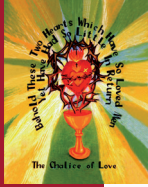


Consider the lilies, how they grow:
they labour not, neither do they spin.
But I say to you,
not even Solomon in all his glory
was clothed like one of these.
Luke 12:27





This Month's Newsletter

EDITORIAL NOTES

Consider the Lilies

The front cover is a photograph taken by Patrick Rushe. Within this Newsletter, we have printed part of Luke 12, where Jesus teaches His Disciples using the analogy of lilies. This Scripture says it all. It confirms all the Messages where Jesus is telling us to trust Him and to worry not of our lives. It would be good if we could all take a little time to reflect on this piece of Scripture.

The Messages

One recurring theme in the Messages this month is to prepare by dying to ourselves. The tone

of the Messages are that Jesus' Coming is imminent. He is asking us to prepare so that, when the time comes, we will be ready to help His broken children. If we don't prepare we will be the broken ones looking for guidance when His Spirit comes instead of the helpers that Jesus needs.

Easter Retreat

Many people seem to be touched deeply by Jesus during our Easter Retreat, here at the House of Prayer. Two of the servants have written a reflection on what they experienced at this time.

Synod

As we all may know, this month Pope Francis published his book based on the recent synods. This book has been met with much controversy and confusion. We have included several articles about this Exhortation.

The only Bible

We have included a wee story which is unquestionably something to think about. It explains how sometimes our lives are the only Bible some people will read and how important it is to live like Christ, Himself, as true Christians.

Garabandal Pilgrimage 2016

Thursday 26 May to Tuesday 7 June - Twelve nights

Includes: two nights in Paray le Monial, two nights in La Salette, one night in Lourdes, four nights in Garabandal

(option of staying in Garabandal or Soledad House of Prayer) and one night in Saint Maximilian House of Prayer in France.

You will notice a slight increase in fare. This is due to the fact that cabins will be available on the overnight ferry crossings to France both ways and that we are also travelling on the faster ferry from Ireland to UK. We also have booked the best standard rooms at La Salette.

Price: £695 (€850) staying in Soledad House of Prayer, £790 (€965) staying in Garabandal village

Only a few places left!!



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The Messages of Love

Friday 8 April 2016

Do not allow doubts to hold you back from Me, My children.

Believe in the Words I give to you and see this world has forgotten Me.

It has forgotten that I have the Power to create and to destroy; it has forgotten that I am God and that I am all that matters in your lives. These lives that you see as being so important are so short and, soon, you all will understand what you have forgotten for I will reveal My Truth to all mankind and all will have a chance to return.

Believe, children, for little time is left.

Believe!

I Love you.

Wednesday 13 April 2016

Come to Me, My children, and believe in the Words that I speak.

Little time is left, My children, and still you do not believe, you do not see the darkness that creeps ever further into your lives. Wake up, My little children, and see the Truth of what is happening in this world. As each day goes by, more

and more of My children wander ever further away from Me. So, so many will never return because they have walked blindly into the traps of lucifer in their own free will.

Wake up, My little children, and see the Truth: believe in the Words that both I, and My Mother, have given to you, Warning you of these times that you now live in. Soon, all will change, children, and it will be too late for so many.

Show this world that you believe by the way that you live your life.

Be loving, caring and faithful children of Mine, only look to the Truth and see Me in all that you meet.

I Love you, My little children, I Love you.

Be careful in the days ahead and do not stray far from Me.

I Love you.

Saturday 16 April 2016

Believe, My children, believe in the Words I speak and do not fear the events of this world.

Believe I have Warned you what would happen and so you are pre-warned and can

prepare.

Take on My Words and begin to prepare for there is little time left.

Prepare by fighting against the desires of self: begin to remove sin from your lives for, the more you fight against the sin in your lives, the clearer you will see.

Trust in Me and believe I am with you.

Self is your enemy: fight it. Trust.

I Love you.

Friday 22 April 2016

Believe, My children, that I am calling you in these Words to follow Me in Truth.

Believe that I, and My Mother, have given many Words around this world to Warn you of the times that you have now entered.

Believe, My children, that this world cannot continue on the path that it now walks for it is the path of destruction, the path that only leads to the fires of hell.

I say, again, My children: wake up and see the Truth of the Words that I speak! Begin to read the Words that I, and My Mother,

have spoken and begin to prepare now.

Do not wait, My children, for there is not the time left for hesitation.

Prepare, children, prepare by dying to self so that when My Spirit comes you will be ready to do My Work.

The "Battle of Love" is about to begin in earnest.

Trust in Me, My children, for I do not give you new Words but I give you the Words that My Spirit has already spoken in Scripture. Prepare, children, prepare for all is about to change.

I Love you.

Wednesday 27 April 2016

Come, My children, and listen to My Words. I have given you so many Words of Warning, yet, so few have listened.

The signs of your times that I have spoken of are all around you, they are plain to be seen for those who are willing to look.

The events that I have told you of are coming to pass.

Prepare, My children, prepare, for there is little time left.

Trust in Me, children.

I know you can neither see nor feel Me in these times but, soon, you shall know Me in Truth.

I must allow this world to walk the path it chooses in free will.

I must allow this world to see the danger it has placed itself in so that those of the future will know never to walk this path again.

Trust in Me and believe for, soon, your waiting will come to an end and this world shall see its God and know how it has wronged Me.

Believe in the Words that I speak, My children, and prepare by dying to self so that the scales may fall from your eyes and My Truth be revealed to you. I say: prepare for already it is too late for so many.

Prepare!

I Love you.

Thursday 28 April 2016

Children of the Light, I call you to Me in these days of great darkness where little of My Light is allowed to shine.

Believe in the Words that I speak, believe in the Warnings I have given and see that the cracks begin to appear in the vial of lies that now surrounds all of this earth.

Trust only in Me and believe so that you will remain safe, protected from the lies that lucifer has spread so freely to all mankind.

Trust in Me for I will allow all to decide in free will who they wish to follow.

Then, I will give all a chance to return, this time fast approaches and you do not see it.

Trust in Me.

I Love you.

Friday 29 April 2016

Come to Me, My children, come to Me and find rest, find Peace, find Love and

Joy within the depths of My Heart.

Do not allow this world to rob you of what I give to you.

Trust in Me, My children, die to self for it is self that wants to follow the ways of this world.

It is self that feels embarrassed when I am mentioned.

Fight self and you shall find Peace for, remember, it is self that listens to the inspirations of lucifer. Become spiritual children of Mine and only allow Me to inspire you of your every footstep and you shall become a great light in this world.

Remember who My Saints are: they are those of My children who have fought against the self within that only wishes to follow this world.

I speak to you, My child, as you read these Words: become a saint of Mine; fight the self within and come, follow Me in truth.

I Love you.

Friday 29 April 2016

My children, your hearts are far from Me.

Your hearts have found other things to love.

You demand from Me that I accept your sin.

Your hearts tear at you to be in the world and you ask...to approve of what you want.

You do not accept the Graces that I have given to you and, more than that,

you do not use them.
The world calls you to pleasure and you want it.
My little ones, it is the road to hell.

The Ways that I give you are the road to Heaven.
I tell you in Truth, you allow the spirits of hell to dictate your every move.
You want and desire what they have to give.

My Church was once a garden of delights for Me, a garden where bright flowers grew, a garden that had a sweet fragrance that was pleasing to the Father. That fragrance was the obedience to the Rules that I gave to you. The Words that I spoke fell into your hearts as the sweetest honey. You loved Me. You wanted to do My Will and you tried.

Now? You do not even try. No longer are the Words I speak sweet honey to you but they are a food that chokes you as you eat it. You have made My Church a wasteland with your sensual thoughts, you have made it into the forecourts of the Temple that buys and sells without regard for the One whose House it is.

Your telephones are your god because they give you the answers that you seek.
Your prayers are to the one you see in the mirror.
Your hearts are far from Me.

In this time, the time that you see around you, that sexual world that you see around you, that you wish to be a part of: is darkness.

Only I have the Light for I am the Light of the world.
My Church has become many houses, you have many masters.

I am not your Master for you have rejected Me in your hearts.

You have rejected My Words and you have held in your hearts only those words that bring you further from Me.

Your own visions, your prophecies that you follow are not My Words, My Visions, but those that are conjured up in hell and fed to you through the eyes that wander to what hell provides.

Close your eyes against it for *My Words, My Prophecies*, are coming to pass before your eyes and, My children, the part that causes Me the most Pain and sadness is that *you can see it, you can feel it, you can taste it* and yet, you will not hear My Words of Warning. You WANT what lucifer has to offer.

The one whom I have told you of for many years is here. I do not need to point him out. He has division in his heart for that is how the spirits work: divide and conquer.

You are divided in your loyalties, children, and that division is unequal for there is more loyalty to the world than to Me.

I will not ask you to return to Me for many of you will not see My Ways, so blinded by the world are you. I will only ask, if your

heart is sincere in following Me, that you listen to My Words and obey them for they are the only way that I can bring you through this time of evil that you live in. The decision is yours, children.

Saturday 30 April 2016

Trust in Me, My children, and believe in the Words that I speak for these are the lifeline that I throw you in your time of great peril. Look, children, look around you and see how this world has turned against Me and My Ways. Sin has become your truth and My Ways have become the lies. lucifer has twisted the peoples of this world into thinking that they understand and know the truth because of false mercy and false compassion. It is not compassion, it is not Mercy to send someone to the fires of hell.

This earthly life that you live is only a time of choosing where you decide if you want to live for all eternity in Heaven or in hell.

If you choose the path of sin then you choose hell.

If you choose the path of My Truth then you will spend all eternity in Heaven.

The choice is yours, My children, but, you are allowing lucifer to twist your thinking into believing that sin is the way of truth.

Sin is darkness: darkness only leads to the fires of hell.

Open your eyes and see the Truth: you have no

freedom, you are not allowed to disagree with sin; you are not allowed to speak the Truth. If you speak My Name you are frowned upon; if you say the act of homosexuality or abortion is wrong you are frowned upon. Look at the many other sins that have now been accepted as the way of truth. Open your eyes, My children, for there is little time left. These are your final Warnings. I Love you.

APPEAL UPDATE

We wish to thank all of you who have contributed to our latest appeal toward the collator and print machinery which is in urgent need of updating.

To date £7,847.12 of the £75,000 needed has been raised. We continue to rely on your prayers and your financial help in order that these vital machines be purchased. Without having these the production of the Newsletter is in serious jeopardy and its future production, here at the House of Prayer, will become impossible.

We are sorry if we caused confusion by, initially, just printing the IBAN and we wish to clarify that the Sort Code is: 950282 and the Account Number is 71111418. The account name is JPP Publishing/printing and the account is held at the Danske Bank in Cookstown.

Alternatively you can also donate directly by visiting our web site: www.thetwopatricks.org and following the link there.

If you are sending donations by post could you please specify if your donation is for the current appeal, House of Prayer funds or any other.

We wish to thank and express our appreciation for your much needed continued prayers and support.

The current debts for the running costs of the House of Prayer is £15,200 and we must humbly request that you also bear this in mind. It is only through your generous support that we can continue to do the Work that Jesus is requiring of us at this time.

It is never our intention to burden you with news of our debts and needs but Jesus has no hands but ours, no feet but ours and no voice but ours. This quote is from a Message of Love on Saturday 26 July 2003:

“...I Love all of you, My children, and I ask you for this so that My Work might be truly done. I use no threats to ask you, I simply go down on My Knees and I beg you. I am not ashamed to beg nor am I embarrassed as My servant is...”

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus we place all our trust in Thee.



Holy Thursday Night vigil

Tuesday 18 March 2008

Are you with Me, My children, My friends? Are you walking with Me? The Way is long and hard; walk My Footsteps, all will be well. Deepen yourself into Me, find Me in the suffering that you see in Me. Deepen yourself into Me, find the Pain within Me for it is your pain. Forget the world and the unimportant things of the world that you have surrounded yourself with; gaze only at Me.

Do you see My trail of Blood as it drips from Me? It is your blood that I have shed within Me for you; live with Me, die with Me. Let go of self and you will find Me. Love Me deeply, love Me with a real love; let Me be first in you and you will see.

To be with Jesus

On Holy Thursday, we held a vigil, as always, to be with Jesus and remember His Passion and what He endured for Love of us. Before we went to the Prayer Room, Patrick told us of an encounter he had with Jesus earlier that evening. As he walked across the room, he

was stopped in his tracks when he saw Jesus in a deep anguish. I know we were all determined to be with Jesus, to comfort Him and to journey with Him through this sad night.

All that He did for me

I tried to imagine, before the vigil, being with a loved one in their final hours and ways you would want to reach out to them, to show them you are there and to demonstrate your love for them. I wanted to do this for Jesus. I wanted Him to know that I was grateful in some small way for all that He did for me while so undeserving.

A grief lingered

We went to the Prayer Room and, without music, we sang to Jesus. It was such a sombre night. It was like a grief lingered, tinged almost with a sweetness, because we knew, unlike His Apostles, that on Sunday we would celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead and destroyed death forever. Patrick began to speak about Jesus and describe what it might have been like for Him on this Night. He described how Jesus walked through the valley of Kidron with the fires of Gehenna at either side of Him, alone, to prepare for what was to come. Here He went

to the Garden of Olives. He sweated Blood at the thought of what was to come and over the course of Holy Thursday, endured many sufferings, more even, than what we know of.

'Breaking news'

Patrick asked us to imagine that we were watching the news and a 'breaking news' segment interrupted the news. Imagine that the breaking news was that a man would die in Jerusalem tomorrow - just for you. Place your name there. This man is prepared and willing to die, just for love of you. This changed, for me, the way I thought about Easter entirely. The way I thought of Jesus in fact! All I could think of was; if this really happened and I was watching this news story, I would be heartbroken for this man. I would be incredibly grateful but the most surprising thing that I took from it was that I would really need to change. If I didn't change, then it would be an insult to this man and what he had sacrificed. I felt like it would be embarrassing if I didn't do something with my life to, in some small way, 'repay' him. To not change would have been an insult to his memory.

I make all things new

It was at this moment that I realised that I never before understood what Jesus did for me. It was a great story but it all seemed very far removed from my life. I

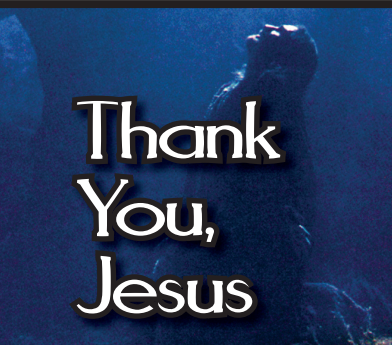
have always found it very hard to understand Jesus' Love for me. It's like any other fact of life, I know it's there but it's not something I am aware of often enough. This was further emphasised by a servant during the sharing after the Wednesday night prayer meeting. He said; we don't need to walk around like broken people, we have no excuse, Jesus has fixed us. I am very guilty of believing in Jesus on the one hand and falling to pieces at the first sign of trouble. Why should we walk around like drooping flowers and

wounded soldiers? Jesus said to His Mother during His Passion; 'Look, Mother, I make all things new.'

Stripped the altar

After a short tea break, we went back to the Prayer Room and stripped the altar. We sang 'Jesus, remember me' and kissed the Cross. There was a silence in the room afterwards that I only associate with the Presence of Jesus. On the evening of Good Friday, I watched 'The Passion of the Christ' and I feel like I saw it with a whole new perspective. I felt deeply ashamed for all I

had done to hurt Jesus and all I hadn't done to appease Him. The Patricks have said many times that if we truly believed in what Jesus did for us during His Passion and Death, we would 'cross over the line' and do great things in Jesus' Name. I am not quite there yet but when I went to Mass on Easter Sunday I felt so full of joy and love for Jesus. May our words, thoughts and deeds always be a cool cloth to You, Jesus. Thank You so very much for all that You endured for me, a sinner. I love You.



Thank You, Jesus

Vigil

At the House of Prayer on Holy Thursday night we have a vigil beginning at 10pm. The schedule consists of reading the

Passion from the Gospels, talks and the Stations of the Cross. We began with the Scripture readings and when it had finished, Patrick gave a talk. It was in this talk I realized, more than ever, the sin in my life.

This outer face

When Lent had begun I had asked Jesus to help me to do a better Lent and to really believe that Jesus Died for me on the Cross. In Patrick's talk, he spoke on judgment, that we have this outer face but inside

there lies the thoughts, thoughts can lead us to sin, such as judgements, gossip, anger, unlove.

Fight the first thought

Jesus has told us in the Messages to fight the first thought and when I do this, it works, only I don't do it often enough! I am making a better effort now since Holy Thursday. Jesus said in the Messages to call on His Name in temptation. Thank You, Jesus, for what You did for me and for the Messages of Love.



Easter - what now?

A beautiful Friend

I love hearing the Gospel stories of Jesus during the

Easter season, especially when He's cooking breakfast for the Apostles who have

been out all night fishing. It shows another side of Jesus, a beautiful Friend

who serves and thinks of His brothers; a Father looking after His boys; a Wise Teacher instructing... This part of the Gospel just radiates Jesus and is such a contrast from the season of Lent when we thought of His Suffering, Passion and Death and made our own sacrifices to join in His and help Him in His Pain.

The battle continues

As Patrick asked in last month's Newsletter: ...Easter is over...what now? I think of the sin in my own life and the battle continues. I haven't miraculously come out the other side of Lent a Saint but I still have the same sins I have been taking

to Confessions for years!!

One sin

There is one sin I have been trying to overcome and every day I fail. It is so well ingrained into me that it seems impossible to shift, it is almost a part of my daily routine.

He is Alive to me

However, just as Jesus was Alive to the Apostles after His Death and Resurrection, instructing, helping and Teaching them, He is Alive to me and He is helping me. He inspired me the other day, when I failed to overcome my sin, to not allow myself to watch my favourite TV programme. This was like a way of

flogging or scouring the self in me as a punishment so that it would help me think before I sinned again. He has also helped me see how I can avoid the occasion of sin and prepare myself before it might happen. Jesus is there and will always help us overcome our sin and our daily struggles so that we can draw closer to Him.

Hopefully

Hopefully I can go more than two days in a row where I will not fall at this same sin. And eventually rule it out of my confession list once and for all!!!



We came across this article on the internet and have included it in this Newsletter because it makes us think. It comes from an American point of view but we can change it to relate to our own individual countries.

Changing the Bible

Are we changing the Bible to fit our culture or are we changing our culture to fit the Bible?

Space Shuttle Challenger

I was in an engineering class the first time I watched the tragic explosion of the

Space Shuttle Challenger. Even though I wasn't alive when it happened, I caught a glimpse of the horror thousands must have felt as the events unfolded.

And, the first question everyone wanted to know was, "What happened?"

A small device

After months of investigation, here's what the Rogers Commission (the group commissioned to investigate the explosion) discovered: an o-ring seal in the right solid rocket booster failed at take-off. I won't bore you with the details but an o-ring is a small device relative to the size of a space shuttle. Very small.

It wasn't something huge, like a puncture in the rocket booster or a hole in the cabin, that caused this disaster. It was a small, seemingly insignificant, o-ring failure.

A lesson here

I think there's a lesson here for the Church. What if the big sins, you know the ones you try hardest to avoid,

aren't the greatest threat to your joy and the Church's mission?

Going undetected

Maybe it's the sins lying underneath, the ones considered normal or acceptable, the ones going undetected, that are affecting the Church the most. I want to address nine of these sins.

1.) FEAR

The phrases "do not fear" and "do not be afraid" appear 365 times in the Bible. Ironic? I think not. And here's what I think the Church misses about fear. Let me pose this as a question. What is the opposite of fear? Courage? Bravery? William Wallace? Wrong. Wrong. And right but you're ruining my point. The opposite of fear is... LOVE. Add to this the reality that God is Love. So, according to the transitive property of mathematics, the opposite of fear is... God.

Scare them

If you're a child of God, the one sin that shouldn't plague you is...fear. Yet, Christians are the most fearful people on earth. Even our Salvation is rooted in fear. Does it bother anyone that the primary method of bringing people to Jesus has been to scare them away from hell? That's fear language, the antithesis of God. Look at what John says. *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.*

For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 1 John 4:18

The Church is scared to make decisions out of fear. Christians are hesitant to step into dangerous situations out of fear. The catalyst for our obedience is fear. Where's the love?

Several weeks ago, I decided to remove the words "fear, scared and terrified" from my vocabulary. Maybe you should do the same. It could change how you see the world. And God.

2.) APATHY

Apathy's best friends are passivity and entitlement. Together, they're a vicious threesome.

There's nothing mediocre or normal about God. His Power is beyond comprehension. His beauty is beyond description. His Love is beyond measure. The same God who created the universe and formed stars desires a relationship with you.

God Loves you

Yet, the attitude is often, "Okay, God Loves me. That's great. What's for lunch?" No. You don't get it, bro. God Loves you. And you're content with, "That's great." What?!

Our apathetic approach to God explains a lot about why people in America aren't lining up to become Christians.

I mean, think about it. How many Christians have you

met that left you thinking, "Wow, I want to be like them?" But this should be the norm, right? Am I way off here? Shouldn't you be so transformed by God that people want to ask about your life, even if they hate God?

In Scripture, when men and women truly experience God, everything changes. Everything. So, that begs the question, "Have you experienced God?"

3.) GLUTTONY

In my younger days, I would literally eat myself sick. I mean, if I ordered food, I ate all of it. Period. Naturally, this presented a problem when I ate buffets. Looking back, I see that my attitude was gluttonous. And the gluttony wasn't that I ate myself sick. It was that I used a gift God gave me on myself...in excess.

Gluttony is primarily about the heart. It's a craving for excess. Gluttony says, "Those voids God is supposed to fill...don't worry about that. I will fill them." Gluttony happens when you lose your awe of God. You see, as long as your eyes are fixed on Jesus, your heart's desire is for Him.

Our discontent

Is the world not desperate for this message? As we gorge our stomachs with food and flood our houses with trinkets, our discontent only increases.

Where are the Jesus followers who will fix their

eyes completely on Him, throwing away anything that treads the line between want and need? Where are the Christians who will feast in excess on God?



4.) WORRY

Worrying gives you something to do but it doesn't get you anywhere. The great philosopher, Van Wilder, once said, "Worrying is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but it doesn't get you anywhere." That's right. But Van Wilder isn't the only one who talked about worry. Jesus said you shouldn't worry about anything (Matthew 6:25-34). But Jesus wasn't serious was He? I mean, really Jesus? Anything? He was serious. You see, worrying is symptomatic of a larger issue...lack of faith. And for followers of Jesus whose primary mission is to show the glory and nature of God to the world, worrying is a problem.

We're independent

Recently, I asked a good friend why worry plagues the Church and he said something profound, "My greatest concern is that we don't want to need God. We're Americans. We're independent."

That's hard-hitting stuff right there.

Only God can bear

Americans will do anything to maintain the illusion of control and responsibility, so no wonder worry plagues us. Worry is the by-product of bearing a weight only God can bear.

Do you see the irony here? The more independence you desire, the more worry you will experience. So, why not give everything to God and let His Peace reign over your life?

5.) FLATTERY

I erased this like five times but God kept telling me to put it back. So, I did. With hesitancy. I love You, God. I like performing. I always have. And while there's nothing wrong with the spotlight, there's a lot wrong with making yourself the centre of it.

If your identity is tied to man's praise, you'll be eternally discontent. People are fickle. They're here today and gone tomorrow. They're for you one day, against you the next. They love you when you agree with them, dislike you when you don't.

We love human praise

Yet, we love human praise, at least I do. Exhibit A: Instagram, SnapChat and Facebook. While I love social media, they're also platforms that perpetuate flattery. You post pictures about your life hoping the world will "like" it. Who cares if it's not the real you?

You need the approval. So, even if you need thirty minutes to find that perfect selfie, it's worth the time. Jesus, however, didn't need the praise and glory of men. He didn't care what they thought. His only concern was doing the Will of God. This attitude is what the world is desperate to see.

Point people to Jesus

Let's be honest, it's hard to point people to Jesus if you need their approval.

And when you need the approval of others, your life will have more ups and downs than the Goliath at Six Flags in Atlanta.

I rode that beast. I know.

6.) COMFORT

Comfort might be the patriarch of the "Church approved" sins family. When the Church becomes comfortable, Christianity starts to die.

Christians must be extremely intentional with their thoughts and actions to avoid comfort. If not, you become resistant to change. You start making secondary issues primary. You begin to see the mission as catering to insiders rather than reaching outsiders.

Sin of comfort

And here's the thing about the sin of comfort. Once it shows up, it's extremely difficult to remove. When you challenge comfort, people don't just get angry. They get fightin' mad. Comfort will even tell you to crucify an innocent man. The Church can't be

missional and comfortable at the same time. It's time to make a decision.

7.) CONSUMERISM

I grew up watching Sesame Street. My favourite character? ... Cookie Monster. I felt like we were the same person. And what I mean is we both loved cookies. I would often go around the house saying, "Gimme da cookies."

It never worked.

Many Christians are like the Cookie Monster. Their mantra is, "Gimme more... well anything. Just give me more. More. More. More." The essence of this sin is a false understanding of God, that God is a taker. But nothing could be further from the truth. God is a giver. He's the Giver. And, as a man or woman created in His image, you should be a giver.

So, what are you creating? What are you giving back to the world? What are you giving back to others?

8.) PATRIOTISM

Cue the nasty e-mails. Maybe it's just me but I can't picture Jesus waving an American flag while showing off His "I love 'Merica" tattoo. Jesus wasn't against the government. In fact, if you're a Jesus follower, the Bible calls you to pray for your nation and for your leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-4). But Jesus was very clear about how God's Name would become famous throughout the world... the Church. Not the

government. Not a nation. The Church.

Your citizenship

When your allegiance is torn between your country and your God, American ideals begin to shape your faith more than God. And you transpose American values onto God, believing God would be an American and think like an American.

Celebrate American values. That's great. But, at the end of the day, your citizenship is not with America. It's in Heaven.



9.) LYING

If gluttony is the elephant in the room everyone sees but no one talks about, lying is the elephant in the room no one sees. Lying is so socially acceptable, even in Christian circles, that it often goes undetected. We're desensitized to it.

Dangerous for Christians

And here's why this is dangerous for Christians. There's a rarely-discussed passage in Matthew 5:33-37 where Jesus confronts the Pharisees about oaths. Most Americans only hear the word oath when a celebrity lies in court (under oath). But Jesus isn't talking about oaths in this passage. He's talking about

INTEGRITY.

High integrity

Here's what Jesus is saying. You should live with such high integrity that your word doesn't need attachments to make it legitimate. So, typical phrases like, "I promise," "I swear" and "I put it on my mom's grave" should never come from your mouth.

"Frank, c'mon man. Are you interpreting that correctly? Say you promise."

These words are a kick in the pants, right? If you're like me, you say things all the time and never follow through. You lie to make yourself sound better. You lie to stay out of trouble. You lie to get ahead. Sometimes you lie just to lie.

God expects you

Jesus says there's no place for that if you're a Christian. Your word matters. If you say something, God expects you to do it. It's better to tell the truth and lose your job than lie and keep it. How serious is this? Jesus says anything more than our word is from the evil one, satan. That's real.

Most toxic

Sometimes the undetected sins are the most toxic. My hope is you will see this as an opportunity to grow. I also realize there are some "Church approved" sins I didn't mention. It's your turn.

by Frank Powell

Consider the lilies

Consider the lilies, how they grow:
they labour not, neither do they spin.
But I say to you,
not even Solomon in all his glory
was clothed like one of these.
Luke 12:27



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16 And he spoke a similitude to them, saying: The land of a certain rich man brought forth plenty of fruits.

17 And he thought within himself, saying: What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said: This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and will build greater; and into them will I gather all things that are grown to me, and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul: Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years take thy rest; eat, drink, make good cheer.

20 But God said to him: Thou fool, this night do they require thy soul of thee: and whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.

22 And he said to his disciples: Therefore I say to you, be not solicitous for your life, what you shall eat; nor for your body, what you shall put on.

23 The life is more than the meat, and the body is more than the raiment.

24 Consider the ravens, for they sow not, neither do they reap, neither have they storehouse nor barn, and God feedeth them. How much are you more valuable than they?

25 And which of you, by taking thought, can add to his stature one cubit?

26 If then ye be not able to do so much as the least thing, why are you solicitous for the rest?

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they labour not, neither do they spin. But I say to you, not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these.

28 Now if God clothe in this manner the grass that is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more you, O ye of little faith?

29 And seek not you what you shall eat, or what you shall drink: and be not lifted up on high.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek. But your Father knoweth that you have need of these things.

31 But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his justice, and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock, for it hath pleased your Father to give you a kingdom.

33 Sell what you possess and give alms. Make to yourselves bags which grow not old, a treasure in heaven which faileth not: where no thief approacheth, nor moth corrupteth.

34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Luke 12 Douay-Rheims

7 Deadly Sins

versus

7 virtues

Overcome these sins

People have heard of and can recall the seven deadly sins, also known as the capital vices and cardinal sins. But, so often we cannot name the virtues which help us overcome these sins! Rather than focusing on the sins which bog down our spiritual life, turn your eyes to the virtues which can help break the bonds of sin. The Catholic Church has distinctive categories of virtues. The seven heavenly virtues, also called the capital virtues, contrary virtues, heavenly virtues, are the virtues which overcome the seven deadly sins: lust, greed, envy, anger, pride and sloth.

Chastity overcomes lust

Chastity overcomes the sin of lust. Everyone could use more chastity in a world that is constantly displaying sexual images. The Catholic Bible tells us that our bodies are temples for the Holy Spirit. The virtue of Chastity can help calm our lustful desire for sexual acts and restrain our wandering

eyes.

Generosity and greed

Generosity overcomes the sin of greed. Our lives can be filled with a yearning for material goods. Material objects can block our vision of Christ who told us to give to the poor. This means not only do we give what we have in "excess" but to surrender all of our time, money and spiritual gifts to those in need.

Temperance and gluttony

Temperance overcomes the sin of gluttony. Gluttony wants us to give in to our self gratification for eating and drinking, among other things. Temperance is our ability to control ourselves and these desires. We may fall into the trap of self indulgence but during these times we can call upon the

virtue of moderation.

Kindness overcomes envy

Kindness overcomes the sin of envy. Our love for someone should be without bias or spite. God Blesses each of us in different ways. Envy will cause a rift in your relationship with God and others. Look upon your life with positivity rather than counting the ways God "hasn't" Blessed you.

Meekness and anger

Meekness overcomes the sin of anger. Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the world." When He was confronted by angry crowds who wanted to torture and kill



Him, He prayed for them. How often do we become upset and consumed by trivial matters? Use Christ as your model, control your anger and resentment and cultivate patience through this virtue.

Humility versus pride

Humility overcomes the sin of pride. God humbles the proud and exalts the humble! Pride is the devil's sin and, just like him, satan wants us to hold ourselves up as gods. Everything we have is from God and everything we do is derived from the Gifts He has given us. By being modest we can turn outwards and lift up those around us.

Diligence and sloth

Diligence overcomes the



sin of sloth. The virtue of diligence aids us in fulfilling our duties and cultivating a strong work ethic. Sloth draws us in to be lazy in all aspects of our life, physical and spiritual. We should develop our talents and gifts rather than keeping them wrapped up in sloth

Swap!

All other sins stem from one or more of these deadly

sins. By praying for these seven heavenly virtues we can keep each of these sins from creeping into our lives. Start praying for these virtues daily to help defeat satan and these vices. Swap out your seven deadly sins for these seven heavenly virtues!

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SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 1994 MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD

We came across this Message in the Red Message Book and thought that it was so appropriate for these times now and wanted to republish it for this Newsletter.

All you, My children of the world, be aware that I am in your midst. I am here calling you, constantly calling you from the evil one for he is already at large in this world. He is trying to overcome My Church. I call all of you - who call yourselves Mine - to stand up and fight against his ways. For like the storm as it

comes, you can already feel the first breezes beginning. The evil one is subtle and he uses many voices in this world to call you away. Be in constant prayer. Do not worry about your lives or what you will wear but be in contact with your God as you do your work and be at your daily life. Receive My Sacraments often and

in truth for many of you do not realise the Truth about these Gifts. People of the earth, I address you, I call you to repent of your ways for they work against you. You have forgotten that you have a God who Loves you, so blind are you. Many dark days are to come upon you for many darkneses

are within your hearts and you cannot see them. See what is being done by him who is the father of lies - see his hand in all the many abortions from around the world. These are allowed to go unchecked. Many millions of people have died in agonies, such as would cause an outcry in this world, if abortion was seen as it truly is - MURDER.

People of this earth, "My creation," you use your bodies as worship to the evil one. I created Love to be Love. As an expression felt deep within the heart. To procreate, as an expression of Gods own Love. All that I can see when I walk around this world is hatred. Many wars are going on in this world that were created by the evil one and, foolish people, you believe that they are justified. But look, Creation see the starving millions that war creates. You cannot justify this. Just because it is not happening to you does not mean it is not happening. You can close your eyes to your brothers and sisters when they have no food because you do not want to share what you have with them. But, you who claim to follow Me, must stand up for each man's dignity. I have told you that there will be poor always but this does not mean that you sit in your complacency and do nothing.

My sons and My daughters are walking freely away

from My Body, because the doctrines that are being taught there are not My Doctrines and the call of the evil one seems greater and louder because, My children, your voices have been silenced by your complacency. Wake up and see what is happening, My children. I have left you the legacy of saving souls. All of you who are baptised into My Love are called to shout loud the Truths which belongs to My Father.

Look at yourselves; wake up and see the Truth of what is happening. I am the Great Healer, come to Me and I will heal your blindness. See Me in all men, not just those whom you like and call your friends but those whom the world shuns, let these be your friends as I made them Mine.

The Great Evangelisation of this world has begun. Armed only with Love they go. They have no purse, no haversack, only Love. I am gathering My people in these Messages. I call them so that they will hear their Master's Voice. I am calling you, you who read the Words of Love and you who listen to them. I am calling you to begin to love in your homes, your villages, your towns, your cities, come and love for much Pain have I Suffered from your unlove.

This world's greed for money, for possessions, for lust, for gain has caused the unlove that I speak

of. My little ones, I ask you to change this in your own lives and thus begin a change. From a tiny flicker of fire comes great forest fires that destroy all in their path. You can be this tiny flame of Light to save souls in this world. The harvest is great but the labourers are few.

Read what My Apostle Paul has written at My direction about Love (1 Corinthians 13). This that he speaks of is revolutionary in this world. This is why I call for many prayer groups to begin in this world. I call for many things through My Prophets. I prophesy through them against the ways that this world has taken on but they are not listened to. In the days of My servants Isaiah, Jeremiah, they prophesied that I would come. These two Prophets who stand before you do the same.

The time of My Second Coming approaches but you, My Bride¹, do not wait anxiously as you should, watching every movement to see if it is I, your Bridegroom. But you indulge yourself in many pleasures that make you forget to watch. But I Come and I Come soon. Come back to Me and My Forgiveness shall blot out your transgressions. See the many people who are in this world who still believe that I am a God of unforgiveness, a God of cold heart like stone. But, I tell you this

day in Truth, I am a God of pure Love and I am waiting for you to come to Me.

Through these many Words of Love I tell you Truth. These Words are an Invitation to you, My creation, to come back to Me. This is the Way in which I call you. I call you, creation, back from the ways of death. For the way that this world has chosen is the wide and easy path. I call you back to the Narrow Path so that you may realise the Journey that you are on is towards your God and not away from Him.

This Invitation that I give to you through these specially chosen Prophets of Mine is to the Wedding Feast. Will you be one of those who is too busy to attend? Will you miss the Great Celebration of My Betrothal to what is Mine. My Bride stands, with dress torn, hair astray, dirty. Make yourself ready, My Bride, ready to receive your Lord who comes to you. Look out into the street, hear the cries of those who attend Him². He is not far off, they hail His Arrival.

These Words are yours, little ones, to do with as you please for when I Come, I will come to ask you these questions; Did you feed the hungry? Did you give the thirsty a drink of water? These questions I will ask as you stand before Me. I have tried to give this world My Love, through My Dying on My Cross of Love, through

the Words that I spoke through My Dove, Margaret Mary, as I told her of My Heart's Desire to Love all men through My Heart. I told the world again of My Love through My servant, Faustina. My Mother has come to you to speak of Her Great Love for you in many, many places throughout the world. I give Messages to you through My chosen Prophets. But alas, you will not listen. Why then do you call Me, "Lord, Lord" and do not do the things that I ask you to do? See the great Truth in these Words that I speak to you and go forth into this world seeking only to save souls who are now abandoned to the evil one. Snatch them from his grasp by your love.

Love is loving the Lord, your God, with your whole strength, your whole mind, your whole body and your whole soul. And your neighbour as yourself. Would you like your God to abandon you? Then do not abandon any of My children. When I Come, My children, and the door of the Wedding Feast is closed there will be much weeping and gnashing of teeth because you did not listen.

My creation, I remind you once again, of the parable of the Prodigal Son. Even he, was forgiven when he returned to his father as you will when you have returned to Me. Then I will lavish you with My Love. Come

back to Me, creation, I call you through this Invitation to come back to Me. I Love you, little children. Ah, little children, little children, how I long to speak to you of only Love, great Love that has been poured out for you on a Tree of Love and is still being poured out for you in the daily Sacrifice of the Mass. The call to repentance and reconciliation through My Sacrament of Penance. How I long to speak again to you in Gentle Words of Love that carry you to Me. How I long for the day when you will run to meet Me, free from the encumbrances of this world. I created you, little ones, I will not turn you away when you come to Me but I will bandage your wounds and make you well again with My Forgiveness and My Love.

Come, at this Invitation to love Me and the Kingdom of Heaven is yours. I Love you, My children. All nationalities, all creeds, all you who are rejected, all you who are loved. I stand here in these Words, with My Arms opened wide and nailed upon a Cross of Love. I call you to come. Will you come to Me?

¹ *Jesus calls the earth His bride.*

² *This refers to the Visionaries, Prophets and Seers who are announcing the Great and Glorious Coming of Jesus.*

Concern over Pope Francis' Exhortation



Confusion

Pope Francis has been causing confusion since he was elected pope. He seems to tell certain people certain things they want to hear and reaps popularity from all walks of life. Those of us who are left to uphold the True Teachings of the Catholic Church cringe nearly every time he opens his mouth, especially during his press interviews on aeroplanes. The worst part is, we have to try to explain that sin is still sin to people who hear what they want to hear and we grow less likely to convince anyone by the day.

After *Amoris Laetitia*, the Pope's new exhortation, was made available for all to read, some media like Church Militant proclaimed: "Pope Francis: No Communion for Divorced and Remarried" whilst others ran with the headline: "Francis' Message Calls on Church to Be Inclusive" (New York

Times) and "Pope: State of grace possible in irregular unions" in the Church Times.

Not all agree

It would seem that not all agree if Scriptural based Laws of the Church have been relaxed but it does seem that Pope Francis is attempting to steer the Church in this direction in the guise of mercy. Ever since the Synods of the Family in 2014 and 2015, this has been a worry. He has a habit of putting things in an ambiguous way and then fails to explain or remains silent at the confusion he has just created.

Proposals put forward by German bishops seeking to relax the rules, which had been rejected at the close of the Synod, are now included in *Amoris Laetitia*. Footnote 351 has opened the door to allow Holy Communion to be given to divorced and remarried. Here is footnote 351:

351 In certain cases, this can include the help of the sacraments. Hence, "I want to remind priests that the confessional must not be a torture chamber but rather an encounter with the Lord's Mercy" (*Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium* [24 November 2013], 44: AAS 105 [2013], 1038). I would also point out that the Eucharist "is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak" (*ibid.*, 47: 1039).

Concerns

The following is part of an article in Lifesitenews which further explains concerns about what Pope Francis has done:

...No one seems to agree about whether Pope Francis' recent apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, changes Church discipline and opens the door to Communion for the divorced and remarried. The now-infamous footnote 351 certainly appears to

do just that and this is the interpretation that Cardinal Walter Kasper - the cardinal behind the push to allow the divorced and remarried to receive Communion - himself clearly takes. But some have disputed this, pointing to clear canon law and established Church practice, as well as some of the ambiguities surrounding the footnote itself.

So it was with eagerness that many Catholics listened to a question on the matter posed to Pope Francis this past weekend on the flight back from the Greek island of Lesbos.

A reporter asked the pope, point blank, whether there are any "new concrete possibilities that did not exist before the publication of the exhortation" for the divorced and remarried, making specific reference to "the discipline that governs the access to the Sacraments."

...The pope began his response saying simply, in Italian: "Io posso dire, sì. Punto." Translated into English, this means: "I can say yes. Period."

...But that would be too small an answer," he continued, after which he encouraged journalists to refer back to Cardinal Schönborn's presentation about the exhortation. "In that presentation your question will have the answer," he said...

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Holy Communion

In the following article by Claire Chretien and John Jalsevac 'Vatican-approved magazine: Exhortation opens door to Holy Communion for remarried divorcees' (13 April 2016), it explains more about what Cardinal Schönborn has been arguing for. He actually allows the divorced and remarried in his diocese to receive Holy Communion after a period of discernment!

Different questions

"...For his part, Schönborn, the archbishop of Vienna, told Vatican journalist Edward Pentin that Amoris Laetitia adopts the approach that he has already been using within his own archdiocese, which can allow for admittance to the Sacraments after a process of discernment focused on several different questions. Schönborn, who has argued that the Church should embrace the "positive elements" of gay unions and other sexual sins and has a history of contradicting Church teaching on the subject of homosexuality, said that there are "no forbidden questions" when discussing Amoris Laetitia. "We all know many priests," who admit remarried divorcees to Holy Communion "without discussing or asking and that's a fact" and it's "difficult to handle for the

bishop," he said.

Pentin reported at the National Catholic Register that Schönborn's approach to the question of Communion for the divorced and civilly remarried

...involves what Schönborn called "five attentions" made to remarried divorcees: a series of five questions the priest must ask to see how merciful and correctly they have behaved before, it can be inferred, they are able to receive Holy Communion. They include how they treat the children of their first marriages, how they treated their abandoned spouse and how they dealt with unresolved hatred.

With this approach, the sacraments "come into another light," he said. "It's about the way of conversion."

Sacred Scripture

Pope Saint John Paul II articulated the Church's longstanding approach to the question in his own exhortation, Familiaris Consortio, released after the 1980 Synod on the Family. The late pope wrote: *...the Church reaffirms her practice, which is based upon Sacred Scripture, of not admitting to Eucharistic Communion divorced persons who have remarried. They are unable to be admitted thereto from the fact that their state and condition of life objectively contradict that union of love between Christ and the Church which*

is signified and effected by the Eucharist. Besides this, there is another special pastoral reason: if these people were admitted to the Eucharist, the faithful would be led into error and confusion regarding the Church's teaching about the indissolubility of marriage. Nevertheless, numerous bishops throughout the world are taking the exhortation to mean that the Church has left aside this longstanding practice...

Embraced

This article then goes on to prove how different Bishops have welcomed and embraced this shift, not only bishops in Germany but even in the Philippines!

Voiced the concerns

In another article by John Jalsevac entitled 'Number of Catholic writers expressing concern about Pope's exhortation rapidly growing,' (12 April 2016) he voiced the concerns of many journalists and Catholic writers. Here is part of John's article and some of the quotes he used from the many journalists who are having problems with Pope Francis' new exhortation:

...For the past three years most Catholic writers have been at great pains to explain and interpret Pope Francis in the clear light of traditional Church teaching - even as one detected a growing anxiety in the subtext of the glut of "what the pope really

said" articles that flooded our Facebook news feeds or e-mail inboxes after every puzzling papal proclamation. But by this time the question many Catholic journalists are naturally asking is: why do we have to keep doing this? Why does it require such hard work simply to understand what the pope is saying and how it might be construed as being in conformity with established teaching? In reference to the exhortation itself: why do we even have to engage in such tortured exegesis simply to understand individual footnotes, let alone the full text - and even then, why are so many intelligent thinkers arriving at such divergent interpretations of key passages? Would it have been so hard to be a bit clearer, as previous popes were?

Pope Francis himself answers that question - in a way - towards the end of that controversial chapter 8. "I understand those who prefer a more rigorous pastoral care which leaves no room for confusion," he writes. "But I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by the mud of the

street'."

In other words: the confusion you're experiencing is a feature, not a bug. What many Catholic writers are asking is: to what end? And what, precisely, does it mean for the Church to [let] "her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street"? Count me among those who are stumped.

Here are some of the best articles floating around out there:

The great end

Beautiful, Moving and Divisive - Robert Royal - The Catholic Thing

"For all his claims to the contrary in these many pages, Francis seems more interested in bringing people comfort than full conversion to what Christ clearly taught on marriage. Newman had seen that too: "Those who make comfort the great subject of their preaching seem to mistake the end of their ministry. Holiness is the great end. There must be a struggle and a trial here. Comfort is a cordial but no one drinks cordials from morning to night."

No need for mercy

In Amoris Laetitia, who is admonishing whom? - Fr. James Schall - Catholic World Report

"It would be difficult to know what else to call this section but an exercise in sophisticated casuistry. Every effort is made to excuse or understand how one who is in such a situation

is not really responsible for it. There was ignorance, or passion, or confusion. We are admonished not to judge anyone. And we are to welcome anyone and make every effort to make him feel at home in Church and as a neighbour. Attention is paid to victims of divorce who are treated unfairly and especially children. But the prime interest is in

cause. If this conclusion is correct, we really have no need for Mercy, which has no meaning apart from actual sin and its free recognition. One goes away from this approach not being sorry for his sins but relieved in realizing that he has never really sinned at all. Therefore, there is no pressing need to concern oneself too much with these situations.”



SCHÖNBORN, ARCHBISHOP OF VIENNA

mercy and compassion. God already Forgives everything and so should we. The intellectual precision that the Holy Father uses to excuse or lessen guilt is cause for some reflection. The law cannot change but the “gradual” leading up to understanding this failure to observe the law takes time and patience. “But when we add it all up, it often seems that the effect of this approach is to lead us to conclude that no “sin” has ever occurred. Everything has an excusing

have been marked by a dogmatic rigidity that is as merciless as it is obsessed with the fine details of law, causing countless innocent or near innocent Catholics to flee a Church that they perceive to be cold and heartless. That perspective is, to put it nicely, dubious and problematic. The impression often given, unfortunately, is that any emphasis on objective moral standards regarding actions and relationships is bound to quickly degenerate into a harsh and uncharitable

condemnation. “It doesn’t help matters that Francis apparently plays a bit fast and loose with some of his arguments and sources.”

Half-quotation

Always fear, always love - Matthew Schmitz - First Things

“Something strange is going on here. Aquinas does say that, ‘every human being is bound to live agreeably with those around him.’ But Francis has left off the second half of the sentence: ‘ . . . unless it should be necessary for him for some reason to cause them profitable sadness at some time.’ Francis’s politeness does not seem to have room for the profitable sadness known to Aquinas, that edifying state brought on by necessary rebukes and hard truths.

“The half-quotation of Aquinas typifies Francis’s procedure in *Amoris Laetitia*. Half of the Christian tradition is simply left out and so the basic shape and essential tensions of the whole are lost. The Love of God is present but the fear of God—the terrible knowledge that we are responsible for our souls—is not. This omission is deliberate.”

True Teaching

To know the Real True Teachings as laid down by Jesus, read what Pope John Paul II has written in *Familiaras Consortio*. In his *Apostolic Exhortation*, Saint John Paul beautifully

guides modern man, like a good shepherd leading his flock safely along the path, to be Jesus in a world that opposes and hates Him, and avoid sin, even if it means standing alone, as Jesus did. In his writings, it is simple, clean cut with no grey areas and no confusion. John Paul calls us to see our role in family life as our vocation and give of ourselves unselfishly at home; to extend that love, in an active way, into our communities and to defend natural family life - which God ordained - in society. When we read what he put together, we will be inspired by his holiness to live good lives and strive to be saints. His words are our ticket into the Promised Land, all we have to do is live them and don't be swayed, confused or deceived by this world. We may be able to dress up sin and convince everyone in the world that it's not sin but remember, one day we will stand before Jesus and do you think He will accept it? I don't think so, after all, His Father gave the very Commandment: Thou shalt not commit adultery, so how can it be turned into the state of Grace we need to be in to receive Holy Communion?? Jesus has Warned us about this time. Here are a few reminders:

Wednesday

31 December 1997

...Lucifer has blinded you so

much with his lies that you will allow him to sit on the Throne of My Peter. And yes, My children, you will follow him. I have told you many times to follow the teachings of your Holy Father, My servant. These you do not want to hear, for you know them to be the Truth; but Truth does not suit your selfish lifestyle. You want to follow a Church that will allow you to go against My Commandments, to think of self and not neighbour. This you will have in reality. You will have all that you desire. You will have the wide path that leads to the fires of hell. You, My Remnant, stay loyal to My servant (*John Paul II*); listen to his teaching, listen to his instructions (*Catechism*). He will guide you with My Words. I will lead you into the times of Peace with My Love, My Grace. Do not worry, little ones, I have told you I will never leave you orphans. I do not break My Promises.

Trust Me, children, I Love you. Come close to Me. Prepare to be persecuted by the father of lies. You now have entered his time. Beware of the false teachings; beware of those who wear the garb of My Church but are not of Me. Look to My Gospels and do not allow them to be changed. I Love you, children. These are now the times that have been foretold. Beware.

Wednesday 22 July 1998

...believe in the Words of My

servant (*Pope John Paul II*) for in his place, you shall see the deceiver seated. Follow his teachings now, before it is too late. I tell you, in all Truth, that My servant shall not die until he has led My people through the darkness of these times. He shall lead My people into the Era of Peace, just as My servant Moses led My people, Israel, into the promised land... (*John Paul II did die but his words live on to guide us, just as Moses didn't get into the promised land but he did lead Israel to it.*)

Tuesday 22 October 2013

Feast Day of

Blessed John Paul II

...Many of you will not follow where I lead because the sweet words of the forked-tongued-one blinds you. My Church is scattered and will soon consist only of open pens – pens not of My Making...

Saturday 1 March 2014

...The evil one has many plans and they are culminating as I speak these Words, he is about to twist My Truth so that even My own will become confused if they have not prepared.

Trust in Me, children, I have already Warned you of these things; prepare, now. Read My Words, die to yourselves and understand My Laws, My Commandments, My Gospels, and you shall not fall into the darkness that sweeps the lands of this world...



Results of the Synod

Exclude people

One of the main focal points of the recent Synod of Bishops was whether couples who had previously divorced and then remarried should be allowed to receive Holy Communion. The raising of this question has obviously been spurred by the increased emphasis lately of the supremely Merciful nature of God. We are asked to question whether 'a truly merciful' God would exclude people from fully participating in the Mass because they have divorced and then remarried.

A God of "surprises"

We have also been told by Pope Francis that God is a God of "surprises." This seems to prepare the ground for and encourage speculation about change in the Church.

We are all now wondering whether this change is going to include allowing those who have divorced and remarried (traditionally considered adulterous by the Catholic Church) to receive Holy Communion at Mass.

"Trojan horse" effect

However, if the Rules are to change to allow those guilty of one mortal sin to receive Holy Communion, the question automatically arises as to whether those

guilty of other kinds of mortal sin, perhaps living together outside of wedlock, or in homosexual relationships, might also be allowed to receive Holy Communion as well. This is a kind of "Trojan horse" effect, because while remarried couples are certainly adulterous, when the original marriages have not been properly annulled - and are certainly in mortal sin - there have been so many apologists for this particular sin down the years that in some way it is tempting for people to consider it might not really be a mortal sin, or that perhaps it is a lesser sin than being in a homosexual relationship or engaging in sex outside of marriage. There is no meaningful distinction, however, in the eyes of the Church between these sins. Sin is simply classed as either mortal or venial.

The questionnaire

Since the Synod, and the questionnaire that was sent out to parishioners prior to it, asking their views on the Catholic Church's attitude toward the family and so forth (as if desiring to accommodate them in some way), the air is full of expectation as to what Pope Francis will do or say next.

Enemies of God

He has suggested that those

who are unwilling to change or envisage change are deserving of censure, are rightly *personae non gratae* in the eyes of the Catholic Church nowadays.

So then could this be a turning of tables against the traditionalists, who will be seen as thorns in the side of a Merciful god, in fact tantamount to being enemies of God?

The world's point of view

The media have generally shown Francis as a challenging, positive and forward thinking religious leader. However the media is controlled by satan and is bound to promote the world's point of view.

"Conscience"

As Jesus has said recently in the Messages of Love, the Church and Pope Francis are now pointing to the individual's own "conscience" as the key arbiter of decisions such as for example whether someone is in a fit state to receive Holy Communion. However this conscience is less likely to be formed or informed by the rules when these have been downgraded and are considered as only secondary to conscience. The ill-formed conscience of an individual, influenced by reckless statements by the Pope and the Catholic Church's representatives

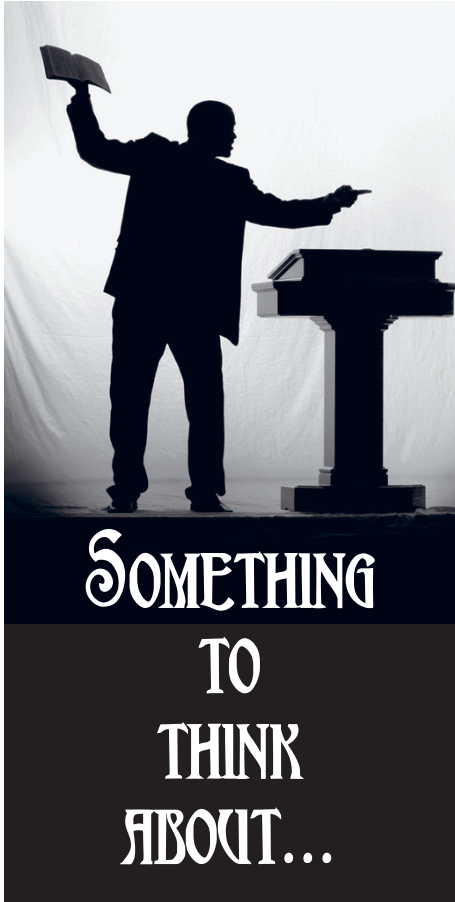
generally, is not guaranteed to be in a position to decide the individual's fitness or otherwise to receive Holy Communion.

A mortal sin

To receive Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin is itself a mortal sin. So sin is in danger of being

multiplied, as if it wasn't prevalent enough! If this then becomes permissible within the Church, or within the dioceses of certain "forward-thinking" bishops, this undermines the very notion that Jesus is Truly Present in the Sacred Host, that this is the Body, Blood,

Soul and Divinity of our God here among us. This could simply be a prelude to doing away with Holy Communion altogether so that all may be included in the same church, which is what Jesus has said would happen.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

Who would worry

A preacher from out-of-town accepted a call to a church in Leeds. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride a

The 50p

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door and then handed the 50p to the driver saying "Here, you gave me too

much change." The driver replied with a smile, "Aren't you the new preacher in town?" "Yes" he replied. "Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church this Sunday." When the preacher stepped off the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said "Oh God, I almost sold your Son for fifty pence." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only 50p; who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet."

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Watch your thoughts

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a scary example of how much people watch us as Christians and will put us to the test. Always be on guard - and remember - You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself 'Christians.' Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny."

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Events Celebrated

EASTER RETREAT Holy Thursday

The retreat began on Holy Thursday with a Prayer Vigil from 10pm to 2am. After the reading of the Passion, Patrick Rushe joined us and shared that before he went to Mass, he had a short vision of Jesus standing, bent over in anguish. This only lasted a second or two yet here, three hours later, he still felt the effects of this. Patrick spoke of Jesus' Journey through His Passion, His great Suffering for each individual. Even though we were not yet born, He did this for me. Patrick also spoke about how we continue to hurt Jesus with our sin. When I judge someone I cause Jesus pain, it goes against the commandment to '...Love one another as I have Loved you...' Patrick gave an example, if I heard 'breaking news' that someone would be crucified in Israel tonight and I was the cause of it. How would I feel? This made me realise how deeply guilty I would feel and the gratitude I should show Jesus in my daily living. Patrick's talk on the Passion

of Jesus made me feel like I was stripping the altar of my heart of self and pride. I was deeply humbled before God. SonLight led us in singing our love to Jesus on His night of sorrow.

Good Friday

The servants offered a day of fasting until midnight which is something we do each Good Friday. Prayer times throughout the Day included Stations of the Cross. We attended the services in Holy Trinity Chapel and watched the film 'The Passion of the Christ' in the evening. Again, a prayer vigil was held from 10pm to 2am with readings, Stations of the Cross, solemn prayer and singing. A welcome meal was prepared at midnight.

Holy Saturday

As well as our Community Prayer times, we spent time in private silent prayers. It was a day of gratitude to Jesus for what He endured in His Passion for me.

Easter Sunday

We concluded our retreat on Easter Sunday. Along with Community Prayers in the House we had a special Baptism of the unborn. Our

prayers on this Holy Day were offered for the babies that have been crucified, aborted, the victims of unlove.

The weekend was a special time to allow Jesus to live in our hearts, to journey with Him in His Passion, then to feel the joy of His Love. It was a time to strip ourselves of earthly things.

WALK AGAINST ABORTION

As part of our celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation, we had a Walk Against Abortion around Cookstown. We displayed our banners, including a large icon of 'Mary Patron of the Aborted.' We stopped at two locations to sing 'Never Felt the Wind' a Song given by Jesus. The banners and pictures showed the truth of abortion. We hope our silent walk had an effect as we walked through the town's main street on a busy Saturday afternoon.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

We concluded the Divine Mercy Novena which began on Good Friday. A servant gave a talk on first coming to know of devotion to Jesus' Divine Mercy and how

she experienced healing and blessings in her family through trusting in Merciful Jesus. The Message given by Saint Faustina through the two Patricks was read and reflected upon. Along with other prayer we praised and glorified Jesus in song. Jesus, I trust in You!

Events to Come

Prayers begin at 12noon unless otherwise stated

Our Life in the Spirit Seminars continue each **Wednesday Night** at the **Prayer Meeting**

Sunday 15 May
Pentecost Sunday
Prayers begin at 4pm

Please note: on Sunday 22 May the House of Prayer will be CLOSED

Sunday 29 May
Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus
Day of Prayer
Prayers begin at 3pm

Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June
Feasts of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart
Weekend Retreat
Begins Thursday 2nd June with a Vigil at 10pm. Also includes a vigil on Friday night.

Sunday 12 June
Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Prayers begin at 3pm

Wednesday 29 June
Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

First Friday Vigils
from 10pm - 2am:
Friday 3 June and
Friday 1 July 2016

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Guard against the yeast of the Pharisees

This Message is being fulfilled I read this Message from Jesus during my prayer recently and was amazed at how this Message is being fulfilled in the present time. "See, the days are coming when you will see many changes within My Church and you will not have long to wait before you see it. You must not be caught up in these things that are coming, you must guard against the yeast of the Pharisees. The Pharisees of these days are

the cardinals and bishops who have found more happiness in their leadership than Mine and the rules that I have laid down. They take more pleasure in going against Me than coming towards Me. They are whitewashed sepulchers. In America, I tell you that soon these Pharisees will openly not follow My leadership in your Pope (*John Paul II*). They will turn against him and put their own on the Throne for they

dip their bread in the bowl of the betrayer and side with him. Out of this wayward daughter of Mine will come one who shall lead many to hell. You must not follow him; you must not eat the same food as he. Beware the yeast of the Pharisees and beware of it now..." *Friday 23 February 2001*

Amoris Laetitia

On Friday 8 April, the Apostolic Exhortation on the Family, *Amoris Laetitia* (AL) was released and since

then there has been much concern, confusion and comments from different Catholic sources about the document.

Catholics cannot accept

The first report I saw was from Voice of the Family on 8 April (full report at voiceofthefamily.com) who reported that Catholics cannot accept some elements of the Apostolic Exhortation that threaten faith and family:

'The Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* is a very lengthy document, which discusses a wide variety of subjects related to the family. There are many passages that faithfully reflect Catholic teaching but this cannot and does not, lessen the gravity of those passages which undermine the teaching and practice of the Catholic Church.

We consider that in raising the following concerns we fulfil our duty as clearly laid out in the Code of Canon Law, which states:

"According to the knowledge, competence and prestige which they possess, they [the Christian faithful] have the right and even at times the duty to manifest to the sacred pastors their opinion on matters which pertain to the good of the Church and to make their opinion known to the rest of the Christian faithful, without prejudice to the integrity of faith and morals, with reverence toward their pastors and attentive to

common advantage and the dignity of persons." (Canon 212 ↑3)

The following concerns were raised in their report:

- *Amoris Laetitia*, over the course of Chapter VIII (paragraphs 291-312), proposes a number of approaches that prepare the way for "divorced and remarried" Catholics to receive Holy Communion without true repentance and amendment of life.

- *Amoris Laetitia* fails to grapple with the scale of the threat to unborn children, the elderly and the disabled. The absence of serious discussion of attacks on unborn life in this context is a grave omission.

- There is also minimal reference to euthanasia and assisted suicide despite the increasing pressure for their legalization across the world. Failure to adequately discuss this threat is likewise another very regrettable omission.

- *Amoris Laetitia* fails to adequately restate Catholic teaching on the use of contraception. This is a troubling oversight given that (i) the separation of the procreative and unitive ends of the sexual act is a major catalyst for the culture of death and that (ii) there is widespread disobedience and ignorance of the Church's teaching in this area precisely because of the failure of the hierarchy to communicate this truth.'

Pastoral revolution

Fr Brian W Harrison O.S., reported on 13 April 2016 for Lifesitenews that pope Francis' pastoral revolution goes away from two thousand years of tradition. "To be fair, AL presents us with a great many valuable and timely observations and recommendations concerning marriage and family life in our troubled times, notably a fine meditation on Saint Paul's teaching on the true nature of love (1 Corinthians 13). But these positive features of the exhortation are outweighed in importance, unfortunately, by Francis' audacious departure from the teaching and discipline of all his predecessors in regard to the pastoral care and ecclesial status of Catholics living in illicit sexual relationships."

Flow from the same pipe

Jesus has often said in the Messages that clean water and dirty water cannot flow from the same pipe. In the letter from Saint James in Scripture he says:

"out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be. Doth a fountain send forth, out of the same hole, sweet and bitter water? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear grapes; or the vine, figs? So neither can the salt yield sweet." *James 3: 10-12.* (*Douay Rheims*).

Glossing over grave sins

Fr Harrison also points

out that as well as glossing over grave sins against chastity, there is inadequate treatment of sex education, where in the six paragraphs about this in the document, there is no mention of the Church's teaching of parents being the primary educators in this area. He then states that the most troubling aspect of the document is regarding those living in irregular sexual relationships.

Wrong and 'unmerciful'

After his comments on the topic of divorced remarried couples being admitted to receive Holy Communion, he ends his report saying: "Must we believe that Francis alone is right on this issue and that all his predecessors, including the still living Benedict XVI, as well as the Catechism promulgated by Saint John Paul II, have been wrong and 'unmerciful' in allowing no exceptions in this area? Isn't it far more likely that, as in the 1330s under John XXII, just one pope is wrong and that all the others popes have been right? And that, as in that critical situation, respectful public "resistance" to Peter (cf. Gal. 2: 11), from cardinals, bishops, theologians and other faithful, is now urgently needed?"

"I can say yes, period."

April 16, 2016 lifesitenews reported—
'On the flight returning from Greece, Pope Francis was asked if the Apostolic

Exhortation contained a "change in discipline that governs access to the Sacraments" for Catholics who are divorced and remarried. The Pope replied, "I can say yes, period." The Pope then urged reading the presentation of Cardinal Schönborn for the final answer to the question, calling Schönborn a "great theologian who knows the doctrine of the Church."

Contradicts

Schonborn's presentation boiled down Pope Francis' more than 60,000 words in the exhortation to 3000 but in that short space made sure to include the "smoking footnote" being seen as the opening of the door to Holy Communion to Catholics living in second unions where annulment from the first union was not possible. The position contradicts Pope Saint John Paul II's *Familiaris Consortio* as well as the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Familiaris Consortio

In *Familiaris Consortio*, Pope St. John Paul wrote: "the Church reaffirms her practice, which is based upon Sacred Scripture, of not admitting to Eucharistic Communion divorced persons who have remarried." He explained, "They are unable to be admitted thereto from the fact that their state and condition of life objectively contradict that union of love between Christ and the Church which is

signified and effected by the Eucharist. Besides this, there is another special pastoral reason: if these people were admitted to the Eucharist, the faithful would be led into error and confusion regarding the Church's teaching about the indissolubility of marriage."

"Positive elements"

Schönborn, the archbishop of Vienna, told Vatican journalist Edward Pentin that *Amoris Laetitia* adopts the approach that he has already been using within his own archdiocese, which can allow for admittance to the Sacraments after a process of discernment focused on several different questions. Schönborn, who has argued that the Church should embrace the "positive elements" of gay unions and other sexual sins and has a history of contradicting Church teaching on the subject of homosexuality, said that there are "no forbidden questions" when discussing *Amoris Laetitia*.

A "plenary role"

Voice of the family reported on 14 April 2016 that the new document AL reintroduces the rejected approach to same sex unions that were held in the previous two Synods. The pressure came from LGBT activists as well as those preparing the document: "This [pope's approach] implies that there is some footing on which same-sex unions can be considered legitimate.

Amoris Laetitia states, in paragraph 52, that:

"We need to acknowledge the great variety of family situations that can offer a certain stability but de facto or same-sex unions, may not simply be equated with marriage."

This implies:

1. that "same-sex unions" are one of the "great variety of family situations";

2. that same-sex unions offer a "certain stability"; and

3. that same-sex unions can be "equated" with marriage on some level, if not "simply."

Furthermore the paragraph states that "only the exclusive and indissoluble union between a man and a woman has a plenary role to play in society as a stable commitment that bears fruit in new life." To state that only marriage has a "plenary role" necessarily means that other forms of union do have some role to play in society.

David Warren

Another report from Lifesitenews on 12 April provides reactions and comments to AL from other Catholic writers, the following are just a few examples:

Amoris Laetitia - David Warren

"It can indeed simply be said and has always been said by Holy Church, with innocent simplicity, that mortal sin is mortally sinful, so once again I think the

pope must be corrected. Men, including my heroes Thomas More and John Fisher, went to the block for such simple assertions as the indissolubility of marriage. Does the Holy Father now propose to decanonize half our saints and all our martyrs?"

Ed Peters

First thoughts on the English version of Pope Francis' Amoris laetitia. - Ed Peters

"In AL 297, Francis writes: 'No one can be condemned for ever, because that is not the logic of the Gospel!' To the contrary, it is precisely the logic of the Gospel that one can be condemned forever. CCC 1034-1035. If one meant, say, that no one can be 'condemned for ever' by earthly authority, one should have said so. But, of course, withholding Holy Communion from those in "public and permanent adultery" is not a "condemnation" at all, so the point being made is not clear."

Harmful

Yes, the Eucharist is 'powerful medicine', which means... - Ed Peters

"The bounteous effects of the Eucharist, specifically in regard to forgiveness of and preservation from sin, are laid out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1393-1395, 1436 and 1846. These passages amply support the pope's phrasing in fn 351. But missing from the pope's commentary here is an acknowledgement that,

as is true of a "powerful medicine," taking the Eucharist improperly can be harmful, even spiritually deadly, to the recipient.

"...In sum, what one may question is not the pope's comparing the Eucharist to "powerful medicine" but rather, the failure to mention the warnings against improper consumption listed on the label."

Serious sin

The New Catholic Truce - Ross Douthat - New York Times

"A slippage that follows from this lack of confidence is one of the most striking aspects of the pope's letter. What the Church considers serious sin becomes mere "irregularity." What the Church considers a Commandment becomes a mere 'ideal.' What the Church once stated authoritatively it now proffers tentatively, in tones laced with self-effacement, self-critique."

Doctrines of devils

In Saint Paul's letter to Timothy, he speaks about these times:

"Now the Spirit manifestly saith, 'that in the last times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to spirits of error and doctrines of devils' 1 Timothy 4: 1-2. (Douay Rheims)

Evil men and seducers

And in his second letter to Timothy:

"And all that will live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men

and seducers shall grow worse and worse, erring. and driving into error. But continue in those things which thou hast learned and which have been committed to thee: knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and because from thy infancy thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which can instruct thee to salvation by the faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture, inspired of God is profitable to teach, to reprove, to correct, to instruct in justice. That the man of God may be perfect, furnished to every good

work. 2 Timothy 3: 12-17
(Douay Rheims)

Twist and distort My Truth
On 4 March 2016, Jesus said:

“...Trust in Me, My children, and believe that the Words I give you are your lifeline to the Truth in these times for so many twist and distort My Truth in order to lead lives of sin.

I tell you My Law has not changed and I will not soften or change My Laws in order to suit mankind's desire to follow sin.

Your days are numbered and I will prove this to you for you

now enter a “New Time” and will see for yourselves the lies that are being promoted in My Name.

You will see the tide of distortion sweep across this earth as the followers of lucifer become ever more confident in their blindness.

Those within My Church will begin to change My Laws and so seal their own fate by their unfaithfulness to the Truth.

Trust in Me and I will guide you if you are willing to listen.

Trust in Me.
I Love you.”

The Holy Scriptures

John 10:7-15

7 Jesus therefore said to them again: Amen, amen I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

Jesus is the Door through which we must enter in order to gain Eternal Life in Heaven. It is only through Him that we can find our Salvation. Saints can of course help us to know Jesus better but, ultimately, it is Jesus, Himself, who mwe must form a strong relationship with.

8 All others, as many as have come, are thieves and robbers: and the sheep heard them not.

In today's world there are

a lot of distractions trying to take us away from living with and for Jesus. Through all these distractions we still know, in our heart, that it is Jesus and what He can offer us - that we need.

9 I am the door. By Me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved: and he shall go in and go out and shall find pastures.

Jesus has given us His promise that if we follow Him and obey His Commandments then we will save our souls.

10 The thief cometh not but for to steal and to kill and to destroy. I am come that they

may have life and may have it more abundantly.

All the other things in this world, that try to take us from Jesus, seem to offer us a good life. We need to trust completely in Jesus and know that He is all we need and we shall indeed have life in abundance when we stay within His Love.

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd giveth His life for His sheep.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and He has Suffered and Died for our sins. He has opened the way for us to spend eternity in Heaven. Through Jesus, and the

Sacrifice of His Dying on the Cross, it has been proven to us how much we are Loved and Jesus would do it all again for Love of us, His children.

12 But the hireling and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming and leaveth the sheep and flieth: and the wolf catcheth and scattereth the sheep.

It is only in Jesus that we can have trust. All the other things in this life may purport to give us security and happiness but they are fickle and we could lose all in an instant. We need to put our complete trust in Jesus alone because it is only in Him that we can be assured of our true happiness and eternal salvation.

13 And the hireling flieth, because he is a hireling: and he hath no care for the sheep.

Nothing of this world can be assured and we need to know and understand the complete Love that Jesus has for us, His children. Jesus wants us to have true belief and trust in Him and Him alone. We must believe that He will always be by our side and He will always care for us.

14 I am the good shepherd and I know Mine and Mine know Me.

Jesus knows us all personally. Sometimes we can feel Jesus far from us and it is hard to understand how He can care so much for every single one of us. We often do not feel worthy of such

a profound Love but that is what Jesus has for each and every one of His children. When we communicate with Him and try to live our lives with Him, then we can better understand His Love for us.

15 As the Father knoweth Me and I know the Father and I lay down My life for My sheep.

Jesus will always be with us and we need to open our hearts to the knowledge that, through Him, and Him alone will we find our true happiness. Like any relationship, we need to work continually to enhance and reap the marvellous benefits that are offered to us. What better benefit than the promise of Eternal Life in Heaven!

The Plight of Others

The Plight of Missing Persons

Reasons

What is it that makes a person choose to go missing even though they have a family who love them and want to help them?

There are many reasons. Choose any circumstance in life and it could and often is enough to send somebody over the edge. It is not the person's fault that this happens to them; sometimes they just need a few days to sort themselves

out and think things through and then they are fine. With others, it becomes more complicated and they just disappear without a trace.

Disappeared

This is what happened to one of my cousins over in England, about two and a half to three years ago. He had some problems and became a wee bit fond of the drink. When his family suggested sorting himself out and getting a wee bit

of help, he just disappeared and none of us have seen him ever since. We have tried to find him in different ways but to no avail so far. We still search for him and will continue to do so.

The family left behind

I have unfortunately seen how this affects the members of the family left behind. My aunt says the worst thing is the not knowing. The questions in her head all the time are: is

he safe, where is he, what's he doing, does he want to contact and is afraid to do so after all this time? She says she wishes he would contact her just to let her know he was safe, this would be enough for her. My uncle died a year ago from lung cancer and I'm sure with the same things in

his mind and heart. Paul, at this stage still knows nothing of his father's death. This is just one situation of many.

Do not judge

Remember those who are missing all around this world - whether it be through their own choice or not - and say a wee prayer for them, that they will contact their

families, even if it is just to let them know that they are safe, or that they will return to them. Let us also bear in mind the devastation of the families left behind. But, most importantly, do not judge those involved. Thank You, Jesus.

The Wisdom of John Paul II

**ENCYCLICAL LETTER
VERITATIS SPLENDOR
Addressed by the Supreme
Pontiff Pope John Paul II to
all the bishops of the Catholic
Church regarding certain
fundamental questions of the
Church's moral teaching**
continued

13. Jesus' answer is not enough for the young man, who continues by asking the Teacher about the commandments which must be kept: "He said to him, 'Which ones?'" (Mt 19:18). He asks what he must do in life in order to show that he acknowledges God's holiness. After directing the young man's gaze towards God, Jesus reminds him of the commandments of the Decalogue regarding one's neighbour: "Jesus said: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbour as yourself"

(Mt 19:18-19).

From the context of the conversation, and especially from a comparison of Matthew's text with the parallel passages in Mark and Luke, it is clear that Jesus does not intend to list each and every one of the commandments required in order to "enter into life", but rather wishes to draw the young man's attention to the "centrality" of the Decalogue with regard to every other precept, inasmuch as it is the interpretation of what the words "I am the Lord your God" mean for man. Nevertheless we cannot fail to notice which commandments of the Law the Lord recalls to the young man. They are some of the commandments belonging to the so-called "second tablet" of the Decalogue, the summary (cf. Rom 13:8-10) and foundation of which is the

commandment of love of neighbour: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Mt 19:19; cf. Mk 12:31). In this commandment we find a precise expression of the singular dignity of the human person, "the only creature that God has wanted for its own sake". The different commandments of the Decalogue are really only so many reflections of the one commandment about the good of the person, at the level of the many different goods which characterize his identity as a spiritual and bodily being in relationship with God, with his neighbour and with the material world. As we read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "the Ten Commandments are part of God's Revelation. At the same time, they teach us man's true humanity. They shed light on the essential duties, and so indirectly

on the fundamental rights, inherent in the nature of the human person”.

The commandments of which Jesus reminds the young man are meant to safeguard the good of the person, the image of God, by protecting his goods. “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness” are moral rules formulated in terms of prohibitions. These negative precepts express with particular force the ever urgent need to protect human life, the communion of persons in marriage, private property, truthfulness and people’s good name.

The commandments thus represent the basic condition for love of neighbour; at the same time they are the proof of that love. They are the first necessary step on the journey towards freedom, its starting-point. “The beginning of freedom”, Saint Augustine writes, “is to be free from crimes... such as murder, adultery, fornication, theft, fraud, sacrilege and so forth. When once one is without these crimes (and every Christian should be without them), one begins to lift up one’s head towards freedom. But this is only the beginning of freedom, not perfect freedom...”.

14. This certainly does not mean that Christ wishes to put the love of neighbour higher than, or even to

set it apart from, the love of God. This is evident from his conversation with the teacher of the Law, who asked him a question very much like the one asked by the young man. Jesus refers him to the two commandments of love of God and love of neighbour (cf. Lk 10:25-27), and reminds him that only by observing them will he have eternal life: “Do this, and you will live” (Lk 10:28). Nonetheless it is significant that it is precisely the second of these commandments which arouses the curiosity of the teacher of the Law, who asks him: “And who is my neighbour?” (Lk 10:29). The Teacher replies with the parable of the Good Samaritan, which is critical for fully understanding the commandment of love of neighbour (cf. Lk 10:30-37). These two commandments, on which “depend all the Law and the Prophets” (Mt 22:40), are profoundly connected and mutually related. Their inseparable unity is attested to by Christ in his words and by his very life: his mission culminates in the Cross of our Redemption (cf. Jn 3:14-15), the sign of his indivisible love for the Father and for humanity (cf. Jn 13:1).

Both the Old and the New Testaments explicitly affirm that without love of neighbour, made

concrete in keeping the commandments, genuine love for God is not possible. Saint John makes the point with extraordinary forcefulness: “If anyone says, ‘I love God’, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen” (1 Jn 4:20). The Evangelist echoes the moral preaching of Christ, expressed in a wonderful and unambiguous way in the parable of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:30-37) and in his words about the final judgment (cf. Mt 25:31-46).

15. In the “Sermon on the Mount”, the magna charta of Gospel morality,[24] Jesus says: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law and the Prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them” (Mt 5:17). Christ is the key to the Scriptures: “You search the Scriptures...; and it is they that bear witness to me” (Jn 5:39). Christ is the centre of the economy of salvation, the recapitulation of the Old and New Testaments, of the promises of the Law and of their fulfilment in the Gospel; he is the living and eternal link between the Old and the New Covenants. Commenting on Paul’s statement that “Christ is the end of the law” (Rom 10:4), Saint Ambrose writes: “end not in the sense of a deficiency,

but in the sense of the fullness of the Law: a fullness which is achieved in Christ (plenitudo legis in Christo est), since he came not to abolish the Law but to bring it to fulfilment. In the same way that there is an Old Testament, but all truth is in the New Testament, so it is for the Law: what was given through Moses is a figure of the true law. Therefore, the Mosaic Law is an image of the truth”.

Jesus brings God’s commandments to fulfilment, particularly the commandment of love of neighbour, by interiorizing their demands and by bringing out their fullest meaning. Love of neighbour springs from a loving heart which, precisely because it loves, is ready

to live out the loftiest challenges. Jesus shows that the commandments must not be understood as a minimum limit not to be gone beyond, but rather as a path involving a moral and spiritual journey towards perfection, at the heart of which is love (cf. Col 3:14). Thus the commandment “You shall not murder” becomes a call to an attentive love which protects and promotes the life of one’s neighbour. The precept prohibiting adultery becomes an invitation to a pure way of looking at others, capable of respecting the spousal meaning of the body: “You have heard that it was said to the men of old, ‘You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment’. But I say to

you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment... You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery’. But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Mt 5:21-22,27-28). Jesus himself is the living “fulfilment” of the Law inasmuch as he fulfils its authentic meaning by the total gift of himself: he himself becomes a living and personal Law, who invites people to follow him; through the Spirit, he gives the grace to share his own life and love and provides the strength to bear witness to that love in personal choices and actions (cf. Jn 13:34-35).

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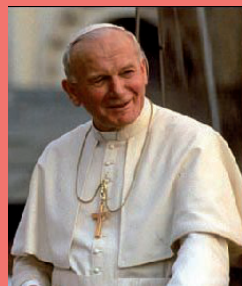
Pilgrimage to Poland

15 September to 27 September 2016

Including Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Prague, Krakow (Divine Mercy Sanctuary), Saint Stanislaus and Saint

Nicolaus Houses of Prayer and Colditz Castle

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Messages of hope

Dear all,
Could you please send me two more copies of Newsletter 236? It is wonderful, such lovely Messages of hope from Jesus. I want to give them to friends to keep. Also, if possible, one copy of 235.

Thank you and God Bless you all for your wonderful work. I enclose a small donation...
Shirley

Live the faith

Dear servant of the House of Prayer,
Thanks very much for all news regarding our Lord's Messages. ...We can only keep praying for a happy ending and an end to violence and for our Lord to have patience. Please pray for my family and myself to continue to live the faith and for more people to follow, God Bless, small cheque enclosed.
Mary.

Love and prayers

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Greetings in the Name of the Risen Christ and Mary our Mother! I hope you

all had a happy and holy Easter.

Many thanks for the Newsletter. God Bless you all for your perseverance given the obstacles put in your path. Could you please send me some Holy Oil? Thank you.

I am enclosing my subscription for the Newsletter, donation towards the collator and booklet maker and towards your outstanding debt and also postage for the Holy Oil. Jesus carried the burden of mankind so it is only right that we should be "burdened" so as to support you in your vital Work.

I close with love and prayers for you, the two Patricks and you all. God Bless you in all that you do in Jesus' Name. Yours in Jesus and Mary our Mother,
Mrs H

Serious times

Dear friends,
Please find enclosed a cheque. I thank you all for the work you do for Jesus and for the magazine that you send. We are

in serious times. Prayers and love to you all.

Sincerely in Jesus and His Holy Mother.
M. Higney

Encouragement

Hello Patricks,
I would like to thank you for sending me the e-mails [of the Messages of Love.] This, for sure, is my encouragement every day. I would like too, to wish you a Happy Eastertide. May God Bless your work as you continue to spread His Word.

Thanks for being the disciples of Jesus. Have a very nice day and blessings throughout the week.

I love that book

Dear friends at the Sacred Heart House,
Thank you so very much for the monthly Newsletter.

I love that book. I read it over and over. It's only just "Wonderful." "Praise the Lord."

Enclosed you'll find ... towards your expenses... Thanking you and God Bless you all.

Sincerely, yours in Christ Jesus.

Nora Kelly

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Awareness

How beautiful You are!
How You Touch my heart!
To bring silence there,
To make my heart aware

How beautiful the Hands
That were nailed upon the Tree,
So I could walk that Distant Land
With You, forever free.

And stillness breaks within,
A Bird that searches deep,
Close my eyes against the din
Your Presence in me seeps.

by Patrick Rushe