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Who is Jesus Christ? Part 3

At the December meeting, our chaplain, Father Hugh Barbour, O. Praem, began teaching a three part series entitled: "Who is Jesus Christ?" This special lecture series examines the theology of Christ as both a man and as God.

As usual, Father's incredible knowledge and insight is artfully communicated in an inspiring manner.

Even if you missed the prior sessions, please come to the next meeting as Father will briefly review the content of the prior lectures.

The entire series is being taped by St. Joseph Catholic Radio. Tapes of this lecture series will be available for purchase. Tapes can also be order by calling St. Joseph Catholic Radio at (714) 744-0336.

Father has promised that he will not make us take a test on the materials!

Hope to see you there! †

FEBRUARY MEETING:

TOPIC: *Who is Jesus Christ? Part 3*

SPEAKER: *Fr. Hugh Barbour*

DATE & TIME: *Noon on this coming Thursday, February 19th*

PLACE: *Village Farmer's Restaurant in South Coast Village, 1651 Sunflower, Santa Ana (North of Sears in South Coast Plaza and behind Planet Hollywood)*

Does Salvation Depend on Believing Marian Doctrines?

Fr. Hugh Barbour, O. Praem, Ph.D.
Our Chaplain

Our Chaplain, Father Hugh, writes for ENVOY, a Catholic Apologetic & Evangelization magazine. Father's column answers questions from readers. The following is reprinted from his column published in the March/April 1997 Issue. To subscribe to this terrific publication, please call 1-800-55-ENVOY.

QUERY: I had a discussion with an Evangelical friend on the virginity of Our Blessed Mother. I pointed out that Protestant reformers Luther, Calvin, Zwingli had taught the historic Christian doctrine of Mary's perpetual virginity. He didn't care and said that our salvation doesn't depend on belief about Mary's virginity. All we have to do, he said, is believe that Jesus is our personal Lord and Savior and we will

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"Why would any sane person buy a momentary pleasure for an eternity of pain?"

Thomas More:
**A Portrait of
Courage** (p. 25)
Gerard Wegemer

Editor's Note:
"Ad Veritatem"
is Latin for
"toward the truth".

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be saved. He also said Catholicism isn't "true" Christianity. What should I tell him?

ANSWER: The Reformers indeed taught the doctrine of Mary's perpetual virginity, but that usually doesn't impress modern-day Protestants like your friend. Protestants agree with the Catholic Church's teaching that faith in Christ is necessary for salvation. But faith in Christ includes faith in and assent to what He taught in His commandments and doctrines. Your friend's minimalist attitude toward what is necessary to salvation risks turning Christianity into a mechanical ideology: *"Say the 'sinner's prayer' and you're in, nothing else matters. Just don't become a Catholic."* Point out that if there are no conditions for salvation other than faith in Christ as one's Savior, then not being a Catholic cannot be a condition for salvation. If he says you can't be a Catholic and be saved, then he's added a condition and is being inconsistent. This may help him see that there's more to salvation than mere faith in Christ.

Jesus reminded us that faith alone isn't sufficient: *"Why do you say to me, 'Lord, Lord,' but do not do the things I command?"* (Luke 6:46-47; cf. Matt. 7:21-23). This includes believing in all that He and the Apostles taught. And that includes the truth of Mary's perpetual virginity. You see, all of revelation is connected. One cannot say, for example, *"I'm willing to accept this doctrine but I won't accept that one."* That's completely contrary to Christ's will.

Your friend's point of view is common among Protestants, who have a tendency to reduce *"faith in Christ"* to simply the belief that He is our Savior. But let's remember what *"Savior"* means. It means that Christ is saving us from something, He is saving us for something, His salvation comes to us in a certain

way and under certain conditions (e.g. believe, repent, be baptized, etc.). This also tells us who He is: God Himself. You see what a wealth of doctrinal implications are contained in the word *"savior"*: sin, death, and hell, the commandments, grace, heaven, sacrifice, merit, sacraments, the Church, the Trinity, the Incarnation, His death, Resurrection, and Second Coming. For those who know and love Christ, there is nothing about Him: His life, His friends, His teachings, that is not of interest or help to them. Christ came to *"bear witness to the truth"* (John 18:37) and to reveal many supernatural mysteries about God and the kingdom of God which we could never have known by the power of unaided human reason. Believing the truths about Christ contained in Sacred Scripture are part of having faith in Him. We can't separate faith in the person of Christ from faith in His life and message, in the prophets who preceded Him, and the Apostles and their successors who followed after Him. These Apostles *"the early Church magisterium"* proclaimed the truth with the teaching authority Christ gave them: *"He who hears you, hears Me."* (Luke 10:16; cf. Matt. 16:18, 18:18).

And remember what Christ commanded the magisterium of His Church to do: *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"* (Matt. 28:19-20). Christ wants Christians to assent to and profess all the doctrines contained in the deposit of Faith, including the doctrine of Mary's perpetual virginity. He reminds us that, *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father in Heaven."* (Matt. 7:21). †

From the Writings of St. Thomas More:

After a major fire destroyed much of his farm and possessions, Sir Thomas responded quickly in a letter to his wife admonishing her:

"Let us heartily thank God as well for adversity as for prosperity, and perhaps we have more cause to thank Him for our loss than for our gain, for His wisdom sees better what is good for us than we do ourselves." †

A Classroom, an Evangelical Christian, and the Day of the Dead

By: Michael Shonafelt, Esq.

“Your light must shine in people’s sight that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.”

As a second-grade teacher in Gardena, California, I daily sought ways to put these words into action. After all, I had a captive audience—over 30 Latino school children, aged seven to eight, who called me *maestro* and watched my every move. And although I could not use my teacher’s desk as a bully pulpit, I daily prayed that God would use me in His way, through my words and actions, to usher my charges in the way of salvation.

In the Autumn of 1995, I was preparing to leave teaching and make a dramatic career change to the practice of law. That year I had decided to make my most overt expression of faith for my students. It would come in the form of an *ofrenda* which I would set up in my classroom to commemorate the *dia de los muertos*, the Day of the Dead.

The *ofrenda*, or “*altar of offering*”, is the Hispanic cultural expression of the link among those of the church militant (those on their earthly pilgrimage), the church suffering (purgatory), and the church triumphant (the church of the glorified). Throughout Mexico and central and south America, the *ofrenda* is set up in the homes of the faithful, with images of the Blessed Virgin, crucifixes, candied skulls, and photos of deceased loved ones. The observance coincides with the Feasts of All Souls and All Saints. It is a time of remembrance, of union with family members who have passed beyond the veil. Often, mementos are

brought out and placed on the *ofrenda*, in the form of objects owned by the deceased, whether pocket watches, jewelry, or a favorite food. The *ofrenda* is adorned with *cempacuchil*, or “*chrysanthemums*” and lighted candles. When night falls on the eves of All Souls and All Saints, the family gathers blankets, food, and candles, and keeps all night vigil at the graves of those they commemorate.

This beautiful observance stands in stark contrast to our culture’s perspective in death, which is either continually denied, or is the subject of dark, morbid fascination. The message of the Day of the Dead is one of hope, not despair. The dead are not cut off, they are one, still, with the living. The Day of the Dead images of sugar skulls, and skeletons in humorous poses, appear at first blush as indicative of a sick preoccupation with death. On the contrary, when seen with the eyes of faith, they give palpable expression to the words of Saint Paul, “*Death is swallowed up in*

life. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” Death is not feared, it is made light of, and it poses no barrier to love, for the dead are remembered and embraced.

Unfortunately, many Latino families, removed from their rich cultural backgrounds and transplanted to a new world, jettison their practice of such observances as the Day of the Dead. These cultural expressions, born of their Catholic faith, are strangely out of place in the more sterile environments of urban Southern California.

At the very least, my classroom *ofrenda*

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would remind the children of this heritage, at most, it would deliver the message of the transcendence of life, and the presence of that society that lies beyond the grave. It would have to pass muster with the secular setting of Los Angeles Unified School District. So, I safely embedded the message in a multicultural curriculum which would not afford even a scintilla of a basis for objection from the school administration.

Yet, I did have opposition. It came from an unlikely source: a fellow Christian.

My classroom activities had been featured in the November 5 issue of the local newspaper, *The Gardena Valley News*. The next issue featured a letter to the editor from an evangelical Christian who assailed the project as an “*offense to the separation of church and state*” and attacked the L.A. Unified School District for “*turning a blind eye to pagan religious activities*” while at the same time continually persecuting evangelical Christians.

I wrote a letter of reply, defending the theological integrity of the activity, and gently correcting him on his understanding of the Establishment Clause. His reply was caustic. I was obviously “*indoctrinated*” by the Catholic Church, and could not be born again, if I had such a “*hideous*” *ofrenda* in my classroom.

I replied that indeed I was indoctrinated, as he should well be, by the Word of God, and that my response to Christ was not based upon compulsion, but was a free, rational response to the revelation of God through His Son. I also delivered my apology for the construction of the *ofrenda* in my classroom. I explained that the Church, and even evangelical Christianity, is replete with examples of “christianized” cultural practices. To dismiss some of these expressions or to express abhorrence of others, is simply an expression of insensitivity or a lack of understanding of cultural expressions that are different from our own.

The Church is a seamless garment. Culture is

intrinsic to the human condition. God became a human. Therefore, cultural expression has also been redeemed and elevated by Christ.

One of the most compelling aspects of the Catholic faith is its affirmance of cultural expressions of the human condition. This approach ultimately stems from the Catholic notion of sanctifying grace, in which human nature is transformed intrinsically. Luther’s understanding of the human condition is one of repudiation of human nature as something fallen and vile and incapable of anything good. The Lutheran legacy to evangelicalism is a radical separation of culture and faith. Ultimately, this outlook presents a fragmented picture of the human condition.

My correspondence with my offended brother in Christ continued at some length. We discussed everything from ecclesiology to sanctification. I knew he was in trouble when he started quoting from Hisslop’s *The Two Babylons* and Woodward’s *Babylon Mystery Religions*, two of the most infamous works of anti-Catholic propaganda. I began to see that his objections were not only based on false premises regarding Catholicism, but also, to an alarming extent, a blinding intolerance. I reminded him that his attitude should be that of God, whose largess extended to sending His only Son that we might be saved, and the Christ, who held neither the Samaritan, nor woman taken into adultery in disdain. I received no reply to my third and last letter, but I can only hope that our discussion opened a door to him.

In the end, my classroom project became not merely an attempt to convey a truth of the Gospel to school children, but a springboard for communicating the beauty of Catholicism to one of our Protestant brethren. †

**If today you hear His voice,
harden not your heart.**



Silence is Not Always Golden!

by Anne Lanphar, Esq.

The old cliché “*Silence is golden*” is certainly near and dear to the hearts of any parent with more than one child. Actually my favorite quote is from Bill Cosby who astutely observed that “*Parents don’t want justice, they want silence!*”

Silence.

Silence is very rare in our lives. It is rare in our society. There is such a constant level noise from televisions, VCRs, radios, CD players, telephones, pagers, even our computers are now considered antiquated unless we have all the latest audio equipment. We have radios designed to operate in showers and even telephones in our bathrooms! We have become so accustomed to the cacophony of noise that we have developed a fear of silence. Noise helps us to block out those things about which we do not want to think. Noise distracts us. I know it is hard to be at peace with silence because it took me a long time to be able to turn off the radio in the car on the way to work and pray the rosary. For a long time I would find that while I was praying, I was also thinking and when I hit into an area that was painful, my hand would automatically reach out for the knob to turn on the radio. It surprised me every time it happened. It also made me think about why I was hiding from the issue. It has taken some time but now I love to drive to work praying the rosary – I arrive at work in much greater peace. Silence gives us a chance to become quiet and peaceful so we can hear God in our hearts. Without some silence in our lives, how can we hear God without Him having to use

a megaphone and a baseball bat to get our attention?

Silence is important but it is *not* always golden.

Our patron saint, Thomas More, is probably the most famous person who used silence as a shield under the law but whose silence was, in fact, a deafening proclamation of his faith.

A Man for all Seasons is a play written by Robert Bolt in 1960 that immortalized the brilliance, integrity and martyrdom of Thomas More.

In 1966 the play became an Academy Award winning movie starring Paul Scofield as More. This literary depiction of More’s life is remarkable in its historic accuracy!

More who lived in the early 1500’s was one of the most renowned lawyers in England. He was known and respected across Europe as a scholar and author having written a number of books including **Utopia** but more importantly he had penned a number of clever, articulate and often humorous responses to the destructive heresy’s promulgated by Luther and

others. He was a respected judge and served his country as a statesman in numerous positions. A devoted husband and father, he was dedicated to the education (both secular and religious) of his four children and his ward. More was loved by his neighbors and was cherished by friends primarily because of his honesty, his kindness, his intelligence, his generosity of spirit, his humor and, most importantly, his integrity which was solidly based on a deep religious faith.

As the Chancellor of England, More held the highest public office in England during one of

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the most tumultuous times in history. King Henry VIII was rapidly deteriorating into a self-centered egotistical tyrant willing to forfeit all his beliefs in order to satisfy his immediate earthly desires. Encouraged by weak men who sought to ingratiate themselves to the King and solidify their power and wealth, the King finally declared himself to be the head of the Church in England and granted himself the divorce that had been denied by the Pope.

During these dangerous times, More, being a brilliant lawyer, carefully crafted a defensive strategy based upon established English legal principles designed to survive the winds of oppression sweeping the country. More could not support the King's break with the Papacy and so resigned his position without comment. However, seeking to please the King, Cromwell sought to force More to support the King or face imprisonment. Without comment, More refused to take the oath that Cromwell had pushed through Parliament and which was required of all citizens. More maintained his silence for which he was imprisoned for almost a year in the Tower of London. Eventually More was charged with treason for refusing to take the oath. The following is an excerpt from the trial of More as depicted in **A Man for All Seasons**.

NORFOLK: Be seated. Master Secretary Cromwell, have you the charge?

CROMWELL: I have, my lord.

NORFOLK: Then read the charge.

CROMWELL: (*Formally*) That you did conspire traitorously and maliciously to deny and deprive our liege lord Henry of his undoubted title, Supreme Head of the Church in England.

MORE: (*With surprise, shock and indignation*) But I have never denied this title!

CROMWELL: You refused the oath tendered to you at the Tower and elsewhere—

MORE: (*Again shocked and indignant*) Silence is

not denial. And for my silence I am punished, with imprisonment. Why have I been called again? (*At this point he is sensing that the trial has been in some way rigged*)

NORFOLK: On a charge of High Treason, Sir Thomas.

CROMWELL: For which the punishment is not imprisonment.

MORE: Death...comes for us all, my lords. Yes, even for Kings he comes, to whom amidst all their royalty and brute strength he will neither kneel nor make them any reverence nor pleasantly desire them to come forth, but roughly grasp them by the very breast and rattle them until they be stark dead! So causing their bodies to be buried in a pit and sending them to a judgment...whereof at their death their success is uncertain.

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CROMWELL: Now, Sir Thomas, you stand upon your silence.

MORE: I do.

CROMWELL: But, Gentlemen of the Jury, there are many kinds of silence. Consider the silence of a man when he is dead. Let us say we go into the room where he is lying; and let us say us say it is in the dead of night—there's nothing like darkness for sharpening the ears and we listen. What do we hear? Silence. What does it betoken, this silence? Nothing. This is silence, pure and simple. But consider another case. Suppose I were to draw a dagger from my sleeve and make to kill the prisoner with it, and suppose their lordships there, instead of crying out for me to stop or crying our for help to stop me, maintain their silence. That *would* betoken! It would betoken a willingness that I should do it, and under the law they would be guilty with me. So silence can, according to circumstances, speak. Consider, now, the circumstances of the prisoner's silence. The oath was put to good and faithful subjects up and down the country and they had de-

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clared His Grace's title to be just and good. And when it came to the prisoner he refused. He calls this silence. Yet is there a man in this court, is there a man in this country, who does not *know* Sir Thomas More's opinion of the King's title? Of course not! But now how can that be? Because this silence betokened—nay, this silence *was* not silence at all but most eloquent denial.

MORE: (With some of the academic's impatience for a shoddy line of reasoning) Not so, Master Secretary, the maxim is "qui tacet consentire." (Turns to Common Man) The maxim of the law is (Very carefully) "Silence gives consent." If, therefore, you wish to construe what my silence "betokened," you must construe that I consented, not that I denied.

CROMWELL: Is that what the world in fact construes from it? Do you pretend that is what you wish the world to construe from it?

MORE: The world must construe according to its wits. This Court must construe according to the law.

More's brilliant strategy was designed to protect his life by operating carefully within the protections offered by the secular laws **BUT** his technical legal strategy was also carefully crafted to ensure that his real position was known to the world. As Cromwell accurately observed, the

world, in fact, construed More's silence as his refusal to condone the King's actions. More's silence, his refusal to take the oath even to the point of losing his position, his wealth and his freedom, spoke by far louder than words! Although he was technically "silent", he was, in fact, clearly, loudly and unequivocally proclaiming his beliefs to the world.

Today we have many opportunities to proclaim the truth of Christ and His Church. We often hear people discuss and support, directly or indirectly, abortion, sexual promiscuity, homosexuality, pornography, assisted suicide, obscenities, profanity, birth control, superstitions, astrology, capital punishment, and much more. Do we proclaim Christ's truth or do we hide behind silence? If we choose to be silent, Sir Thomas More would remind us "*qui tacet consentire*" – *our silence implies our consent!*

But why is it necessary that **I** speak? Isn't it the responsibility of the priests to teach and proclaim the teachings of Christ and His Church? After all, I know the truth and I follow the rules of the Church, attending Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation, giving money to the Church, refraining from sin? I have a responsibility to support my family so I can not afford to speak and lose this client or irritate that partner who provides work to me. Trust God? Of course, I trust God – up to a point but, after all, I have to be practical. I personally followed this reasoning for years then I ran into a situation where my failure to speak will haunt me all the days of my life. It was December of 1989.

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d Risum Vertere Veritate



Latin for "To turn truth into laughter"

THE DAY HELL FROZE OVER

An explosion killed a navy boilerman and he wound up in hell. Being used to stoking fires and extremely hot temperatures, he found hell actually quite comfortable. When Satan went to check out the new arrival, he found him sitting in his room smiling.

"You like this?", Satan asked.

"Yes, sir," said the sailor, "*this feels like a spring day to me.*"

Not wanting the new guy to be too comfortable, Satan

turned up the heat a lot. When he went back to see how his new arrival was doing, the sailor was still happy. He hadn't even broken a sweat.

"I like this kind of weather," he told Satan.

Satan decided to try something different. Rather than turn up the heat, he turned it off. He made the sailor's room form icicles. When he checked on the guy, the room was icy and he was shivering, but he had a grin from ear to ear. "Why are you so happy?" Satan demanded. "*It's freezing in here!*"

"I'm from Denver," said the sailor, "*and this must mean the Broncos have won the Superbowl!*"

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The real estate market was collapsing and with it, real estate legal work was rapidly drying up. The real estate department was concerned with making budget and with the decreasing income, we needed to cut costs. With less work, we had less need for secretarial support. It was proposed that we eliminate the “overflow” secretary. Logically this made perfect business sense. **But** the woman who held this position was the sole support of 2 young children as her husband was dying of cancer in the hospital. Being good business people, we fired this unnecessary staff person two weeks before Christmas so that we could maintain a little extra money in our 6 figure incomes. I believed this decision was wrong at the time but because my partnership compensation depended on some of the people who were promoting this decision, I remained silent. I did not vote for it but I did not object: I cleverly remained silent. My failure to speak has haunted me ever since that day. It was a terrible decision but one that has taught me the utter foolishness of thinking silence exempted me from responsibility.

One of the oldest questions known to man is “*Am I my brother’s keeper?*” It is certainly clear in the Bible, especially the New Testament, that God’s answer is a resounding “**YES!**” We **are** charged with responsibility to help others, both physically and spiritually.

In the Old Testament, the requirements im-

posed by God primarily demanded that one refrain from those acts succinctly enumerated in the Ten Commandments. However, in the New Testament Christ required more: we must love our neighbor as ourselves. We must speak the truth and spread the word about Christ and His teachings. We can not be inactive: Christ mandated that we be **proactive**. This obligation to act is clearly reflected in the Act of Contrition that is said at every Mass: “*I confession to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, and in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;...*”

We can **not** proclaim ourselves to be Christians and then hide our “light,” the light of Christ, under a bushel of silence. For where would we be today if the Apostles had been more concerned about their comfort and survival rather than spreading the Good News of Christ? We have a similar responsibility to our fellow man and we will most certainly be amply rewarded for our efforts. †



Scriptural Corner:

*Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. Peter followed at a distance; and when they kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a maid, seeing him as he sat in the light and gazing at him, said, “This man also was with him.” But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” And a little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.” And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, “Certainly this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.” But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly. **Luke 22:54-62***

Comment from the Navarre Bible:* Peter, who had been following the throng of people hustling our Lord, enters the house of the high priest. While Jesus is undergoing his first trial the saddest event in the Apostle’s life takes place. The evangelists give vivid accounts of the scene. Peter is in a state of shock and is all confused. Inevitably, that night, people would have spoken about Jesus and his disciples a number of times. In conversation Peter says three times that he does not know Jesus, that he is not a follower of his. He does want to continue to follow our Lord; but wanting is not enough: he has a duty not to disguise the fact that he is a disciple, even though it is obviously risky to do so; that is why his denial is a grave sin. No one is justified in denying or disguising his faith, the fact that he is a Christian, a follower of Christ. †

* *The Navarre Bible is a renown edition of Sacred Scripture prepared by members of the Faculty of Theology of Navarre University.*

Catholic Web Sites

The Catholic Goldmine

<http://www.rc.net>

- 1. Good Links / What's Hot!** Includes links to EWTN/WEWN, Alapadre's Corner, Catholic Information on the Net, CatholicCity, New Advent Catholic Web, LifeTeen, and more!
- 2. Apparitions** Links to areas with information about appearances of Jesus and Mary. Includes links to Our Lady of Fatima, Information about the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Medjugorje
- 3. Church Documents** Links to areas where you can access Papal Statements, Bishop Statements, and much much more
- 4. Prayers & Devotions** Learn about how to say and pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, The Stations of the Cross, individual prayers, and much more
- 5. The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** "Those who die wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire!" - Our Lady to St. Simon Stock
- 6. Pro-Life Information** A large listing of pro-life links. Includes the Ultimate Pro-life page, the Pro-Life Rosary, and much much more
- 7. Priesthood** Thinking about becoming a priest or interested in knowing more about the priesthood? These links may be helpful to you
- 8. The Mass / Liturgy**
- 9. Women's Religious Orders** A listing of the Women's Religious Orders that are currently On-Line
- 10. Men's Religious Orders** A listing of the Men's Religious Orders that are currently On-Line
- 11. Vocations**
- 12. Pope John Paul II** Some pages that includes an unofficial homepage of Pope John Paul, Information about his journeys throughout the world. Look through the speeches he gave when he was recently in America, also includes a photo gallery filled with pictures of the Pope
- 13. Mary** Includes documents about Devotion to the Virgin Mary, The Mary Page where it answers questions about the Virgin Mary, A page that talks about interesting images that appeared on the image of Our Lady of Guadeloupe, Grotto's of the Midwest, and Mary's Garden.
- 14. Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)** The new official homepage for EWTN.
- 15. WEWN - Catholic Short-wave Radio** WEWN now has real audio!!! If you have real audio, you can listen to WEWN Catholic Radio while you surf the net. If you have a short-wave radio, you can find out how to tune into it.
- 16. Catholic Apologetics** Want to learn how to defend the faith when someone questions you about it? These links might be able to help you.
- 17. World Youth Day 1997 - Paris** Official Homepage of World Youth Day 1997
- 18. Preparation for the Jubilee Year 2000**
- 19. People in the Church** Includes pages about Padre Pio the Stigmatic, Mother Teresa, Jacques Maritain, Time's Man of the Year article on Pope John XXIII in 1962, Blessed Josearia Escriva, The College of Cardinals, and more
- 20. Saints** Includes info and links to bios about saints and people on the road to sainthood like Padre Pio
- 21. The Prayer Chapel** Prayer requests from people
- 22. Retreat Centers & Catholic Tours**
- 23. Catholic Shrines (Perpetually Under Construction)**
- 24. Catholic Chat Links**
- 25. Catholic Radio and Television** Includes links to EWTN/WEWN, Vatican Radio information, and information about Catholic Programming throughout the nation.
- 26. Catholic Church/Dioceses on-line** NEW PAGE! A list of over 200 dioceses in over 30 countries!
- 27. Churches on-line** A growing list of parishes that have a web page
- 28. Byzantine Links**
- 29. Other Catholic pages** Links to other people's Catholic pages that contain good Catholic Material.
- 30. Priests With a Homepage** A listing of some priests who have a homepage on the web. Still under construction
- 31. Papal Visit '95** Remember the 1995 October Papal Visit of Pope John Paul II with these links
- 32. The Vatican** The Vatican Is On-Line!!!!
- 33. Catholic Organizations / Groups** Links to Catholic Organizations and Groups such as The Center for Catholic Information on the Net, Catholic Information Network, Opus Dei information, Christus Rex Organization, The Legion of Mary homepage, Marian Movement of Priest homepage, The Faith Movement, Catholic Relief Services, LifeTeen!, The New Advent Catholic page (contains over 2,400 Catholic Files!), CRNET info, and more!
- 34. Catholic Schools** Links to Franciscan University of St. Joseph, Catholic U of Washington D.C., and others. Also will include Catholic High Schools and Elementary schools.
- 35. Catholic Education** Includes links to Catholic Religious Information on the Web
- 36. Catholic Homeschooling Links/Info**
- 37. Catholic College Links** Links of interest to those in College
- 38. RCIA / Convert Links ***
- 39. Catholic Penpals/Catholic Singles**
- 40. Catholic History Links ***
- 41. Natural Family Planning Links** Links to sites that talk about Natural Family Planning
- 42. Catholic Mailing Lists (Under Construction)**
- 43. Catholic Youth** A few links that might be of interest to youth. Includes LifeTeen
- 44. Catholic Books On-line** Includes St. Thomas Aquinas's Summa Theologica, the British Edition of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Bible on-line and more
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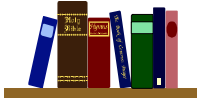
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