

# ◆ Ad Veritatem ◆

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## **JULY MEETING: A Panel of Catholic Judges discuss "Ignatian Exercises: Peace in a Chaotic World"**



*To contemplate  
reality as it is, we  
must first have  
trained ourselves to  
flee the "vain  
pleasures of the flesh  
that keep out the  
very pleasures  
of the soul."*

**Thomas More:  
Portrait of Courage**  
Gerard B. Wegemer  
(pg. 95)

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

This month the Honorable Frank Firmat, a well-known Orange County Superior Court jurist, will lead a panel of judges in a discussion of "Ignatian Exercises: Peace in a Chaotic World." The discussion will center on the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola which all six panelists have, at different times, completed. The Spiritual Exercises, developed by St. Ignatius Loyola, involve a commitment to pray at least one hour a day for 9 months, to keep a prayer journal, and to meet with the small group to share/learn from each other's prayer experience. The panel of respected Orange County judges will consist of:

Thierry Colaw  
Mary Erickson  
Francisco Firmat  
David McEachen  
Gregg Prickett  
Nancy Wieben-Stock

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**JULY MEETING:  
TOPIC: "Ignatian Exercises"  
SPEAKERS: A Panel of  
Catholic Judges  
WHEN: Lunch (\$10) Mtg  
Noon Wed July 19th  
PLACE: First American Title  
3 First American Way, Santa Ana**

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## **The Church & Artificial Contraception**

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



### **QUESTION:**

*Someone told me  
that the Church's  
stand on artificial  
contraception might  
change. She gave me  
the example of the  
Church's change in*

*teaching on usury - what she called the  
taking of interest on loans. What  
exactly is "usury" and did the Church's  
teaching on it change?*

### **ANSWER:**

"Usury" means the acceptance of a premium for a pure loan of money or goods. The Natural Law, as well as Sacred Scripture, forbids usury. In the Sermon on the Mount, our Lord tells us to

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loan or give our goods away without looking for a profit. But let's analyze what exactly constitutes usury.

First, to require that another pay back more than the amount he has borrowed is unjust. This is a principle which can never change. Indeed, the Gospel norm assumes the opposite, that the lender will give more than he is asked to, rather than that the borrower will pay back more than he received.

For many centuries, the Church forbade Christians from taking any profit on loans; many European states, following the Church's lead, also decreed usury to be illegal. However, it was always permitted by the Church for the lender to hold something as collateral in case the loan was not repaid. From this reasonable practice developed the acceptable practice of taking interest on loans for some reason other than the loan itself, for example: damage to the property loaned, loss of profit due to loaning, a reasonable risk of loss, and the borrower's delay in repaying. Exacting interest on a loan for these reasons was not viewed by the Church as usury since all these factors are part of the property of the lender, and he was not charging interest simply to get back more money than he loaned out.

All of this was worked out theologically by the great moral theologian St. Antoninus of Florence, in the 1400s, as the age of bankers and the high-risk industry of world exploration began.

Prominent theologians who explained why interest may be licitly earned on certain kinds of loans, but not on others, include St. Thomas Aquinas, Duns Scotus, Luis de Molina, and Pope Benedict XIV, in his encyclical **Vix Pervenit** (1745).

In the case of contraception a similar development (not change) in Church teaching occurred over the years. The Church has always taught that contraception is a grave offense against the law of God. Gradually, however, it accepted the use of periodic continence, or what is now known as "*natural family planning*," because abstinence during the wife's fertile time does not involve a perversion of the nature of the conjugal act. The Church's principle that the only morally acceptable way to avoid conception is to refrain from marital relations has always obtained, though it developed in sophistication as scientific knowledge of human physiology progressed. As Pope Paul VI pointed out in his encyclical **Humanae Vitae**, the Church has never changed its teaching on the sinfulness of contraception. †

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## SIMPLE TRUTHS



Fulton J. Sheen

"Everyone boasts that he loves to knock at the door of truth, but the sad fact is that if the door opened, many would die of the shock. They much prefer to hear the sound of their knuckles on the portals, rather than to accept responsibilities which truth implies.

We do not even want to hear truth about ourselves." †



## MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

The St. Thomas More Society of Orange County is an independent organization sponsored by lawyers and judges who are practicing members of the Roman Catholic Church.

### IDEALS OF ST. THOMAS MORE

The legal profession is a high calling with corresponding responsibilities to society.

The principal objective of every lawyer is to promote and seek justice.

Catholic lawyers pursue truth in both their spiritual and professional lives.

The duty of a Catholic lawyer is to remain faithful to Jesus Christ, His Church and its teachings at all times despite the personal consequences.

### PURPOSE

The purpose and objective of the Society is:

- To encourage its members to live a Christian life and apply the principles and ideals exemplified by St. Thomas More in their daily lives and encourage same in the legal profession.
- To promote and foster high ethical principles in the legal profession generally and, in particular, in the community of Catholic lawyers.
- To assist in the spiritual growth of its members.
- To encourage interfaith understanding and brotherhood.
- To sponsor the annual Red Mass for elected and appointed officials and members of the legal profession.
- To sponsor an annual retreat and any other activities that fulfill the mission of the Society.

### MEMBER COMMITMENTS

Each member of the Society shall strive to:

- To live an exemplary Christian life and apply the principles and ideals exemplified by St. Thomas More in their daily lives and encourage same in the legal profession.
- To attend monthly meetings and provide personal support to the St. Thomas More Society.
- To attend and support the Red Mass. ✚





## Scriptural Corner:

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; and <sup>36</sup>he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. **John 1:35-39**

### Comment from the Navarre Bible\*:

<sup>35-39</sup> Through these words of the Baptist, these two disciples are moved by grace to approach the Lord. John's testimony is an example of the special graces God distributes to attract people to himself. Sometimes he addresses a person directly by stirring his soul and inviting him to follow him; at other times, as in the present case, he chooses to use someone close to us who knows us, to bring us to meet Christ.

The two disciples already had a keen desire to see the Messiah; John's words move them to try to become friends of our Lord: it is not merely natural curiosity but Christ's personality which attracts them. They want to get to know him, to be taught by him and to enjoy his company. "Come and see" (1:39; cf. 11:34)—a tender invitation to begin that intimate friendship they were seeking in their vocation. The Apostle St. John, one of the protagonists in this scene, notes the exact time it took place: "it was about the tenth hour," roughly four in the afternoon.

Christian faith can never be just a matter of intellectual curiosity; it affects one's whole life: a person cannot understand it unless he really lives it; therefore, our Lord does not at this point tell them in detail about his way of life; he invites them to spend the day with him. St. Thomas Aquinas comments on this passage saying that our Lord speaks in a lofty, mystical way because what God is (in himself or in grace) can only be understood through experience: (they immediately accepted Christ's invitation and a reward "they saw"), by recollection and by applying our mind to the contemplation of divine things, by desiring to taste the sweetness of God, by assiduous prayer. Our Lord invited everyone to do this when he said, "Come and see," and the disciples discovered it all when, in obedience to our Lord, "they went" and were able to learn by personal experience, whereas they could not understand the words alone (cf. Commentary on St. John, in loc.).

*\*The Navarre Bible, an edition of Sacred Scripture prepared by members of the Faculty of Theology of Navarre University, consists of the New Vulgate, the Revised Standard Version and commentaries. ☩*

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# My Life in Christ

**Honorable David McEachen**  
**Orange County Superior Court**

*"You have been told, O Man, what is good and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God."* **Micah 6:8**

This scripture passage is displayed on my desk in chambers and reminds me daily of the answer to the eternal question "What does the Lord require of me?" – "To act justly and to have mercy and to walk humbly with my God."

When I was a child, the furthest thing from my mind was how I would grow in my relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. I was a classic "cradle" Catholic which meant I was a good rule and regulation follower.

After my formative years at All Soul's School in Alhambra, I thought that 8 years of Catholic religious education was enough – I was all set – I knew all the rules. While I had flirted briefly with the idea of the priesthood, I instinctively knew that it was really my sister, Sally, who was being called to religious life. I was right and she was a nun for 7 years.

I continued to attend Mass regularly and was a good altar boy, learning the Latin responses. Unfortunately, my Catholic education pretty much came to a halt at age 14 which was pre-Vatican II.

When my wife, Judi, decided to investigate the Catholic faith, we both attended the inquiry classes near the Oregon State University at the local Catholic church in Corvallis, Oregon. Part of the instruction included a thorough discussion of Vatican II. The instructor was a priest who had a good understanding of the impact of Vatican II and the changes that it was bringing into the Church. My wife became a Catholic and in 1965 we were married at St. Barnabas Catholic Church in Long Beach.

I was a Naval officer during Vietnam and saw the impact of the war. I did not see much action. While in Vietnam, however, I did do some soul searching. During this period, I read the "Imitation of

Christ" which I knew was written by a scholarly monk. Although this book pushed me into reflecting on my relationship with God, it still seemed that God was a long way away from me. At that time, my faith, my relationship with God, was *solely* tied into Sunday Mass.

In 1970 I made my Cursillo and was totally shocked when I virtually came face to face with Jesus Christ. I still can vividly remember exactly where I was when the Rector at the Cursillo expressed his relationship with Christ. I was further surprised as numerous other men, very strong and worldly men, shared without hesitation how their lives had been transformed when they surrendered their lives to Christ. This experience provided me with a whole new way of thinking about God and my faith.

After that monumental weekend, I worked as a leader within the Cursillo movement for 15 years. It was a comfortable and safe place to be, as I was surrounded by a wonderful group of people who loved each other in Christ and were willing to express that love. During this time, I often had a hard time reconciling my daily law practice with my Christian beliefs, but I continually prayed that I would do God's will. Through many trials and problems with this struggle, my wife became my spiritual director. Judi is a special person – she is one of those incredible people who does not just "talk the talk," but truly "walks the walk."

In January of 1970, a major change occurred in my professional life: Governor Deukmejian telephoned and informed me that I had been appointed to serve as a judge for the North Orange County Municipal Court! However, within 1 year of this professional high, Judi and I experienced a personal and terribly emotional challenge: Judi was diagnosed with breast cancer which had spread to the lymph nodes. Fervently I prayed to God to spare Judi's life



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as she underwent both radiation and vigorous chemotherapy following her lumpectomy. That was 8 years ago! Thanks be to the glory and mercy of God, Judi has not suffered any recurrences!

Our marriage of 33 years seems to grow stronger each year and we continually thank God for all His many blessings on our family.

In 1993, I was elevated to the Superior Court bench. At that time, Judge Frank Firmat talked to me about Daniel's Inn, which is a fellowship of Christian lawyers and judges who meet monthly as a non-denominational group to share and learn from each other's prayer life and their relationship with God.

Daniel's Inn had led me to share my faith with a group of Christians who were willing to share and willing to listen. I discovered that I really need to be involved with other Christians in order to continue to learn about God. Another great resource for me has been the Judge's Bible Study Group which meets in Judge Millard's chambers at least twice a month. We study one book of the Bible at a time and during the last 5 years, we have completed our study of 10 of the 66 (Protestant number) books of the Bible.

My life in Christ has also been enriched through many activities at our parish, St. Hedwig's Church in Los Alamitos, especially the "*Men of Promise - Catholic Men's Fellowship*." This group originally started in 1991 in San Francisco Solano parish in Santa Margarita and has spread throughout the County. The purpose of the Catholic Men's Fellowship is to assist men to develop a closer relationship with Jesus and to encourage fellowship with other Catholic men.

One of the most significant occurrences in my Life in Christ was the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This "*class*" was conducted under the tutelage of Frank Firmat. This experience started in September of 1997 and was completed 9 months later. The key to the Exercises is prayer – quiet personal prayer at least one hour each day, which experience is also memorialized in a personal journal. The journal reflects our personal prayer experience as well as our feeling toward God, those persons and situations that seem to draw us closer to God and those that pull us away. Once a week the group met to share our prayer experience and to receive

the next increment of the prayer direction and readings as originally designed by St. Ignatius. Once a month we also individually met with our Spiritual Director, Judge Firmat, to discuss our progress and any personal issues. The seven members who shared this journey through the Spiritual Exercises became a prayer group as we shared our travels through Scripture and our development of a deeper, more spiritual relationship with Christ. Upon completion of the Exercises, many of us continued as a prayer group using Challenge 2000, a daily meditation program based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius.

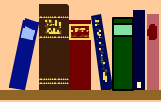
My Life in Christ has been a "*work in progress*" over many years. Judi and I have 2 adopted children. Our son, Ryan, is 23 and recently received his Bachelor's of Arts degree in English from the University of California at Riverside and was married last August. Our daughter, Sarah, is a 22 year old recent graduate of California State University at Fresno. Our Lord has blessed us with these two wonderful and loving children.

I also thank God for allowing me the opportunity to serve the people of Orange County as a judge of the Superior Court. Four years ago I was one of the first judges to serve in the Drug Court where I have seen many transformations in the lives of drug addicts, which rival being "*born again*" as a Christian. My work in this special Court has helped me in my faith as I have seen many miracles through people who were arrested for drug possession and who subsequently turned their lives around through the help of a system designed to treat addicts rather than incarcerate them.

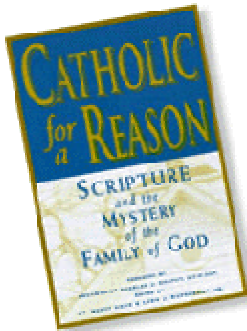
I am a person who needs to be associated with people who love Jesus and willingly center their life around Him. I know that Christ is the center of my life. John the Baptist testified about Jesus in John 1:29-34 that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and that He is the Son of God.

Lately I have started listening to Catholic radio at 830 AM and Christian radio on FM instead of talk shows or music. I have volunteered to do more within my Catholic community, but I always feel that there are so many others that are more spiritual than I am. However, I look at whom Jesus selected as His Disciples and they weren't necessarily the

***My Life in Christ*** (Continued on page 7)



# From the Library



## Catholic for a Reason: Scripture and the Mystery of the Family of God

*Catholic for a Reason: Scripture and the Mystery of the Family of God* explains the teachings of the Catholic Church in a way that allows the reader to see the “big picture”: Our Heavenly Father’s loving plan to save us. Biblical, dynamic and very readable, *Catholic for a Reason* presents God the Father’s plan as the “family plan” revealed by Christ.

*“Catholic for a Reason vibrates with the energy of the authors’ faith. This book is simultaneously defense of the faith and witness to the faith.”*

**--Douglas G. Bushman**

**Director, Institute of Religious and Pastoral Studies University of Dallas**

*“This is one of the most exciting books of theology or apologetics I have seen in years. It is not the usual fare: neither warmed-up leftovers nor foreign foods indigestible by the Catholic stomach, but “strong meat” full of spiritual vitamins. Its central idea of the “the family of God” turns out to be central to every aspect of the Catholic faith, and no idea is more fundamental to our current crisis and ‘cultural war’ than this one.”*

**--Peter Kreeft**

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most eloquent or brilliant. So my life has been one of many blessings and I am privileged to have always kept my Catholic faith.

The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius presents a set of guidelines for living a daily journey toward a closer relationship with God: *“I believe that I was created to share my life and love with God and other people, forever. I believe that God created all things to help me achieve this goal. I believe, therefore, that I should use the other things God created insofar as they help me attain my goal and abstain from them insofar as they hinder me. It follows, therefore, that I should not value, automatically, health over sickness, wealth over poverty,*

*honor over dishonor, or a long life over a short one. I believe my sole norm for valuing and preferring a thing should be this: How well does it help me attain the end for which I was created?”* The most important way I changed after the Exercises was a constant hunger to know my God better and to pray constantly to follow His Will.

I have thought about this statement as a guide for my life and believe it to be the kernel of my faith. We must pray for each other that we may answer that call of Christ when He says in Matthew 5:13-16 that *“You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world... Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”* ✚

## Ad Risum Vertere Veritatem\*



\*Latin for "To turn truth into laughter"

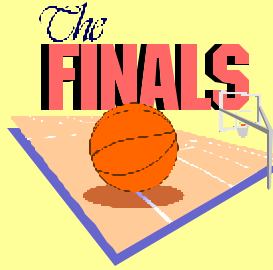
Three coaches showed up at the Pearly Gates of Heaven at the same moment. God was seated in front of them and asked them to answer two questions before they could be admitted: first, what did they accomplish, and second, how did people feel about them.

The first Coach thought for a second and then said, "I was a high school basketball coach for 30 years and had a record of about .500. I sent a higher than average number of my players on to college and the people of my community named the high school gymnasium after me." God said, "That sounds pretty good, you may enter."

The second Coach said, "I was a J.C. football coach for 20 years. I was of the Vince Lombardi School of

Coaching so I rode every player I had relentlessly. I had a below .500 winning percentage and virtually none of my players either got scholarships or ever went on to a 4 year college or university. Nearly everyone in the community hated me, students and parents a like. When I retired, an image of me was burned in effigy every year my old school went to the playoffs." God said, "That doesn't sound so good, you may not enter."

The third Coach said, "Well, God, my name is Bobby Knight. I coached college basketball for 20 some odd years. Won the N.C.A.A. Championship twice. Had a winning record well over .500, and the people of the State of Indiana think that you are sitting in MY chair." †



## From the Writings of Thomas More

### MORE ON CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE

At the end of his life, More frequently expressed his desire to "be merry together in heaven" with those who were set on his destruction. Surely this refrain echoed in their consciences as they later recalled the charm of a man whose happiness could not be shaken in any season.

By the end of his life, More had every reason to be angry and pessimistic. He had been betrayed by some of those closest to him, and only one bishop in all of England had joined him in resisting a tyrannical king. In addition, the universal Church he loved had been outlawed in England, he had lost everything he possessed, his health was broken and not even the children he had personally educated agreed with his "scruple of conscience."

Yet he was merry to the end. Why? Because his good humor was not simply a matter of temperament; it was deeply theological, rooted in the cultivated virtues of a faith lived in the present moment, a hope that did not depend on appearances, and a charity rooted in eternity. Not only did More believe in God's providence; he also lived in the confidence that it works through everything. *Omnia in bonum*, "All things work to the good for those who love God" (Rom. 8:28). This conviction helped him keep everything in perspective. When his children suffered disappointment, as we have seen, he explained in a homey but vivid and memorable way that they could not "go to heaven in featherbeds." When the leading bishops of England tried to convince an impoverished More to join in attending Anne Boleyn's coronation, he told them in a lighthearted but earthy and extraordinarily pointed way that he would not prostitute himself for any reason or at any price. Lighthearted as it was, this response was as powerful as any that has ever been given to those responsible for public affairs.







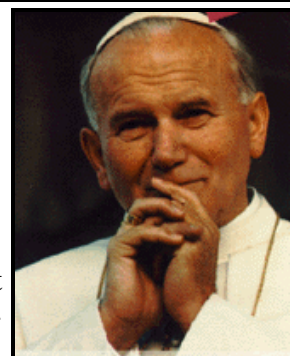
## The Pope's Prayer Intentions for July



### GENERAL INTENTION

*That the followers of the various religions may grow in respecting one another and collaborating to consolidate justice and peace in the world*

God calls men to serve him in spirit and in truth. Consequently they are bound to him in conscience but not coerced. God has regard for the dignity of the human person which he himself created; the human person is to be guided by his own judgment and to enjoy freedom....



When the principle of religious freedom is not just proclaimed in words or incorporated in law but is implemented sincerely in practice, only then does the Church enjoy in law and in fact those stable conditions which give her the independence necessary for fulfilling her divine mission. Ecclesiastical authorities have been insistent in claiming this independence in society. At the same time the Christian faithful, in common with the rest of men, have the civil right of freedom from interference in leading their lives according to their conscience. A harmony exists, therefore, between the freedom of the Church and that religious freedom which must be recognized as the right of all men and all communities....

It is clear that with the passage of time all nations are coming into a closer unity, men of different cultures and religions are being bound together by closer links, and there is a growing awareness of individual responsibility. Consequently, to establish and strengthen peaceful relations and harmony in the human race, religious freedom must be given effective constitutional protection everywhere and that highest of man's rights and duties--to lead a religious life, with freedom in society--must be respected.

May God, the Father of all: Grant that the human family, by carefully observing the principle of religious liberty in society, may be brought by the grace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit to that "glorious freedom of the children of God" (Rom 8:21) which is sublime and everlasting.

**--Vatican II, Dignitatis humanae, (Declaration on Religious Liberty),  
December 7, 1965**

### **Scriptures for reflection:**

John 4:21-24. Worship in spirit and truth.

Hebrews 8:10-12. "... they shall be my people."

Acts 17:22-34. Paul speaks to those who honor "an unknown god"

### **Catechism of the Catholic Church:**

1907, 2104-9, 2211, 1782, 1730-31, 1738

For this intercession we can ask the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, and Saint Francis of Assisi, who prayed "*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.*"



# Thought for the Day



## NO TIME ?

I knelt to pray but not for long,  
 I had too much to do.  
 I had to hurry and get to work  
 For bills would soon be due.  
 So I knelt and said a hurried prayer,  
 And jumped up off my knees.  
 My Christian duty was now done  
 My soul could rest at ease.  
 All day long I had no time  
 To spread a word of cheer.  
 No time to speak of Christ to friends,  
 They'd laugh at me I'd fear.  
 No time, no time, too much to do,  
 That was my constant cry,  
 No time to give to souls in need  
 But at last the time, the time to die.  
 I went before the Lord,  
 I came, I stood with downcast eyes,  
 For in His hands God held a book;  
 It was the book of life.  
 God looked into his book and said  
 "Your name I cannot find  
 I once was going to write it down....  
 But never found the time." ✚



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<http://www.chnetwork.org>

### Our Mission

During the past few years particularly, there have been hundreds of pastors and laymen of every conceivable religious tradition showing intense interest in the truths of the Catholic Faith and entering with great joy into the Catholic Church. Even though their conversions may have required great sacrifice, including the loss of friends, family and vocation, they yet believe with all of their hearts that they have truly "come home." The purpose of The *Coming Home Network International* (CHNetwork) is to provide fellowship, encouragement and support for Protestant pastors and laymen who are somewhere along the journey or have already been received into the Catholic Church. The CHNetwork is committed to assisting and standing beside all inquirers, serving as a friend and an advocate.



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**WHEN: Wednesday July 19th @ NOON (Lunch) \$10**

**TOPIC: "The Ignatius Exercises"**

**SPEAKERS: A Panel of Catholic Judges**

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