Of course, this will be a wonderful, recurring and increasing “problem” as more and more faithful Catholics seek the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in America!

We can't express enough gratitude to all of our donors, large and small, who help to make the Public Square Rosary Crusade a self-sufficient operation. Without their help, we would not be able to fly dedicated volunteers to Kansas to enlist rally captains, nor would we have the attractive, full color banners. No one passes by without looking at the beautiful image of Our Lady and reading the serious words on the banner. Imagine if we could not afford those banners? The rallies would still give great glory to Our Lady, but there would be less of an impact on public opinion.

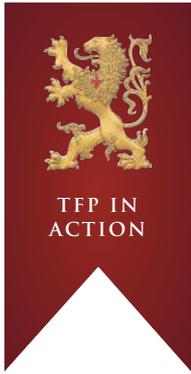
May God and Our Lady especially bless the rally captains, young, old, healthy, ill, outgoing or shy, and may They also bless all of those who partici-

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pated in the rallies. May these participants be moved by grace to hold their own rallies in 2013. May Our Lord and Our Lady also bless the incredibly dedicated volunteers; may they know our gratitude, and, above all, feel Our Lady's.

When do we begin working on the next year's rallies? Right away, and all year long. During the 2011 campaign, plans were already being made for 2012; and during the 2012 rallies the wheels were turning for 2013. Just think: in 2007, the first year of this crusade, over 2,000 rallies were held. In 2012, just six years later, 9,077 rallies were held. In order for these rallies to successfully take place, much prayer, preparation and manpower are needed. ■

If you would like to be one of the first to join the front lines as a 2013 Rosary Rally Captain, please contact our volunteer office at (866) 584-6012 or email us at ANFRosaryRally@aol.com. We will be happy to present Our Lady with another confirmed defender.



Fighting for Marriage in Maine

BY JOSEPH JORDAN

As hurricane Sandy barreled toward the East Coast, TFP Student Action volunteers toured Maine in defense of true marriage. From the cities of Saco, Scarborough and Portland to Auburn, Lewiston and Augusta, the group of young volunteers held numerous rallies in the various public squares. The rain and wind did not deter them on their mission to reaffirm the importance of God-ordered marriage which is under assault in the New England Pine Tree State.

The keystone of the family is marriage. No substitutes or counterfeits are morally acceptable. These and other powerful arguments were spelled out in a hard-hitting leaflet that was widely shared with the public, *10 Reasons Why Same-Sex "Marriage" is Harmful and Must Be Opposed*.

The general reaction of the public was positive. The number of supportive honks during the street campaigns reached almost deafening proportions. On a number of occasions, passersby joined the campaign by soliciting others at the intersection to honk their horns as well.



TFP Student Action rallied with dozens of pro-marriage families.

One such incident happened in Scarborough where a group of families gathered to bolster the numbers. When driving by, motorists would see forty people, including children as young as six, asking them to honk. One of the ladies who came to join the rally honked so much that her car battery died and had to be jump started.

At another intersection and during the hurricane, a woman stopped her car to talk with two of the volunteers. "I'm so happy to see young men doing what it takes to get the word out. Tell me more about your organization." Before leaving, she gave the members a hug and said, "Now I'm going to give you some mothering words: If you stay out here longer, you need to at least cover your ears."



The colorful demonstrations received equally enthusiastic responses.

An Honest Pro-Homosexualist

A regular inconsistency which surfaced with almost all the interactions with pro-homosexualists was their one-sided idea of tolerance and acceptance. They would threaten harm or try to harm the volunteers, but then, immediately afterwards, accuse us of being the hateful ones. In a debate which lasted longer than normal, one pro-homosexualist explained how this double standard works.

Below is a short narrative between TFP member Zechariah Long and a passing cyclist.

TFP member: "How's it going? Are you going to be supporting traditional marriage?"

The pro-homosexual cyclist then gave him the middle finger to which Zechariah responded: "Wow! Is that your tolerance level?"

Pro-homosexualist: "You're a



Bumper stickers, badges and fliers were available to those who wished to help.



Many would park to watch the campaigns and hear the honking.



The next generation learns how to be heard.

bigot!”

Zechariah: “Could you please define what you mean by ‘bigot?’”

Pro-homosexualist: “Someone who can’t tolerate someone else.”

Zechariah: “Well, sir. Are you tolerating us? It looks like you’re the bigot.”

Pro-homosexualist: “It doesn’t work that way. It’s a one-way street. You’re the bigots.”

This bicyclist could not have said it any more accurately—“It’s a one-way street.” His attitude summed up the empty rhetoric of the homosexual movement: tolerance, peace, love and peaceful co-existence but for one side of the debate only.

The Complacency of Many

This issue of homosexual “marriage” traces its origins back over fifty years to the world-wide sexual revolution of the 1960’s. And probably because of this, even though the number of honks in support very easily out-numbered the bad reactions, nevertheless, the large majority of the people did not react at all. This is very troubling and is a sign of where our country is headed.

As a proof of the consequences of the complacency of these people, Maine passed same-sex “marriage” by a margin of five percent. Those who passed by the rallies without responding were most likely doing so out of fear of breaking the silent consensus and this reflected what happened at the voting booths.

Once again, an example of Our Lord’s words in the Gospel is given. Those that seek to oppose God’s Law are much more motivated than those who seek to uphold it. Now, more than ever, those

30,427 Petitions Ask Notre Dame to Say “No”

BY JOHN RITCHIE

Again, the University of Notre Dame is under pressure to officially recognize a “Gay-Straight Alliance” (GSA) club on campus. Pro-homosexual activists are using the incremental, step-by-step approach to wear down Catholic resistance and boil the proverbial frog slowly.

According to *The Observer*, the Office of Student Affairs is “currently reviewing a proposal to create an official gay-straight alliance (GSA) at Notre Dame.” Although similar applications have been denied in the past, the student-run newspaper prints an ambiguous response from university president Fr. John Jenkins on the issue. In a recent interview, he says: “I think it’s time for a fresh look.”

The liberal media was quick to broadcast how pro-homosexual faculty and staff members at Notre Dame claim to have collected over 300 signatures in support of the campus’ “LGBTQ Community.”

In the meantime, thousands of Notre Dame alumni, university students and Catholic youth have signed a TFP Student Action petition, urging the university “Not to approve, recognize or finance student clubs or activities that endorse or promote homosexual sin.”

So far, there are 30,427 names on the petition supporting Catholic moral teaching, outnumbering the pro-homosexual letters by 100 to 1, a fact the liberal media choose to ignore.

“This is really all about symbols and, for us, the reputation of Notre Dame as an authentically Catholic university,” said William Dempsey, president of Project Sycamore, a group of faithful Notre Dame alumni who work to restore the institution’s Catholic identity.

“Notre Dame has been tireless in its efforts to honor the Church’s teaching on the obligation to treat homosexual members of the Notre Dame community with unalloyed charity, understanding, and justice,” he explained. “So much so that the Church’s companion teaching on the immorality of homosexual sex has taken on the character of barely audible background noise.”

“It’s only the university’s policy against a student GSA,” Mr. Dempsey continued, “that has shown students that the University takes seriously the Church’s teaching about the immorality of homosexual sex and, inferentially, the Church’s opposition to homosexual marriage. To take down that sign would be to reverse the message to the students and to deal another blow to the school’s public image as a Catholic institution.” ■

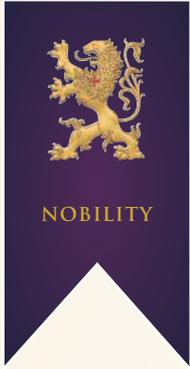
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who wish to uphold God’s Law must fight to keep His Commandments. As St. Augustine famously said, “Right is right even if no one is doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it.”

There is still hope for America. Legally, Maine now equates the sin of homosexuality with the sacred bond of marriage, however, this violation of natural law will never be fully accepted. Furthermore; in thirty states that have had a vote on this issue, an overwhelm-

ing majority have voted to uphold the true definition of marriage. As in any war, there will always be losses and defeats, but in the end, Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart will triumph! ■

For a video of pro-homosexual vandals caught on tape, please visit www.TFPStudentAction.org/Maine



How Marie Antoinette Gave Prestige to the Potato

BY RAYMOND DRAKE

The potato was one of the plants brought to the Old World after Christopher Columbus' discovery of the Americas. While the potato is used extensively throughout Europe today, (German potato consumption

averages 150 lbs. per person per year) in its first years the potato struggled for acceptance. In France, wheat and bread were the staples and the lowly potato was scorned.

Antoine-Augustin de Parmentier (1737-1813), an eminent physician who wanted to introduce the potato into the French diet, decided that the best way to break through the prejudice was to recruit the good offices of King Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinette. If they made the potato fashionable, the rest of society would follow suit; and follow they did.

Concerning this, several stories are told. In one of them,

Parmentier is said to have given the royal couple some potato flowers when they were walking in the gardens of Versailles. The Queen put some of the little flowers in her hair. The king put one in his buttonhole. The nobles and ladies in their retinue did the same and the incident became a topic of conversation throughout France.

Another story tells how the king gave Parmentier some acreage for the growing of potatoes. Walls were put up and a guard established to protect the garden. The air of mystery aroused people's curiosity, which was doubled when guards accepted bribes to allow people to dig up potatoes. All of this staging encouraged people to look at the humble tuber from a new perspective.

All of these efforts received their reward and the potato was enshrined for good in French cuisine in 1785. In that year, famine struck northern France, but the poor were able to survive thanks to the lowly potato. The death of many by starvation had been avoided.

Like Frederick the Great of Prussia and others, Louis XVI immediately grasped the potato's potential as a basic food that could make all the difference when wheat crops were jeopardized by disease or bad weather.

This insight, this grasping of the nature and potential of proposed remedies to social problems, and the promotion of these remedies to society at large, is something that kings and nobles have done repeatedly through the ages. It is an intrinsic part of the mission of the nobility to be always on the alert for ways to protect and advance the common good of society. ■

Louis XVI's Potato Croquettes Recipe

SERVES 6

- 2 pounds of potatoes
- 2 tablespoons butter
- ¼ teaspoon White pepper
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon of parsley
- ½ to 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- Flour and bread crumbs

DIRECTIONS

Peel the potatoes, cut them into four pieces, place potatoes in cold, salted water and bring to a boil.

Once potatoes are cooked, drain and mash them in the same pan with butter, over low heat.

When the purée is compact and smooth, remove from heat and season with salt, white pepper, nutmeg, grated cheese and add one egg yolk. Mix everything well.

When the mixture is cool to the touch, roll them into balls, creating the croquettes. Roll each ball first in the flour, then in a whole beaten egg, and finally in the bread crumbs.

Fry the croquettes in boiling oil, making sure to turn them often until they are evenly golden. Don't deep-fry them in fat. Pan frying is best.

Serve warm with fresh parsley if desired.



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PROGRESS REPORT

A Sea of Roses

BY ANDREA F. PHILLIPS

“Wow!” How better to describe the “sea” of red and white roses delivered at Fatima on October 12 in the name of 9,077 America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally Captains and of 4,482 America Needs Fatima Sponsors across America!

ANF volunteers Michael Gorre and Michael Shibler, and Spanish correspondent Felipe Barandiarán arrived in Fatima on October 11, the bearers of eleven massive bundles of roses. It was a rainy day, but “Don” Felipe—as he is called—who has been delivering ANF’s roses to Fatima since 2007, had a hunch that the overcast wouldn’t last: “In all the years we’ve been arranging the delivery of roses, there has never been rain on the day of the delivery.”

“On October 12,” writes Michael Gorre, “the clouds parted and we had bright sunshine for the eve of the miracle of the sun.” And it was certainly a glorious day for photos with the two banners celebrating all the Rosary Captains and generous sponsors who made this year’s 9,077 Rosary Rallies possible across America.

Pilgrims to Fatima were impressed with the multitude of flowers and the number of Rosary Rallies being held in the



Over 13,500 roses at the Fatima Basilica in Portugal.

U.S. and all over the world on October 13. After the group photo at Cova da Iria, the flowers were distributed among the various altars around the Fatima Shrine. The messengers then presented, from the 2012 Rosary Rally Crusade, the thousands of petitions, intentions and consecration pledges to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the chapel of the apparitions. These weighed almost fifty pounds. A special bouquet was also offered in the name of those who made special requests.

From the small red candles which ANF members sent in from several Fatima mailings, fourteen great candles were made. These were lit at the shrine with a special prayer for America, for the work of America Needs Fatima and its supporters, and for the intentions of each and every person represented in the bouquets, in the petitions and in the candles.



The petitions and red candles of ANF members were also delivered.

The three ANF messengers also prayed for ANF members at the tombs of Blessed Francisco and Jacinta Marto, at the place of the apparitions of the Angel, and in Aljustrel, the seers’ hamlet.

May increasing public devotion to the rosary rise to heaven as an earnest plea for Our Lady’s words at Fatima to become a reality: “Finally, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.” ■



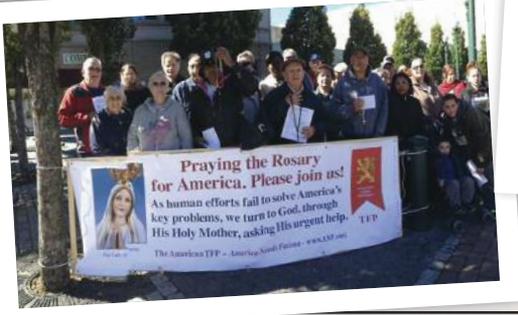
A GLIMPSE OF THE 2012 ROSARY RALLIES

If there were one million families praying the rosary every day, the entire world would be saved.

Pope St. Pius X



The Holy Rosary is the storehouse of countless blessings.
Blessed Alan de la Roche





'Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!' No creature has ever said anything that was more pleasing to me, nor will anyone ever be able to find or say to me anything that pleases me more.

Our Lady to Saint Mechtilde



No one can live continually in sin and continue to say the rosary: either they will give up sin or they will give up the rosary.

Bishop Hugh Doyle



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Two Candles at Paray-Le-Monial

BY CYNTHIA FERRAZ

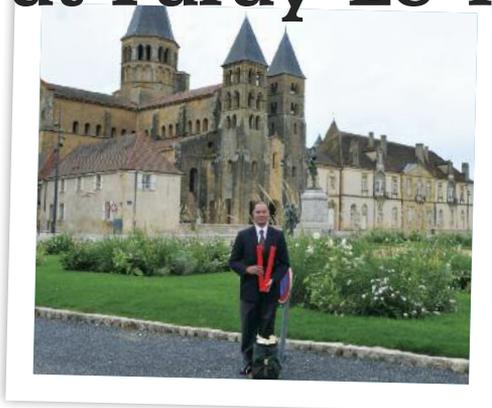
This past April, thousands of homes across America received a full color picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus accompanied by a Consecration Card, a set of beautiful address labels and a small, red candle.

For those returned the small candles, America Needs Fatima pledged to melt them into one great candle. The candle would then be lit at Paray-le-Monial, France, the place where Our Lord appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, and revealed the devotion to His Most Sacred Heart.

Also, for those who returned their completed Consecration Pledges, ANF promised to deliver them to the same sacred spot.

On October 3, ANF volunteers Michael Gorre and Fernando Nunes arrived in Paray-le-Monial as bearers of not one, but two great candles made from 20,629 small candles which had been returned! The Consecration package barely fit into Michael's back pack, and weighed thirty-seven pounds.

Though physically weighed down, the two volunteers felt spiritually uplifted as they lit the candles and offered the pledges at the place where Our Lord appeared and pledged His own



Michael Gorre holds the two red candles in front of the Basilica of Paray-le-Monial, France.

Heart as our refuge and our defense. As they lit the candles, they prayed for America Needs Fatima and for all its members whose intentions were symbolically "locked" into the wax, and whose names were on the pledges.

They also prayed at the tomb of Saint Claude de la Colombiere, S.J., the confessor and spiritual father of Saint Margaret Mary.

Mr. Gorre reported that Paray-le-Monial is a place of blessings: "...many of the people there were true pilgrims. . . The influence of the Sacred Heart of Jesus could be felt in the townspeople, who were sweet and welcoming."

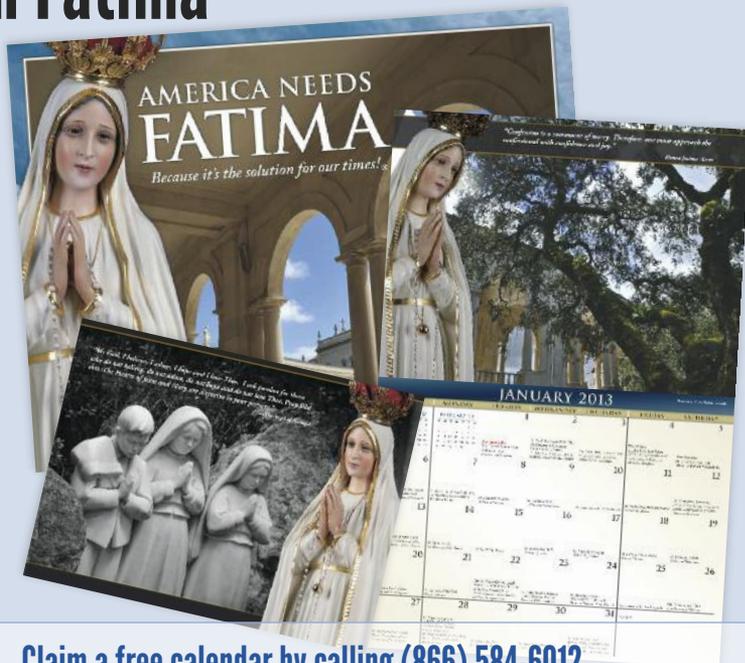
As they drove away and took one last look at the great Romanesque church of Paray-le-Monial, the ANF volunteers thought of all those pledges and of the two huge, red candles burning for days on end before the original shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless America Needs Fatima, and may He bless America. ■

The 2013 Calendar: A Walk in Fatima

America Needs Fatima printed 180,000 calendars for 2013 in an effort to make Our Blessed Mother a part of the daily lives of all its members. Hailed as the most stunning Fatima Calendar yet, all twelve months feature beautiful scenes from Fatima personally taken by members of ANF. The calendar features images of the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima, the candlelight procession and a personal, inside view of the homes of the Fatima seers. The calendar allows you to vicariously follow the steps of the three Fatima children on the walk from their childhood homes to the Cova de Iria and the exact spot where Our Lady appeared.

With inspiring quotes and a different image for each month, the calendar is accompanied by the International Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima superimposed over each photograph. As a special feature, this year's calendar highlights the Five First Saturdays Devotion, that forgotten part of the Fatima message, as well as easy-to-see notations of the saint of the day, Our Lady's feast days, the days of fasting and abstinence and the holy days of obligation. The Fatima Calendar acts as a wonderful reminder of Our Lady's love for her children, and of her watchful and caring gaze over us. ■



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Fliers explaining the protest were distributed.

Christ Attacked, Christ Defended

BY CYNTHIA FERRAZ

Immediately after the Fifth Avenue Public Square Rosary Rally on October 13, 2012, about 200 people marched in procession to protest and pray in reparation for a blasphemous exhibit at the Edward Tyler Nahem Fine Art Gallery on 57th street, five blocks away.

People fell silent and stood aside, snapped pictures and videos as Our Lady's flower-adorned float passed, carried on the shoulders of TFP members wearing the TFP habit.

The red standards of the TFP unfurled in the wind as the procession reached its destination. For an hour, the Catholics stood directly across the street from the gallery, praying and singing holy songs as they publically defended Our Lord against the exhibit of the image by Andreas Serrano of a crucifix submerged in a jar of body fluid. The ANF banners asked, "Will God bless a nation where taxpayer money funds a blasphemy like P*** Christ?" Another banner answered, "Catholics vehemently protest the P*** Christ blasphemy with every fiber of our souls."

The voices grew stronger as the crowd grew larger: "That's disgusting," one man said, "I don't know how long you're staying, but I'm joining you in prayer!" An elderly lady approached a TFP volunteer and said that she had been passing on a bus



Tourists from Europe were also disturbed by the gallery's exhibit.

when she saw the banners and signs. She exited the bus as soon as she could and walked back to the protest. "Thank you so much for protesting this," she said, enthusiastically. "It is such a shame for New York!"

Fliers were given out, alerting the public to the sacrilegious exhibit. Many people passing by were attracted by the public witness to the Faith, and approached to inquire about the protest. "Why is the Catholic Church always singled out for attack?" asked a police officer who was on-hand to monitor the protest. "It's outrageous," he said. A young couple asked what was blasphemous about the photographs Serrano took. "It's not art, but blasphemy," said TFP Student Action Director John Ritchie. "Would you like an image of your father immersed in urine?" "No," she said immediately. "It's about respect. And no one should be disrespecting the cross like that."

The protest was "invisible" to the media: not a single mention of it was found in the press. The important thing is that Catholics bonded together, and as one voice, offered reparation to God and acclaimed their faith in public—not once, but twice that October day. ■



19,834 Rosettes for St. Therese

BY ANDREA PHILLIPS

Early in August, America Needs Fatima's friends received a piece of mail containing a small rosette. The rosette symbolized St. Thérèse of Lisieux's favorite flower, the rose, the symbol with which she is often depicted, and of which she said, "I will make fall a shower of roses."

For those who returned their rosette with a prayer petition and/or a gift, ANF proposed to make a wreath to be personally delivered to the main sites reminiscent of St. Thérèse in Lisieux, France, the town in which she lived and died.

On this past October 1, the feast of St. Thérèse, ANF volunteer Michael Gorre arrived in Lisieux, the proud carrier of a

wreath that glowed red with 19,834 rosettes! Mr. Gorre reported that people were amazed at the sheer number of roses evident from the fullness of the wreath.

Each rosette represented a prayer, a petition and a gift to the effort of spreading the Fatima message of prayer and penance across our country, a mission undoubtedly close to St. Thérèse's missionary heart.

This wreath, from 19,834 American hearts and homes, was first placed at Les Buissonnets, St. Thérèse's house where she lived until age fifteen; then at the Carmel where she professed and died at age twenty-four, and at her Basilica, before the golden reliquary containing her



Michael Gorre near the golden reliquary containing the remains of St. Thérèse.



The wreath contained rosettes from 19,834 ANF members.

remains. Ultimately, the rosette wreath was laid at the cemetery where she was first buried, to this day a place of pilgrimage and hallowed peace.

At each site Mr. Gorre prayed especially for all those who sent their rosettes to honor St. Thérèse. ■

GUSTODIAN'S

Our Lady Goes Where She Wants

BY NORMAN FULKERSON

America Needs Fatima custodians often say, in reference to the Pilgrim statues that they travel with, that Our Lady visits who she wants. This means that circumstances arrange themselves to provide a visit that would not have occurred otherwise. This is a clear sign that it was Our Lady who wanted to make things happen. Such was the case at the home visit of Brent and Laura McGinnis in Charlotte, North Carolina. After the rosary Laura began to tell the story of her path to a closer union with Our Lady. It began over a year ago when the local bishop told the congregation that they should ask God for whatever they want. "I felt the need to be closer to Our Lady," Laura admitted, "and asked her to make that possible."

Some time later, Laura remembers a priest making a matter-of-fact statement that "after all, salvation began with the Hail Mary." She had never heard it put that way and it got her thinking. Then one day her mother asked

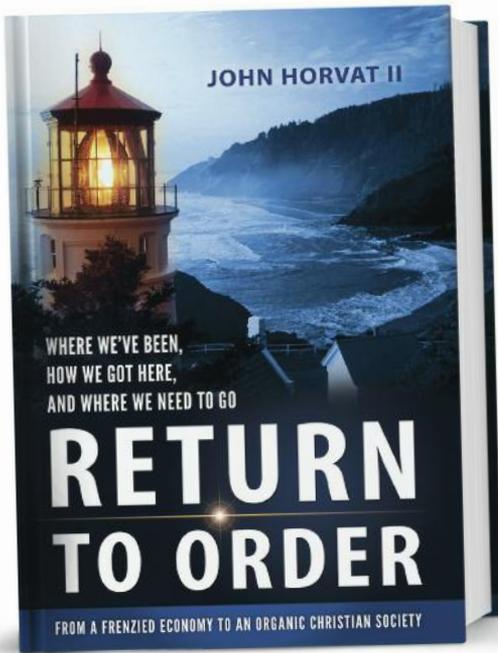


Mr. Norman Fulkerson has been serving Our Lady for twenty-nine years in the TFP.

her if she had ever heard about America Needs Fatima. "They are such a wonderful organization," she said. Laura had not, but all that was about to change when two days later she received a postcard informing her that the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima would be visiting the area. Laura did not remember even being on the mailing list and says she would have thrown the card away if not for the favorable remarks her mother had made about America Needs Fatima.

It was clear to me that Laura and her husband Brent were touched by the visit of Our Lady to their home. Both of them seemed to receive a grace to understand the importance of the Blessed Mother and the need to pray the rosary in these trying times. The series of seemingly fortuitous circumstances which provided a visit that might never have happened otherwise are yet another example of how Our Lady goes where she wants. ■

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



How to Restore the Economy and the American Soul

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by John Horvat II

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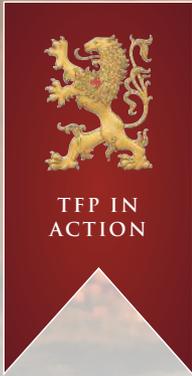
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Confidence in Our Lady AMIDST THE STORM

BY BEN BROUSSARD

The last weekend of October was supposed to be another routine National Conference for the American TFP, similar to the many conferences hosted in years past. However, several factors coincided to make this year's conference an event far from the ordinary. The approach of Hurricane Sandy, along with news of snowstorms to the west, gave a powerful backdrop for this year's events, providing many parallels which the different speakers alluded to throughout the conference. In a sure sign of Divine Providence, the threatening weather did not begin until well after most guests had departed at the conference's conclusion.

Over 200 supporters, members, and friends of the American TFP gathered October 26-28 at the TFP's national headquarters in Spring Grove, Pennsylvania. As guests arrived Friday evening, lively discussions soon filled the medieval-style tent as the wonderful aromas of wood-fired brick oven pizza enhanced the ambience. Students from St. Louis de Montfort Academy were on hand to serve meals, and helped assure that things ran smoothly throughout the conference. The conversations lasted long into the night as the guests continued to arrive; from Pennsylvania locals to visitors from as far away as Brazil and Hawaii.

Persecution of the Church— Why Our Lady Weeps

The theme of the conference coincided poignantly with an important anniversary: "40 Years after Our Lady's Miraculous Weeping in New Orleans: Reflection, Reparation, and Action."

In his opening remarks Saturday morning, Mr. Michael Drake related to participants the different storms threat-

ening our culture, the approaching Hurricane Sandy serving as a chilling backdrop. Mr. Mario Navarro da Costa, director of the TFP's Washington Bureau, continued the morning's talks with "Reflections on Why Our Lady Weeps," reviewing the comments of Prof. Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira in 1972 after Our Lady wept in New Orleans, then covering a series of recent news stories accentuating reasons Our Lady has reason to weep today. His talk was followed by Mr. Luis Solimeo explaining the history of liberation theology and the crisis within the Church, with Mr. Gustavo Solimeo offering the solution to the Church's crisis: always looking to the perennial teaching of the Church, and having absolute confidence in the Queen of Heaven.

Following a break for lunch, Mr. Rex Teodosio presented "The Islamist Persecution of the Church Around the World," highlighting the plight of Catholics around the world in the midst of persecution by Muslims, along with clearing many misconceptions regarding Islam in general. Mr. James Bascom next spoke regarding "Communist and Secularist Persecution Against the Church," detailing the plans of radical environmentalists for the destruction of society. The afternoon

concluded with Mr. Michael Chad Shibley speaking of "The Imposition of a Civilization Contrary to the Catholic Ideal," explaining the dangers in modern technologies and media, which are being used to destroy man's capacity for contemplation and deep thought, as well as being a barrier to the spiritual life.

Our Lady's Graces and Blessings

Breaks between the various talks provided opportunities for refreshments and the renewal of old friendships, while simultaneously giving time for making new friends amid discussions of the topics covered by the different speakers. Though these moments seemed too brief, Our Lady's blessing on the gathering could be felt during the lively convivium, as participants savored the chance to talk with like-minded Catholics from around the country.

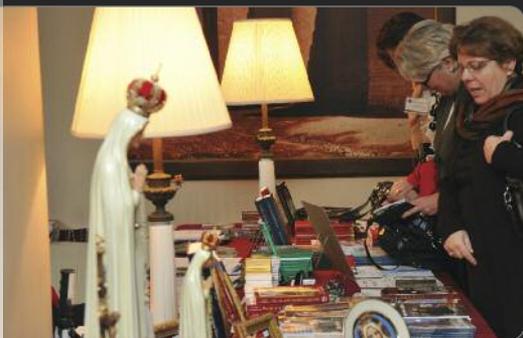
After many more conversations during a festive dinner, Saturday concluded with the traditional candlelight rosary procession. TFP members in ceremonial habit marched in procession before the American TFP's life-sized statue of Our Lady of Hope, Macarena, carried on the strong shoulders of supporters. When the procession reached its destination, the melodious chants of the *Salve*



The conference talks gave plenty of food for thought and conversation.



Conference attendees light the way of the rosary procession for Our Lady, while singing Marian hymns.



Along with traditional religious items, attendees bought books and pre-ordered the *Return to Order* book.



Mr. John Horvat gave a detailed introduction to his new book, *Return to Order*.



Over 200 supporters, members, and friends attended the conference.

Regina, Litany of Loreto, and Ave Maris Stella resounded in the cool autumn air, enchanting all present and giving fitting honor to the Queen of Angels.

The evening concluded with an inspiring video presentation on the life of Blessed Jose Sanchez del Rio, a fourteen year old boy who bravely suffered martyrdom for Christ the King during Mexico's Cristero War. Conversations afterward continued long into the night as the gentle light of the full moon illuminated the fall landscape, clearly a sign of Our Lady's maternal protection.

A Return to Order

Sunday's talks and events centered on introducing the TFP's new book titled: *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*.

Mr. Norman Fulkerson began the day with an inspiring talk entitled "Signs of Hope, Grace, and Reaction," telling of the importance of the action of angels in the life of grace, and how myth forms a powerful means for shaping public opinion and individual perceptions. In a unique fashion, Mr. Fulkerson concluded his talk by emphatically thanking the angels present, which received an enthusiastic standing ovation from the audience.

The author of *Return to Order*, American TFP Vice-President Mr. John Horvat II, gave a detailed introduction to the book's scope and contents, garnering much enthusiasm and anticipation in his audience concerning the book's imminent release in 2013, after some 20 years of work on the project. This was followed by Mr. Michael Whitcraft giving a preview of a portion of the book re-

garding organic solutions to today's problems, both moral and economic.

On Sunday afternoon, the final talk introducing the book was offered by Mr. Robert Ritchie, delving into practical ways in which supporters can help the campaign to promote *Return to Order*, and the importance of the ideas contained in the book as a Catholic solution to our nation's problems. Throughout the presentation, Mr. Ritchie was certain to emphasize how the campaign for promotion of *Return to Order* can be considered the American TFP's most important campaign.

Christ the King and the Reign of Mary

The afternoon concluded with Holy Mass in the nearby city of York, with music provided by a choir of TFP members accompanied by Mr. Philip Calder on organ. Fittingly, the celebration began with a magnificent chant popular since the days of Charlemagne, "*Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat!*" (Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands!) Mass for the Feast of Christ the King underscored the recurring theme of the need for Our Lord to reign over temporal society.

Upon return to TFP Headquarters, many marveled at the transformation which had taken place in their absence.

The tent for meals had been taken down entirely, and the indoor meeting room had been transformed into a medieval banquet hall. Amid great mirth, the highlight of the evening, and, as many would remark later, of the conference as a whole, was the keynote address given by Prince Bertrand of Orleans-Braganza, who spoke on "Return to Order and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary." So important was the speech to him, that for the first time in his many years of attending the American TFP's conferences, he gave his remarks entirely in English. Summing up what those before him had alluded to, Prince Bertrand encouraged all to have confidence in the Mother of God, who said at Fatima, "Finally, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

Refreshed physically and spiritually after a very busy weekend, conference participants returned home, fully aware of the different types of storms on the horizon, but trusting in the solution to both: absolute confidence in the Mother of God. Through the many graces given, may Our Lady make use of all those who attended the conference to implant the reign of her wise and Immaculate Heart in America and throughout the world. ■



The solemn High Mass at St. Mary's in York, PA.



Prince Bertrand of Orleans-Braganza delivered the keynote speech at the closing banquet.



If anyone has any doubts about the true nature of the green environmental movement, he should talk to Lord Christopher Walter Monckton. This inspiring Catholic English lord has been challenging the movement for years. He even challenged Al Gore to a debate but the inconvenient truth is that the famous environmentalist has not responded. In the early 1980's he served as British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's science adviser and has since been involved in politics; most recently as the Deputy Leader of the UK Independence Party. He is an avid writer, especially on the topic of global warming, and has been the editor for *The Universe*, *The Evening Standard*, and *The Sunday Telegraph*.



Lord Christopher Walter Monckton

GREEN IS THE NEW RED

Crusade Magazine: You famously challenged Al Gore to a public debate about man-made global warming a few years ago. Did anything ever come of that?

Lord Monckton: The challenge was delivered personally in writing to his enormous mansion in Tennessee in March of 2007. We have now waited more than 5 years since that challenge was made. We are still waiting, and I'm not holding my breath. This is just as well, given the length of time since the challenge was made. Of course, Al Gore knows perfectly well that he dares not debate this issue with anyone. He specifies that no journalist or person participating in any meeting in which he speaks be allowed to ask any unscripted question because he won't necessarily know the answer. This is why he is terrified of a debate; and the challenge remains open: You can run, but you can't hide; and I'm coming to get you!

Crusade Magazine: Are the polar ice caps melting and the sea rising because of manmade carbon dioxide?

Lord Monckton: That is one of the many items they like to whip up scare stories about. The satellites began measuring the extent of sea ice at both poles around 1979. There happened to be a peak in

the last century in the extent of sea ice. In the North Pole, there has been a definite loss in sea ice, a quite considerable loss, around 10-15% over that 30-year period. This has been almost entirely made up for—not quite, but almost entirely—by a growth in sea ice in the Antarctic. So globally, the amount of sea ice has really not changed very much over the last 33 years—a little bit of a decline over the last few years—but really nothing to write home about; nothing beyond what we might regard as the natural variability of the climate. There are two large ice masses on earth. One is Antarctica where 90% of the world's ice is, and the other is Greenland, where 5% is. Now, Antarctica has been cooling for the last 30 years since the satellites have been watching, and therefore there has been quite a substantial accumulation of ice on the land there.

In Greenland it's been a patchy story. In the years from 1992 until 2003 there was a net growth of around two feet in the total average thickness of the sea ice, all except the coastal trenches. About six inches of that increase, which equals about twenty five percent, went back into the oceans from 2003 to 2008, and a paper in 2009 said that since 2003, 273 billion tons of ice had gone from Greenland into the ocean. I did a calculation on that based on the volume of ice and its known specific gravity and calculated that that 273 billion tons, even if it hadn't been simply ice that is going back into the ocean having accumulated there in the previous decade, would only have caused sea levels to rise by 0.7 mm, and this illustrates a rather interesting point: a due sense of proportion in looking at scientific questions. 273 billion tons sounds like a lot until you realize that if you melt it and then average it over the vast oceans, which cover 71% of the planet, it doesn't actually amount to very much.

Getting this due sense of proportion back into

the scientific and economic debate about climate change has been my main road. I don't want to lose the use of reason in coming to scientific conclusions. If we lose that, then we lose the West, and if we lose our ability to reason, then we lose one of the three great pillars of the soul, or one of the great powers of the soul as they would call it in traditional Catholic theology, where you have the three powers of Almighty God: the Creative power, the Conservative power and the Concurrent power; and the three powers of the soul: the memory, the understanding, and the will. Understanding and the use of reason is what most clearly separates us from the rest of the visible creation and most closely unites us with the Divine. If we lose the use of reason, we lose our humanity and also our link with the Divine; both of those losses would be profoundly undesirable.

Crusade Magazine: What ideologies or doctrines are behind the environmental movement? Because it is clear that it is not just about the environment.

Lord Monckton: It's not about the environment at all anymore. The environmentalists are merely watermelons: green on the outside, red on the inside; or I call them the traffic light tendency: Greens too 'yellow' [afraid] to admit they are really red. You may think this is just rhetoric, but I used to know one of the founders of Greenpeace, the late Eric Ellington, and nobody less political could be found. He was genuinely concerned that nobody should mess up the planet, and so he and his fellow founders all had rather idealistic notions about what they would like to achieve. Within a year or two, he said, they had all had to leave because they weren't political. When the Marxists moved in, and in his words, "Took the movement over," they were unable to stop it because they didn't know how. They weren't political. So they were politically outmaneuvered by the hard left.

Crusade Magazine: So it was hijacked.

Lord Monckton: Yes, yes. Greenpeace was completely taken over by the Marxists and it has been run by them ever since and many of the other environmental organizations are similarly driven by people on the very far left. So, of course, there is that ideological concern, and then there is also a kind of statism, a desire that the State should run everything, which of course is part of left-wing philosophy, but there is also a kind of selfish statism among the bureaucrats and politicians who want to be made to feel useful, who want to have a reason for existence, a reason for taxing people "until

the pips squeak." The environment to them is a magical way of extracting vast amounts of a nation's money through taxes on fossil fuels, carbon trading, etc. etc., and there is the straightforward financial motive on the part of many people who are getting, frankly, inordinately rich as a result of this scare.

Crusade Magazine: How does environmentalism affect private property and agricultural rights around the world?

Lord Monckton: The danger is that, as has already happened in places like Australia and Uganda, people are displaced from their land,



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often [which had been] held for generations, in the name of some environmental concern or another, and the State, in the name of saving the planet (of course the planet was saved 2,000 years ago and doesn't need to be saved again) will increasingly, arrogantly exercise eminent domain, which is, of course, in direct contradiction to the rights of individual property. That is why it is very important that we should get the science right. If we get it wrong, we start going around confiscating people's land without good reason. That is an end to property rights and ushers in an era of socialism, which is what I suspect this environmental movement is really, chiefly, intended to bring about. ■

Between 1920 and 1945 the Arctic Sea melted, yet man emitted over 90% less carbon than he does today.

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As we have left 2012 behind and step into the New Year, it is impossible not to be filled with renewed hopes, wider horizons and stronger resolutions. As we face the battles and challenges to come, the enemy of our souls would prefer we give up and leave our values behind, but the New Year gives us an opportunity to pray for heroic zeal and an even greater determination.

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