

Ad Veritatem

Volume 8 Issue 6

St. Thomas More Society of Orange County

JUNE 2003

*"The fickleness of
fortune, the shortness of
life, and the prevalence of
suffering all show that
life itself is but a journey
towards death."*

Thomas More:
Portrait of Courage
By Gerard Wegemer

SPECIAL JUNE DINNER MEETING:

WEDNESDAY JUNE 11, 2003 AT 6:30 PM

PROFESSOR RONALD RYCHLAK

"HITLER, THE POPE AND THE WAR"

DETAILS ON PAGE 3

"Ad Veritatem" is Latin for "Toward the truth."



WHO WE ARE

In 1966, the movie *A Man For All Seasons* inspired the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to recognize this film as the Picture of the Year. This was one of the few occasions in the history of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences where the life of a religious figure won the hearts of the motion picture industry's elite. The central figure portrayed in *Man For All Seasons* was, of course, St. Thomas More, the great lawyer, statesman, apologist, husband, father and faithful Catholic. In 2000, St. Thomas was honored as the Lawyer of the Millennium by a secular panel of historians for the British Commonwealth. Shortly thereafter, John Paul II declared St. Thomas as the Patron Saint of Statesmen.

Inspired by a homily given by Bishop Norman McFarland at the 1995 Red Mass of Orange County, 5 "fearless" members of the Orange County bar met shortly thereafter at the law offices of Rutan and Tucker in Costa Mesa. These lawyers all shared the realization that the legal practice takes a severe toll on the personal and spiritual lives of those involved in it and that many in the legal profession had become too focused on the material life with the natural consequence being the de-emphasis on their spiritual life. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the formation of a new organization for lawyers and judges in the County of Orange with its mission being to publicly support and encourage the spiritual development of its members in their Catholic faith. The group chose as its patron St. Thomas More, the greatest lawyer of his time, who was a dedicated husband and father with a deep and profound commitment to his Catholic faith, his profession and his fellow man. Thus the St. Thomas More Society of Orange County was born.

Attendance at the monthly meetings in the early years was sporadic. Our spiritual director, Fr Hugh Barbour, wisely advised us not to worry about numbers because it was more important "to be than to do or say." He encouraged the virtues of patience and perseverance. His sage advice, together with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and St. Thomas More, has led us to our current level of a fourteen member Board of Directors of lawyers and judges and a mailing list for the monthly newsletter of over 970.

The goal of the Society is to inspire and lift up the minds and hearts of the legal community of Orange County to follow the example of St. Thomas More by integrating God in every aspect of their professional and personal lives. The Society seeks to accomplish this goal through inspirational speakers at monthly meetings, this newsletter, the Red Mass, a website, an annual spiritual retreat and other events. The St. Thomas More Society also seeks to provide a haven where those who are committed to their Catholic faith as well as those who are seeking to learn more about the Church, can find fellowship and encouragement in the face of overwhelming media and cultural forces working against that pursuit.

St. Thomas More, please pray for us. ✚

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

David Belz at (949) 347-0447 or email to dbelz@kuhnbelz.com, or
Anne Lanphar at (714) 800-3225 or email to alanphar@firstam.com.
VISIT OUR WEBSITE at www.stthomasmore.net

THOMAS MORE SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVID BELZ
Kuhn & Belz

HON. MICHAEL BRENNER
O. C. Superior Court

STEVEN COTUGNO
*Software Engineering
Consultant*

HON. MARY ERICKSON
O. C. Superior Court

JOHN FLYNN
*Nossaman Guthner
Knox & Elliott*

RONALD GABLE
*Economic & Financial
Analytics, Inc.*

DONALD A. HUNSBERGER
*The Law Offices of
Donald A. Hunsberger*

DEBORAH KNEFEL
*Anaheim Deputy
City Attorney*

ANNE LANPHAR
*First American Title
Insurance Company*

HON. DAVID MCEACHEN
O. C. Superior Court

LISA RAMIREZ
Catholic Charities of OC

MICHAEL SHONAFELT
*Nossaman Guthner
Knox & Elliott*

WALLACE WADE
*Child Support Services
of OC*

GREGORY WEILER
*Palmieri Tyler Weiner
Wilhelm & Waldron*

CHAPLAIN
FR. HUGH BARBOUR,
O. PRAEM, PH.D.
St. Michael's Abbey

AD VERITATEM
EDITORS
ANNE LANPHAR
RONALD GABLE

SPECIAL JUNE DINNER MEETING

WHEN:

6:30 PM

Wed. June 11th

WHERE:

**First American
Title Ins. Co.
2 First American
Way, Santa Ana**

COST:

\$25 for dinner

**SEE PAGE 11
FOR DETAILS**

PROFESSOR RONALD RYCHLAK

“HITLER, THE POPE AND THE WAR”

Professor Ron Rychlak is Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Mississippi, School of Law, where he has been on the faculty since 1987. Prior to joining the faculty at Ole Miss, Ron practiced law with Jenner & Block in Chicago, and he served as a clerk to Hon. Harry W. Wellford of the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ron and his wife Claire have been married for 16 years, and they are the parents of six children.

The Weekly Standard called Ron's most recent book, Hitler, the War, and the Pope (Genesis Press, 2000), "the best and most careful of the recent works [on the Church during World War II], an elegant tome of serious, critical scholarship." The Catholic New World reports: "Hitler the War and the Pope is as fascinating as anything in a Grisham novel or plot on Law and Order." Ron's first book, Demonstrative Evidence: Applications and Theory (The Michie Co., 1995), is scheduled for a second edition release in 2003. His co-authored textbook on Gaming and Gambling Law (Lexis-Nexis Publishing) is also scheduled to be released in 2003.

Ron has written several articles for the Mississippi Law Journal. He has also written for The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The Times Literary Supplement (London), UCLA Law Review, Boston College Law Review, The Stanford Environmental Law Journal, and many other legal, political, and historical journals. He is a member of the committee appointed by the Mississippi Supreme Court to revise the state's criminal code, an advisor to the Holy See's delegation to the United Nations, and he serves as a delegate at the U.N. meetings on the establishment of an International Criminal Court. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** ☩

RED MASS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2003

HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL

6:30 PM MASS

RECEPTION FOLLOWING

FOR DETAILS, SEE PAGE 18

SPECIAL DINNER MEETING

JUNE 11, 2003

**PREREGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS!

**REPLACES THE REGULAR
MONTHLY LUNCH MTG!**

CALENDAR REMINDERS



IN THIS ISSUE:

4

A Message from our Chaplain

Vocations: A Parent's Duty

5

Ruminations on the Priesthood:

*Some Reason Why God May
Require Celibacy*

7

A Message from

Pope John Paul II

A Time for Re-Evangelization

9

National Catholic Conference

July 12-13 Anaheim



*Vocations:
The Duty of Parents*
Page 4



Ruminations on the Priesthood
Page 5

15

Truth or Myth

"Never Fail" Novenas & Other Rituals

16

Cyber Heaven

Vatican Website

18

The Writings of More

More on Heresy

19

Thought for the Day

Things To Be Grateful For

22

From the Library

Hitler, the Pope and the War

VOCATIONS: A PARENTS DUTY

FR. HUGH BARBOUR, O. PRAEM, PH.D.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN



VIEW OF THE
CONVENT OF
SAN MARCO
Fra Angelico
(1436)

Question: *My only daughter is 21 and wants to enter an order of sisters. She went on a vocational retreat and was really swept away by it all. My husband and I wonder if she should take such a drastic step so early in life. We think she should experience a little more of the world first, working, dating, etc. After all, she ought to know what she's giving up! She would make a good wife and mother, but seems to think that being a sister is a "higher way" than marriage. We told her marriage is just as good as being a nun, and that she does not have our support if she goes off into the convent. We're practicing Catholics, and we're not against sisters or anything like that, but we think she ought to wait. She'll probably do what we advise, but I'm a little worried we might not be acting according to the Church's teaching. What do you think?*

Answer: There are two main issues in your question. First, let's consider the relation of marriage and celibacy. Then we can take a look at the question of your attitude toward your daughter's vocation.

St. Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 7, "*The unmarried woman or girl is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit, but the married woman is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please her husband...He who marries his betrothed does well, but he who refrains from marriage will be better.*"

In Matthew 19, Our Lord talks about those who practice perfect chastity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, saying, "*He who is able to receive this, let him receive it.*" The Church, by her solemn Magisterium, defined the sense of these scriptural teachings at the Council of Trent. That council defined as a dogma the preeminence of consecrated celibacy over marriage in these words, "*If anyone says that the married state is to be placed before that of virginity or celibacy, and that it is not more blessed and better to remain in virginity and celibacy, than to be joined in marriage, let him be anathema*" (session 24, canon 10). The superiority of virginity over marriage as a state of life is a matter then, of Catholic Faith. This superiority of the state of celibacy does not necessarily mean the individual *moral* superiority of virgins over married people. Holiness is a matter of the degree of our love of God and neighbor. The virginal state allows greater freedom in the service of God and neighbor, and so is a more secure path to perfect charity. Yet, this does not mean that married people cannot have a charity and holiness as great or greater than those dedicated to God in celibacy. Rather, it merely asserts that those who live in the world in marriage have a way of life in which the primacy of the spiritual life is not as clearly shown. This is precisely the meaning of St. Paul's words just quoted.

Why is this? To understand the reason, we have to look at the nature of our spiritual life as principally a union with Christ. In explaining the value of Christian celibacy, the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "*Christ is the center of all Christian life. The bond with Him takes precedence over all other bonds, familial or social...Virginity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven is an unfolding of the baptismal grace, a powerful sign of the supremacy of the bond with Christ and of the ardent expectation of His return, a sign which also recalls that marriage is a reality of this present age which is passing away*" (1618-1619). In our day, it isn't popular or easily understood to speak of one way of life as being superior to another, and so the current Magisterium tends to describe celibacy as showing the supremacy of union with the Lord, or of being a closer follower of Christ (cf. CCC 916). Under this aspect, what applies to virginity applies

Vocations: A Parent's Duty (Continued on page 8)

RUMINATIONS ON THE PRIESTHOOD: SOME REASONS WHY GOD MAY REQUIRE CELIBACY

ANNE NELSON LANPHAR, ESQ.

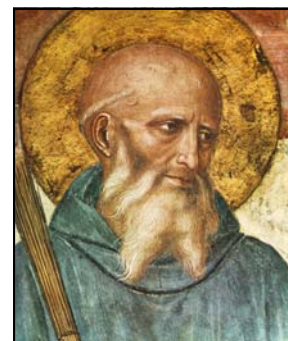
In 1988, a great fire engulfed Yellowstone National Park. Scientists announced that this was a monumental tragedy and that Yellowstone would take hundreds of years to recover from the devastation. The National Park Service was universally condemned by these “knowledgeable” people for allowing the fire to burn as part of nature rather than adhering to the philosophy of the last hundred years of immediately suppressing naturally-occurring fires. However, nature recovered *spectacularly* within only 10 years! Suddenly the scientists realized that fire was a part of the balance of nature that allowed a rebirth of the ecosystem in ways they had never even imagined. They were amazed at what they did not know! This problem of assuming that one “knows all” is a common weakness of mankind!

Similar to these scientists, we often think we know more than God. Occasionally we are blessed with a glimpse into divine wisdom especially in the design of His Church and the Sacraments which awareness strikes the soul and sets it afire with love, joy and awe! God obviously understands the nature of man since He created it although men often act as if they created God! But, then again, Adam and Eve were tempted to disobey God with the serpent’s promise that if they ate of the forbidden fruit, “*they would become like God.*” Ironically it seems that the human race certainly has not come very far!

But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3: 4-5

God’s plan for His Church on earth is a clear example of His divine wisdom. God created outward signs in the sacraments such as water for Baptism and oil for Confirmation because He knew that we humans need to see, to touch, to feel – it is part of our nature. The sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation reveals a transcendent wisdom and an intimate understanding of our human nature. God knows that to face responsibility for our acts, we need to admit them, not just in our mind but out loud and to another person. And He knew that we need to *hear* the words of forgiveness. The sacrament of Confession was created 2,000 years ago when Christ said to the apostles: “Whose sin you shall forgive they are forgiven, and whose sins you shall retain are retained.” Many people seek to find this same “solace” through discussions with a professional psychologist or psychiatrist. Although a mental health professional can be sympathetic and seek to help us understand our actions, they cannot grant forgiveness in the name of Christ. Confession provides immeasurable solace to the soul.

Although original sin is removed from our souls through Baptism, our inclinations toward sin, our “human nature,” remains with us for life. The temporal church here on earth is obviously governed by men, fallible and weak humans who are subject to the same “inclination to sin.” Understanding the many aspects of human weaknesses and their potential impact on married priests leads to insight and understanding God’s divine wisdom in mandating the celibacy of His priests.



ST. BENEDICT
FOUNDER OF THE
BENEDICTINE
ORDER
Fra Angelica
(1441- 2)

Ruminations (Continued on page 6)

(Continued from page 5) Ruminations**THE CHILDREN**

I recently participated in a prayer group with some Christian women. One young lady was the daughter of a Baptist minister. She revealed that she had struggled for years to forgive her father. She went on to explain that she loved and respected her father, but she and her siblings had always deeply resented that they were never first in their father's life. They understood why, but the resentment was very deep and some of her siblings had lost their faith completely as a result. She also stated that this was a common problem among the children of Protestant ministers.

The primary duty of a parent is to protect and provide for their child. A child should always know that if they are in need, they can reach out to their parent and that the parent would be there for them – without hesitation, without question. The New Testament reflects God as our “father” – a parent who is there for us *at all times*. This characterization of God as our Father was intended to help us understand the depth of His love for us – to provide an analogy to that love that we intimately know because we experienced it from our earthly father. But what if that earthly father is missing? The negative impact of the “missing father” is well-known to prison ministers who try to reach the inmates by teaching that God loves us “like a father” but the analogy fails completely since many of their earthly fathers were totally absent from their lives having abandoned them. The reason the father is absent, whether good or bad, does not really matter to a child. It is clear that our duty as a parent to our child is the first and primary focus in our lives. God has entrusted their care to us as our primary duty. Clearly God would not put a priest in a contradictory position between his duties as a priest to Christ's flock and his own children.



**ST. IGNATIUS
LOYOLA**
FOUNDER OF THE
JESUIT ORDER
*Juan Martinez
Montanez
(1610)*

What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! Luke 11: 11-12

Another human tendency is the desire to “control” through the creation of dynasties. Whether it is power or money, men try to “control” it by bequeathing it to their own children. This is evident in the royal dynasties ruling nations, families of great wealth, and even the mafia – all of whom try to direct their money and positions of power and influence to their own children. If priests were able to marry and have their own children, logically this same human tendency could infect the priesthood. With priests being celibate, this problem can never evolve in the Church.

THE WIFE

Marriage is a sacrament blessed by God. The married state can be as holy before God as that of the priesthood. In the wedding vows, the couple pledges their loyalty and love to each other before God and to “forsake all others.”

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder. Mark 10: 7-9

Human nature obviously comes into play as married people live their lives. Weaknesses and strengths are revealed and affect the relationship. Naturally a

THE HOUR HAS COME FOR RE-EVANGELIZATION

Whole countries and nations where religion and the Christian life were formerly flourishing and capable of fostering a viable and working community of faith are now put to a hard test, and in some cases are even undergoing a radical transformation as a result of a constant spreading of an indifference to religion, of secularism and atheism. This particularly concerns countries and nations of the so-called First World in which economic well-being and consumerism, even if coexistent with a tragic situation of poverty and misery, inspires and sustains a life lived “as if God did not exist.” This indifference to religion and the practice of religion devoid of true meaning in the face of life’s very serious problems are not less worrying and upsetting when compared with declared atheism.

At this moment the lay faithful, in virtue of their participation in the prophetic mission of Christ, are fully part of this work of the Church. Their responsibility, in particular, is to testify how the Christian faith constitutes the only fully valid response—consciously perceived and stated by all in varying degrees—to the problems and hopes that life poses to every person and society. This will be possible if the lay faithful will know how to overcome in themselves the separation of the Gospel from life, to again take up in their daily activities in family, work and society, an integrated approach to life that is fully brought about by the inspiration and strength of the Gospel.

To all people of today, I once again repeat the impassioned cry with which I began my pastoral ministry: “Do not be afraid! Open, indeed, open wide the doors to Christ! Open to his saving power the confines of states, and systems political and economic, as well as the vast fields of culture, civilization, and development. Do not be afraid! Christ knows ‘what is inside a person.’ Only he knows! Today too often people do not know what they carry inside, in the deepest recesses of their soul, in their heart. Too often people are uncertain about a sense of life on earth. Invaded by doubts they are led into despair. Therefore — with humility and trust I beg and implore you — allow Christ to speak to the person in you. Only he has the words of life, yes, eternal life.”

Opening wide the doors to Christ, accepting him into humanity itself poses absolutely no threat to persons, indeed it is the only road to take to arrive at the total truth and the exalted value of the human individual.

This vital synthesis will be achieved when the lay faithful know how to put the Gospel and their daily duties of life into a most shining and convincing testimony, where, not fear but the loving pursuit of Christ and adherence to him will be the factors determining how a person is to live and grow, and these will lead to new ways of living more in conformity with human dignity.

Humanity is loved by God! This very simple yet profound proclamation is owed to humanity by the Church. Each Christian’s words and life must make this proclamation resound: God loves you, Christ came for you, Christ is for you “the Way, the Truth and the Life!” (Jn 14:6).

“It is imperative that lay people use their positions in society to spread Catholic ideals and values. Yet, oftentimes laity feel overwhelmed, lost or left alone to find their own source of support, guidance, formation, and perseverance. *Miles Jesu*, as an Ecclesial Family of Consecrated Life (formerly association of perfection for the laity) for the laity, fulfills these needs in a faith family atmosphere according to the mind of the Church as recommended in Vatican II.” ✠



**FROM
PETER’S
SUCCESSOR,
POPE
JOHN
PAUL
II**



*** Section 34 of
Christifideles Laici
(The Lay Members
of Christ's
Faithful People)**

(Continued from page 4) ***Vocations: A Parent's Duty***

also to religious and consecrated life in general. The exaltation of virginal and religious life, far from lowering the value of marriage, only points out how great a good it is, and how significant is the sacrifice of giving up so good a thing for the sake of the kingdom.

While marriage is indeed a very good thing, a vowed espousal to Christ in celibacy shows more fully the hope of the life of heaven and the resurrection beyond this world, as the ***Catechism*** points out, "There, Christ Himself will be the Bridegroom of the whole race of the redeemed, and of each one in particular." Our Lord teaches us in Luke 20 that the saints in glory "neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to the angels and are the sons of God, being sons of the resurrection." The earliest tradition of the Church, especially in the East, calls the celibate and religious life "the angelic life" for just this reason: It points, even in this life, to the future kingdom.

All of this urges you to adopt a different, more faith-filled and Catholic attitude toward your daughter's vocation. Catholic parents, in fact, according to all the tradition of moral teaching in the Church, have an obligation to foster religious vocations in their children who show an inclination and suitability for such a holy way of life. The Second Vatican Council teaches of parents "They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation" (Lumen Gentium, 11). In fact, it is a grievous sin to block a religious vocation without a serious reason. If your daughter is well-suited and desires religious life, you have no right to discourage her, unless only temporarily because you absolutely depend on her financial or physical care to live. Otherwise, to discourage her would go against the very purpose of your own married life, which is to bring forth children in love for the glory of God. Parents who foster religious vocations in their children show they understand what marriage is all about.

Of course, children should not be forced or "programmed" to become religious, and not every individual is suited to religious life. It remains true, though, that a girl who would make a good, holy mother would probably make a good, holy sister. The same virtues of "charity, of hospitality, and of sacrifice" (CCC 1654) which characterize Christian marriage are also the virtues of religious life. A good priest, brother or sister worth his or her salt would make a good husband, wife, father or mother. Take it as a blessing, and a sign that you have done well as parents that your daughter wants to be a spouse of Christ. ✚

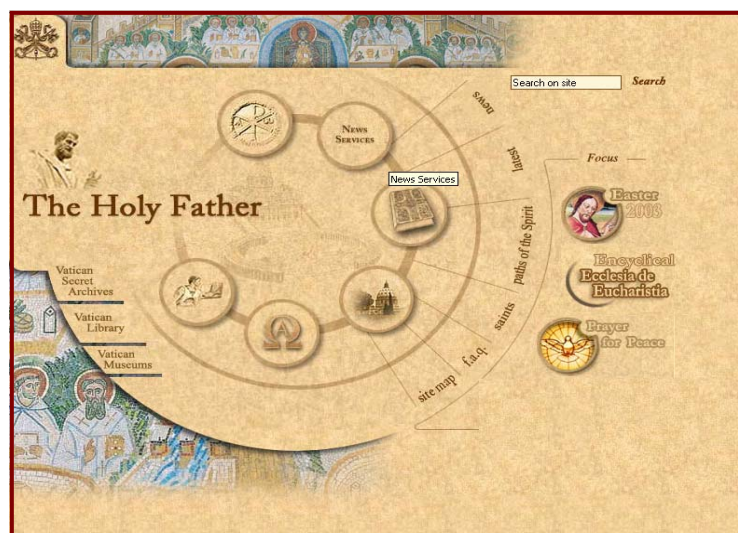


**CALLING OF THE
FIRST APOSTLES**

***Domenico
Ghirlandaio***
(1481)

**CYBER
HEAVEN**

www.vatican.va



**The official web-
site of the Vatican
contains links to
the Vatican
Museum, Vatican
Library and
Vatican Archives
as well as
encyclicals, the
Roman Curia,
liturgical
celebrations,
news services,
and more.**

The Largest and Best Conference Yet!

JULY 12-13 2003

13th Annual National Catholic Family Conference ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

Plan your vacation now!

This year's conference site will be the world-famous Anaheim Convention Center in family-friendly Orange County, California. World renowned for its major theme parks and family oriented attractions, Anaheim is also freeway close to mountains, beaches, museums and all that Southern California is famous for! Plan now to attend and make the National Catholic Family Conference the centerpiece of your family's 2003 summer vacation!

Faithfulness to CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH



Come join thousands of fellow faithful Catholics at the Catholic Resource Center's 13th annual National Catholic Family Conference. For one low price, you and your family will experience reverent liturgy, an outstanding selection of vendors and an impressive line-up of today's most inspiring Catholic speakers! This year's conference promises to be better than ever with more presentations, more choices and more extras than ever before!

Everyone's welcome at the 2003 National Catholic Family Conference. You'll enjoy special programs for children, teens and adults, Daily Mass and Confession, Benediction and Adoration and much more.

Mark your calendar for this great event!



Catholic Resource Center • P.O. Box 720 • West Covina, CA 91793 Phone (626) 586-0747 • (877) 526-2151 • Fax (626) 856-1587

www.CatholiCRC.org

For more details see next page



DR. SCOTT HAHN, esteemed professor of theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, is a popular author, speaker and father of six. His books include the best-selling *Hail, Holy Queen* and *The Lamb's Supper*. Dr. Hahn's impressive body of work also includes over seventy-five Catholic tape series available from St. Joseph Communications.



ALEX C. JONES was a Pentecostal/Evangelical minister for twenty-five years before converting to Catholicism. After much research and reflection, Alex discovered both biblical and historical support for the Catholic Church's claim of originality and apostolicity. He has since led his family and many members of his former congregation to Catholicism. Currently, Alex is the Associate Director for *Sign Me Up!*, an evangelization project for the Archdiocese of Detroit, MI.



FATHER MICHAEL MANNING is a Catholic priest whose unique ministry is television. With degrees in Philosophy and Theology (plus an M.F.A. in play writing), he is presently seen nationally on Cornerstone Television and the Trinity Broadcasting Network. Father has also written many books and booklets, including *Pardon My Lenten Smile!*, and *Proclaimed from the Rooftops*.



TIM STAPLES is a full-time evangelist and Director of Evangelization at the Catholic Resource Center. Tim was raised a Baptist and was an Assembly of God Youth Pastor. Since his conversion he has given hundreds of talks and helped thousands of Catholics find their way back home. Tim can speak extensively on every Catholic issue and is especially effective in apologetics, bible study, Mary, and the Eucharist.

MICHAEL CUMBIE is an evangelical convert to Catholicism. Before entering into the Catholic Church in 2001, he had been ordained to the priesthood in the Charismatic Episcopal Church in 1993. Michael now shares with others his incredible spiritual journey into the fullness of the Faith and teaches about the importance of authentic liturgical worship.



JEFF CAVINS returned to Catholicism after pastoring in Protestant Churches for 12 years. Jeff is an accomplished speaker and travels throughout the country speaking to Catholics of all ages. He is especially gifted at relating to teens, speaking on apologetics, and teaching the Bible timeline and salvation history.



VERY REV. WILLIAM CASEY, C.P.M. is the Superior General of the Fathers of Mercy, a Roman Catholic Congregation of priests headquartered in South Union, Kentucky. Their primary apostolate is to preach parish missions, to give retreats, with a special emphasis on the Eucharist and Confession. As the Superior General, Father oversees the apostolic activities of this rapidly growing religious community.



OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Kimberly Hahn, Stephen Ray, Ken Hensley, Fr. Shannon Michael Collins, C.P.M., Matthew Arnold, Tom Wilson, Johnny Romero, Barbara McGuigan, Fr. Antoine Thomas, Shevawn Pearson, Ed Visenor, Ruben Quezada, And More!!!



Hotel Information

For your comfort and convenience, we've arranged a great room rate at the Hilton Anaheim, which is directly adjacent to the Anaheim Convention Center. The Hilton Anaheim has much to offer with four restaurants, a full health/fitness center, a heated outdoor pool and four spas, three acres of rooftop gardens, a driving range, shops, and much, much more! All guestrooms offer the ambience of a world class resort and amenities. Also, the Ballrooms and Pavilions of the Hilton will be the locations of the Chapel, Breakout talks 1 & 2, and the Teen talks. Now you can enjoy the convenience of a room here, too! Reservations must be made by June 21, 2003 to guarantee room and rates. There are limited rooms available at this great price, so register today (and be sure to mention the Catholic Family Conference!)

Hilton Anaheim - \$95 per night

777•Convention Way, Anaheim, CA 92802

714-750-4321•800-774-1500

The Best of Catholic Resources All In One Spot!

Of course, the Family Conference would not be complete without the outstanding selection of top-quality Catholic tapes, CDs, videos, bible studies, and books-on-tape from Saint Joseph Communications. We've produced a vast array of new titles over the past year and we will have a great selection of products on hand. With more vendors than ever before, you can expect to find a wonderful selection of Catholic books and religious articles from the very finest publishers, schools, religious orders and lay apostolates from around the country.

Registration Process

Providing your e-mail address allows us to send confirmation quickly and efficiently without the delay of regular mail. So please be sure to include your e-mail address when filling out your registration form.

Scholarships available! Do not let finances keep you away, call for further details.

Register on line: www.CatholicCRC.org email: info@CatholicCRC.org (On-line registration closes July 8, 2003)

☐ **Yes! I will be attending the Anaheim National Catholic Family Conference July 12th & 13th, 2003.**

Name _____ Address _____
City/State/Zip _____ Email Address (required for confirmation) _____
Daytime Telephone _____ Evening Telephone _____

Discount Before 6/30/03:

- ☐ \$85.00 each Family*
- ☐ \$50.00 per Adult
- ☐ \$35.00 per Teen or Child

After 6/30/03 or on-site:

- ☐ \$100.00 each Family*
- ☐ \$65.00 per Adult
- ☐ \$35.00 per Teen or Child

(*Family means Mom, Dad and Children under the age of 22 living in the same household)

There will be _____ Adults, _____ Teens, and _____ Children attending.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ (Do not send cash!) / Signature (required for Charge) _____

Visa/MasterCard/Discover # _____ Card expiration date _____

Name of everyone registering (including ages of teens and children):

Name	Age	Name	Age	Name	Age

Make Checks Payable and Mail to: Catholic Resource Center • P.O. Box 720 • West Covina, CA 91793
Phone (626) 856-0747 • (877) 526-2151 • Fax (626) 856-1587

CASA TERESA

MISSION:

Casa Teresa provides a temporary home for and ongoing support for pregnant women 18 years or older who are alone. Counseling and educational programs prepare these women to make loving and informed life decisions for themselves and their babies.

SUMMARY:

Casa Teresa is a non-profit organization that opened in 1976 to provide a temporary loving home environment for single, pregnant women 18 years of age and older. These women have nowhere else to go and have chosen to keep their babies after birth or to place them for adoption. Casa Teresa provides a place for these women in transition. They come from all areas and walks of life to an environment of shared housing, responsibility and rehabilitation.

VOLUNTEERS:

Assisting Residents

- Companion - Be A Friend To A Casa Teresa Mother
- Labor Coach - Help A Casa Teresa Mom Through Labor And Delivery
- Teach A Class - Share Your Special Talents With Moms Through A Class On Budgeting, Job Skills, Career Opportunities, Computer Training, Nutrition, Meal Preparation, Exercise, Grooming, Crafts, Etc.
- Grant writers
- Maintenance Skills

Organizational Needs

- Office Assistant - Help With Answering The Phone And Office Duties at Casa Teresa
- Computer Assistance - Word Processing At Home OR At Casa Teresa, Preparing Letters, Labels, Rosters, Etc.
- Transportation - Provide A Van, Truck And/Or Persons To Pick Up Large Furniture Or Other Donated Items. ☛



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Casa Teresa website

www.casateresa.org

(714) 538-4860



SPECIAL JUNE DINNER MEETING

THE SOCIETY'S JUNE MEETING WILL BE
WEDNESDAY JUNE 11, 2003 AT 6:30 PM
FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY
1 First American Way, Santa Ana

COST: \$25 per person (*Spouses Welcome!*)

SPEAKER: PROFESSOR RONALD RYCHLAK
AUTHOR OF HITLER, THE WAR & THE POPE

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

Watch for your special invitation! ☛

(Continued from page 6) **Ruminations**

woman who loves her husband seeks to have him be successful in his life, including his profession. The husband, loving his wife, will listen to her comments and suggestions, good or bad. A priest who is celibate is not subject to listening to a spouse, but only to God. He is free to respond to God's calling, whatever that might be, without having to worry about earthly considerations. He does not suffer the agony of divided loyalties.



**ST. FRANCIS
OF ASSISI**

**FOUNDER OF THE
FRANCISCAN
ORDER**

***Giovanni da Milano
(1360)***

THE CONGREGATION

A priest is a servant of God and, therefore, of God's flock. He is responsible to serve their spiritual needs, no matter what the personal sacrifice. A person needing the sacraments or a spiritual advisor should not be constrained to call a priest for fear of disturbing his family.

Furthermore, priests are Christ's representatives on earth giving direction on moral matters including divorce and annulment. Married priests would have a direct conflict of interest with respect to matters involving annulment and divorce since, as the administrators of the Church's annulment process, they would have a vested interest in making the process permissive — *for their own sakes!*

And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" He answered, "Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" He said to them, "For your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another, commits adultery; and he who marries a divorced woman, commits adultery." Matthew 19: 3-9

THE PRIEST

Priests are men, not angels. Therefore, they are fragile and subject to sin. But God, through the sacrament of Holy Orders, bestows special blessings and graces to aid them in their service to Him. Therefore, priests being chosen by God, receive special heavenly assistance to meet their vows. Mary, the Ever Virgin Mother, is the special protector of priests.

Many assert that priests should not be denied the earthly pleasure of sex and marriage arguing that they would be better able to minister to married couples if they had experience with marriage. It is not necessary for a doctor to experience a disease to be able to treat it. In fact, a priest being unmarried is able to remain neutral and open to *both parties* in a counseling situation, free from his own prejudices on the subject and more open to God's wisdom.

Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with

Ruminations (Continued on page 13)

(Continued from page 12) **Ruminations**

persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first. Mark 10: 29-32

ISSUES REVEALED BY THE DIACONATE PROGRAM

If priests were allowed to marry, then the selection process for the priest would, by necessity, need to consider the wife, since her input and involvement would be vital for ensuring the continued commitment of the priest to his own household and to the tranquility of his married vocation. The permanent diaconate program serves as a model of how these considerations could impact the priesthood if celibacy were removed as a discipline. The permanent diaconate was reestablished in the Church approximately 20 years ago. While permanent deacons are not priests, they do participate, to a lesser degree, in the sacrament of Holy Orders. The nature of the diaconate program as an institution allowing married men has resulted in a deacon selection process that is controlled primarily by the deacons and their wives. The problems summarized below provide further evidence that the celibacy of priests is an important part of God's plan so that these types of problems cannot infect His priesthood.

A. FIEFDOMS

A common human tendency which often arises in various programs, be it a church ministry or a secular service ministry, is the inclination to create "fiefdoms." A person, rising to a level of responsibility or authority, takes pride in this accomplishment and defines his or her importance based on this position. Accordingly, they tend (often unconsciously) to protect this special aspect of their life and the only persons they admit into their "world" or their "ministry" are those who will not be a threat to them or their position.

A related tendency is to choose only those persons who are viewed as "their type." The current diaconate program clearly reflects this human weakness as it is apparent that the current deacons are all of the same "type" and those candidates with different backgrounds (e.g., formally educated or Cursillistas) are rarely, if ever, among the chosen. This human tendency is common in life where groups, believing their backgrounds are "more important," exclude others who are different. This practice is inherently unchristian since Christ does not distinguish a person's value based on such unimportant temporal factors. Some saints were completely uneducated while many others were highly educated. God calls all men to serve Him in many different ways and it is certainly a human frailty to believe that only one type of person can be loved or of service to God.

B. DEFENDING SELF-IMPORTANCE

Another important factor in the candidate selection process seems to be the importance or "value" of the Church ministries with which the candidates are involved. The current climate appears to favor social justice ministries over doctrinal ministries. Interestingly, this reflects a common argument currently raging among certain elements of the Church in America: which is more important to God - Christian teaching (such as field of apologetics) or Christian action (social justice)? However, this question presents a false dilemma - as inherently false and misleading as asking "*Who is the most important Person of the Blessed Trinity: the Father, Son or Holy Ghost?*" The argument (apologetics vs. social justice) is patently absurd because Christian teachings and Chris-



ST. NORBERT
FOUNDER OF THE
NORBERTINE
ORDER
Marten Pepijn
(1637)

Ruminations (Continued on page 20)

Ad Risum Vertere Veritatem*

*Latin for "To turn truth into laughter"



ADAM & EVE & CATS & DOGS

Adam and Eve said, "Lord, when we were in the garden, you walked with us every day. Now we do not see you any more. We are lonesome here, and it is difficult for us to remember how much you love us."

And God said, "No problem! I will create a companion for you that will be with you forever and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourselves."

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam and Eve. And it was a good animal. And God was pleased.

And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and Eve and he wagged his tail. And Adam said, "Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal." And God said, "No problem. Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG."

And Dog lived with Adam and Eve and was a companion to them and loved them. And they were comforted. And God was pleased.

And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that an angel came to the Lord and said, "Lord, Adam and Eve have become filled with pride. They strut and preen like peacocks and they believe they are worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught them that they are loved, but perhaps too well."

And God said, "No problem! I will create for them a companion who will be with them forever and who will see them as they are. The companion will remind them of their limitations, so they will know that they are not always worthy of adoration."

And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam and Eve.

And Cat would not obey them. And when Adam and Eve gazed into Cat's eyes, they were reminded that they were not the supreme beings.

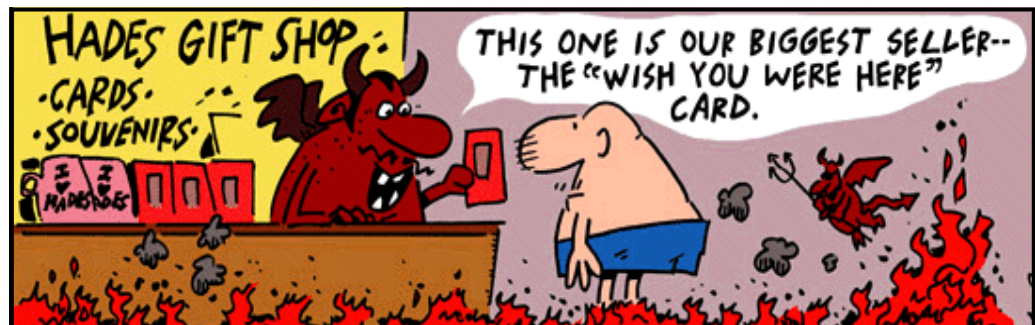
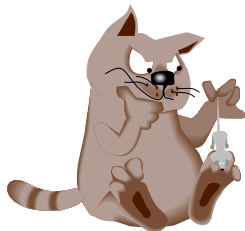
And Adam and Eve learned humility.

And they were greatly improved.

And God was pleased.

And Dog was happy.

And Cat didn't give a @\$% one way or the other. †



“NEVER FAIL” NOVENAS AND OTHER RITUALS

MICHAEL SHONAFELT, ESQ.

Have you ever seen the “never fail” St. Jude Novena? Just make 81 copies of the pre-printed novena flier and leave 9 copies in your church on each of 9 consecutive days. The prayer must be said 6 times each day for the same 9 consecutive days. Do exactly as it says. Don't break the chain. If all is performed according to the instructions, all good things will come to you --but if you break the chain--watch out!

If you haven't seen the never fail St. Jude Novena, chances are you have encountered, or even been compelled to pray, others like it. Such prayer rituals have been around for hundreds of years, but have enjoyed a resurgence of popularity recently with the dawning of the age of the Internet and e-mail. Prayers contained in e-mail chain letters that offer great blessings to those who strictly comply with their instructions have swept the globe over and over and with unprecedented rapidity. Their renewed and often uninvited intrusion into our lives prompts the question: Are such prayers a legitimate form of Catholic devotional life? Or do they constitute an aberration, or worse, a sacrilegious distortion of Catholic devotional piety?

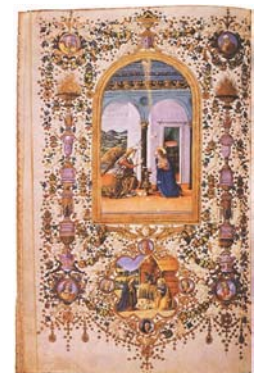
Before examining this question, it bears mention that this article is not concerned with legitimate novenas, many of which have received the approbation of the Church. Such novenas, like the Sacred Heart Novena promoted by Saint Margaret Mary in the Seventeenth Century, recommend the recitation of a given prayer over a period of nine days. The commitment to prayer and meditation on a given aspect of the faith, repeated over a set period of time derives, in part, from the fact that we are enfleshed spirits, not angels. We are held captive to time and to the distractions of transitory realities. The novena, in its proper form, is a disciplined form of commitment to a repeated encounter with a given truth of our faith. Such a repeat encounter provides a means of focusing our attention on God and working the realities of our faith into the daily fabric of our lives.

Contrast this with the “never fail” prayer ritual. These prayers usually always employ some legitimate form of pious devotion, such as a prayer to a Catholic saint or the Blessed Virgin. They frequently require the recital of the Hail Mary or the Lord's Prayer. While these elements may be Catholic in their origin, they are always combined with other aspects more pagan in nature. A careful review of the prescribed rubrics for such prayers reveals that the utterance of the Hail Mary or other prescribed prayer is not sufficient to gain the blessing promised. Invariably, the supplicant must jump a series of hoops, by performing set tasks, such as publishing the prayer, or adhering to strict numerical formulae. Tied to all of this is the “guarantee” of a favorable outcome.

These rote, formulaic rituals infuse otherwise legitimate vocal prayer with a decidedly unchristian spirit of superstitious compulsion. Accordingly, they are driven by the same sensibility that compels others to avoid walking under ladders or to toss a pinch of salt over their left shoulder. The “never fail” prayer rituals tie heavenly approbation to a blind adherence to a formula. The rituals carry the implication -- or, in some instances, an express warning -- that failure to comply will result in a withdraw of such blessings or, worse, a curse. In this aspect, the rituals play on the obsessive-compulsive tendencies of their adherents. The end effect of such prayer is the enslavement of the practitioner, not his or her liberation. In short, such prayers are more pagan than Christian. They represent a devolution of spiritual life to the dark mysteries of unredeemed humanity before the liberation of Christ's death and resurrection.

A review of Scripture and Tradition reveals no precedent for the “never fail” prayer

TRUTH OR MYTH?



**PRAYER BOOK OF
LORENZO DE'
MEDICI**

*Francesco Antonio
del Cherico*

(1458)

(Continued from page 15) Never Fail Novenas

rituals. To the contrary, Scripture makes clear that such prayers have no place in the life of redeemed humanity. Among other things, these rituals “tempt” God by holding Him to a guaranteed result. The prayers also utilize repetition, not to facilitate contemplation with the truths of our faith, but as a prerequisite for a guaranteed outcome. Christ soundly rebuked repetition utilized solely to gain a hearing or achieve a prescribed outcome: “*And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*” (Matthew 6:5-8)

The worst aspect of such rituals is that they turn prayer on its head and make a mockery of otherwise wholesome Catholic devotional practice. In more raw forms, this spirit can end up in strange and monstrous amalgams of the holy and the unholy, such as the practice of “*Santeria*,” which combines animal sacrifice with devotion to the “saints.” Unfortunately, the facial similarity of such practices with those of Catholicism can provide endless fodder for poorly informed, finger-pointing fundamentalist Christians who cite such phenomena as definitive evidence of the inexorable pagan tendencies of Catholicism. In fact, the unlikely pairing of paganism and Catholic forms of devotion more likely serves as evidence of the truth of our faith. It is understandable that diabolical elements would single out Catholic prayers and devotions for attack and mockery, given the efficacy of the Sacraments, prayer, and communion with the Saints, in leading souls to Heaven.

The lesson offered these pagan intrusions into the holy elements of Catholicism is simple. The thin veil of apparently legitimate Catholic symbolism is meant to ensnare the ill-informed and the unwary. St. Paul urged the faithful to equip themselves with a proper understanding of the faith as the “armor of God” against such traps. St. Paul’s discourse on this point is on point:

[O]ur struggle is not against enemies of blood & flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. †



THE VISCONTI
BOOK OF HOURS

Italian Miniaturist

(1430)

FIRST THURSDAY MASS AT THE BUSCH FIRM

**THE BUSCH FIRM IS HOSTING FIRST THURSDAY MASS
IN THEIR PRIVATE CHAPEL**

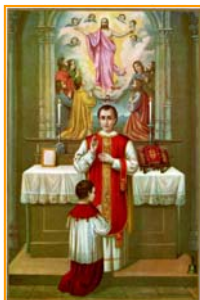
CELEBRANT: FATHER JOHN HILTZ

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AT NO COST.

LOCATION: 2532 DUPONT AVE, IRVINE

TIME: NOON RSVP NOT REQUIRED

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! †



JOHN 9: 8-11

⁸*The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?"* ⁹*Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man."* ¹⁰*They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"* ¹¹*He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight."*



Comment from the Navarre Bible:*

After recounting the miracle, the evangelist reports the doubts of the man's friends and neighbors (vv. 8-12) and the inquiry made by the Pharisees: they question the man (vv. 13-17), his parents (vv. 18-23), and then the man again, whom they end up condemning and expelling from their presence. (vv. 24-34). This passage is so full of detail that it looks like an eyewitness account.

The Fathers and Doctors of the Church have seen this miracle as symbolizing the sacrament of Baptism in which, through the medium of water, the soul is cleansed and receives the light of faith: "He sent the man to the pool called the pool of Siloam, to be cleansed and to be enlightened, that is, to be baptized and receive in baptism full enlightenment" (St Thomas Aquinas, *Commentary on St John, in loc.*).

This episode also reflects the different attitudes of people to our Lord and his miracles. The blind man, a straightforward person, believes in Jesus as envoy, prophet (vv. 17, 33) and Son of God (vv. 17, 33, 38); whereas the Pharisees persist in not wanting to see or believe, despite the clear evidence before them (vv. 24-34).

In this miracle Jesus once again reveals himself as the light of the world. This bears out the statement in the prologue: "The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world" (1:9). Not only does he give light to the eyes of the blind man: he enlightens his soul, leading him to make an act of faith in his divinity (v. 38). At the same time we can see the obvious drama of those whose blindness darkens their minds, as our Lord said in his dialogue with Nicodemus: "The light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (Jn 3:19) ✠

SCRIPTURAL CORNER

**The Navarre Bible,
a renown edition of
Sacred Scripture
prepared by
members of the
Faculty of Theology
of Navarre University,
consisting of the New
Vulgate, the Revised
Standard Version
and commentaries.*

SIMPLE TRUTHS



Fulton J. Sheen

"It is not to be thought that life is a snare or an illusion because the bubbles cease in a champagne glass. No true unhappiness comes to man unless he places his heart in a false infinite. He who sees that all human love is nothing but Divine Love on pilgrimage will use it as a kind of Jacob's ladder to climb back again through virtue to the Source of all Love Which is God Himself." ✠

THE WRITINGS OF THOMAS MORE



One source of public agreement which came under particular attack was law, both ecclesiastical and civil. Luther was convinced that the Roman Church had set up its own laws in opposition to the spirit and teaching of the Gospels. In his fervor, he made extravagant claims that he would later have to modify. He insisted, for example, that “neither pope, nor bishop, nor any individual has the right to impose a single syllable on a Christian person, unless this is done by the latter’s consent.” Any such imposition would constitute tyranny.

The lawyer in More was quick to draw out the absurdity of this position. “Happy, therefore,” he retorted, “are thieves and murderers, who will never be so insane as to agree to a law according to which they will pay penalties. Indeed, this farsighted father does not see that according to this reasoning, should everyone unanimously agree, yet the law can have force only until a new citizen is born or someone else is enrolled as a citizen.”

More went on to show the extreme political danger of Luther’s position. Without the guidance of good law, he pointed out, a country “would rush forth into every kind of crime.” Indeed, if Luther’s teaching about law were to be widely accepted, it would result in “the utter and inescapable destruction of all peoples.”

Closely associated with this complete disregard for law was Luther’s position that the believing Christian “cannot lose his salvation by any sins, however great.” As More saw it, this teaching served to “invite the whole world to security in sinning.” It would “add spurs to those who rush toward all the worst actions” by “promising them impunity through faith alone...for the worst crimes.” It would also “destroy the possibility of all hum endeavor and all attempts at virtue.” By “raging against good works,” Luther would only “lure people to vice and unteach virtue.”

Thomas More: A Portrait of Courage Gerard Wegemer

Pg 98-9 †

RED MASS



MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2003
EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION BEGINS AT 6:30 PM
HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL, ORANGE

HOMILIST:
MOST REVEREND, JOHN S. CUMMINS, BISHOP OF OAKLAND

RECEPTION & DINNER FOLLOWS
IN HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL HALL

TO VOLUNTEER FOR RED MASS COMMITTEE,
CONTACT JUDGE MARY ERICKSON

MERICKSON@OCCOURTS.ORG †

“THINGS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR”

The mess to clean after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

The taxes I pay because it means that I'm employed.

The clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.

My shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.

A lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters
that need fixing because it means I have a home.

All the complaining I hear about our government because
it means we have freedom of speech.

The space I find at the far end of the parking lot because
it means I am capable of walking.

My huge heating bill because it means I am warm.

The lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means that I can hear.

The piles of laundry and ironing because it means I have clothes to wear.

Weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because
it means I have been productive.

The alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I'm alive.

Getting too much email bogs me down but at least I know I have friends
who are thinking of me. ☩



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✠ Lieutenant Seth Wolcott & his family.
 - ✠ US Air Force Pilot John Flynn (son of Carol Flynn).
- ✠ All members of the US Armed Forces and their families.
 - ✠ Myron Cohn (serious illness).
- ✠ Baby Thomas Peter Council (serious illness).
 - ✠ Kristin Burkett (serious illness),
 - ✠ Ronald Moore (pass the bar exam).
 - ✠ Robyn Belz (serious illness).
- ✠ Fr Hugh Barbour's Father (serious illness).
 - ✠ Myron Cohen (serious illness).
- ✠ Terry & Julie N (special intention).
- ✠ Darren M (questioning the Faith).
- ✠ Fr. Matt Munoz (special intention).
- ✠ Ryan McEachon (special intention).
 - ✠ John Thompson (employment).
- ✠ Selma Mann's family (2 medical conditions).
 - ✠ Cindie Burnes, a young mother recovering from chemotherapy.
- ✠ Michael Shonafelt (special intention).
- ✠ John Flynn & his wife (serious illness).
- ✠ Ron Gable (special intention). ☩

*Heavenly Father,
I offer you this day
all that I shall think
or do or say,
uniting it with
what was done
by Jesus Christ,
your only Son. Amen*

PRAYER PETITIONS



We all need prayers—at some times more than others. If you have a special need for prayer, please let us know so we can join in prayer for each other. Leave a message on Anne Lanphar's voicemail (714) 800-3225, or email your request to alanphar@firstam.com



ST. DOMINIC
FOUNDER OF THE
DOMINICAN
ORDER
Claudio Coello
 (1691)

(Continued from page 13) **Ruminations**

tian action are inherently intertwined, as are (to a far more mysterious and transcendent degree) the persons of the Blessed Trinity. Any human attempt to separate them belittles Christ. Christ told us to *love* our neighbor which means Christian action to provide for his temporal body *and* Christian teachings to feed his soul! God asked some saints to fast and pray in seclusion and He asked others to go forth and minister and teach in foreign lands. Who are we to tell Him that He got it wrong or that His request to one person is less important than His request to another? As St. Paul noted with respect to this very point, “*For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of one body though they be many, yet are but one body: even so is Christ. For in one spirit are we all baptized to make one body.*” It seems that the correct question which the diaconate leaders should be asking is: “*What did God call you to do and did you answer His call?*”

A dispute also arose among them, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For which is the greater, one who sits at table, or one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at table? But I am among you as one who serves. Luke 22: 24-27

C. PROTECTING ONE’S POSITION

In many cases, diaconate wives have become intimately involved in the deacon selection process. Such involvement too often lays bear human weaknesses which have the potential to infect the criteria for the selection and rejection of candidates for the diaconate. As an example, diaconate wives may exert their influence to reject candidates whose professional or educational status poses a perceived threat to that of their husbands. Furthermore, many of the wives, having been through the extensive religious classes for the program, have perceived themselves as having achieved a “Master Catechists” status and reflect great pride in this accomplishment. Since most of the current wives in the diaconate are not professionals, the idea of a candidate’s wife being a professional is viewed as a threat to that status and the person is categorized as “*someone who no would fit in with the current group.*” (Most professional women are well aware that the greatest barriers to acceptance are erected by other women.) Fretting over earthly accomplishments and ostracizing people who are different is certainly the antithesis of Christ’s teachings.

Clearly, the Church’s practice of maintaining a celibate clergy means none of the biases addressed above can impact the means by which the Church selects her priests.

CONCLUSION

God clearly loves us and established His Church with a full understanding of man’s weakened and sinful nature. His decision to keep His priests celibate was certainly not designed to punish His priests but rather to protect them and us, His flock, from many adverse human consequences and to make His priests free to answer only His call. When contemplating the issue of the celibacy of priests, maybe we should assume: (1) that God loves us, (2) that He knows us better than we know ourselves, and (3) that He knows what is best for us and His priests! Besides, doesn’t the decision as to whether His priests should be celibate really belong only to Him? ***May God’s will be done.*** †

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS!

E
F
A

Economic and Financial Analytics, Inc.
18837 Brookhurst Street, Suite 204, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
Additional Office Locations: Riverside * San Diego * Ventura
(714) 964-9147* FAX: (714) 964-9167

Ronald C. Gable, M.A., CFP

Forensic Economics and Finance:

- ◆ Economic Loss/Damages In:
 - Personal Injury
 - Wrongful Death/Termination
 - Professional Malpractice
 - Business Disputes
- ◆ Post-Mortem A-B-C Trust Asset Division
Analysis for Surviving Spouse:
 - Capital Gains
 - Liquidity
 - Income
- ◆ Financial Planning:
 - Standard of Care
 - Suitability
 - Evaluation of Securities Integrated
with Income Tax, Retirement Plan,
Estate Plan & Family Considerations

John (Jay) McCauley, Esq.

19900 MacArthur Blvd, Suite 960, Irvine, CA 92612
(949) 644-2922 FAX (949) 553-7737
info@mccauleylaw.com
Website: www.mediate.com/mccauley

Alternative Dispute Resolution

- ✕ Harvard Law School (JD, cum laude, 1980)
- ✕ Adjunct Professor, Arbitration & Mediation Loyola Law School
- ✕ AV rated attorney with 20 years experience in complex business, employment and real estate litigation
- ✕ Former Partner— Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker
- ✕ Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association
- ✕ Mediator, certified through the Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Law School (1997)
- ✕ Associate Member, International Academy of Mediators
- ✕ Co-Chair, Orange County Bar Association ADR Committee
- ✕ Judge Pro Tem, Orange County Superior Court (since 1989)
- ✕ Frequent speaker, Continuing Education Programs on Design of Alternative Dispute Resolution Systems



**First American Title
Insurance Company**



Think First.
Think First American

*A Fortune 500 Company
One of America's Most Admired Companies*

www.firstam.com

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Joseph H. Torres, M.Ed.

Vocational Rehabilitation ◆ Expert Witness Services

VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

- ◆ Employability Analysis
- ◆ Academic/Vocational Assessment
- ◆ Transferable Skills Analysis
- ◆ Career/Vocational Counseling
- ◆ Labor Market/Training Facility Research
- ◆ Development of Rehabilitation Plans
- ◆ Mexico Plans
- ◆ Job Seeking Skills Preparation
- ◆ Job Placement

PHYSICAL ASSESSMENTS

- ◆ Physical Tolerance Assessment
- ◆ Functional Capacity Evaluation
- ◆ Work Hardening Programs
- ◆ Upper Extremity Evaluations
- ◆ Manual Dexterity Evaluations

Bilingual/Bicultural ◆ English/Spanish

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:

902 N. Grand Ave., Suite 101-C
Santa Ana CA 92701
(714) 667-8020 Telephone
(714) 667-8177 Fax
Email: careerdv@pacbell.net

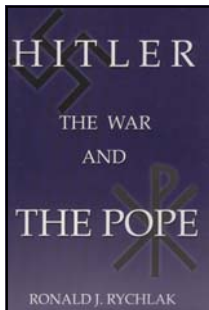
SERVICE OFFICES:

Fountain Valley
Long Beach
Santa Fe Springs
San Diego
Riverside

THE THOMAS MORE SOCIETY OF ORANGE COUNTY IS A CALIFORNIA NON PROFIT
CORPORATION AND TAX EXEMPT UNDER IRC 501(C)(3).
DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. †



FROM THE LIBRARY



HITLER, THE POPE AND THE WAR

BY PROFESSOR RONALD RYCHLAK

The portrait that emerges is one of an extraordinary pastor facing extremely vexing circumstances, of a holy man vying against an evil man, of a human being trying to save the lives of other human beings, of a light shining in the darkness.

—*O'Connor, Archbishop of New York*

Beginning from the very day he was crowned Pope, March 12, 1939, the New York Times and other major journals saw in Pius XII a proven foe of National Socialism and Adolph Hitler, relied upon him for information about Nazi atrocities and extermination camps, and praised him more than any prior Pope for his courage, humanitarianism, and defense of the Jews. How, then, can one explain the almost total reversal of conventional opinion in recent years? Here, Ron Rychlak, a trial lawyer and professor of law, has assiduously collected massive evidence from the historical record. Rychlak lays out the evidence in a dispassionate manner, explores issues on both sides, and ultimately presents his argument for the reader's final judgment. He presents facts that must be addressed.

—*Michael Novak, George Frederick Jewett Scholar, American Enterprise Institute*

The finest modern study of the papacy during the Nazi era, with particular emphasis on the courage and heroism of Pope Pius XII.

—*William Doino, Jr., Catholic Writer & Commentator*

Publisher: Genesis Press, Inc.

ISBN 1585710067

\$ 26.95

St. Thomas More Society of Orange County

28202 Cabot Road, Suite 215
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
Attn: David Belz

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
ANAHEIM, CA
PERMIT NO. 8355

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SPECIAL DINNER MEETING:

WHEN: WEDNESDAY JUNE 11TH @ 6:30 PM (DINNER \$25)

TOPIC: "HITLER, THE POPE AND THE WAR"

SPEAKER: PROFESSOR RONALD RYCHLAK



VISIT OUR WEBSITE at www.stthomasmore.net