

Ad Veritatem

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*"More understood
clearly that all human
beings are created to
contemplate God."*

Thomas More:
Portrait of Courage
By Gerard Wegemer

NOVEMBER MEETING:

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2003 NOON

JAMES DEHARPPORTE, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

*"LIVING THE GOSPEL IN THE THIRD WORLD,
WITH RECOLLECTIONS OF MOTHER TERESA"*

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"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. ☩

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DID ALL SAINTS GO DIRECTLY TO HEAVEN?

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

QUESTION: *When a person is declared a 'blessed' (beatus) or 'saint' of the Church by the Holy Father, we know that person is in heaven. Does being a blessed or a saint mean that person went straight to heaven after death, or can even a saint spend some time in Purgatory?*

ANSWER: By canonizing someone as a saint (beatification being a major preliminary step), the Church determines that he or she practiced the virtues of Christian life to an heroic degree, is now in heaven, and may be formally honored in the Church's Liturgy. The saint is presented to the whole Church as a model Christian and invoked as an intercessor with God. But none of this means that the saint or blessed did not have to pass through purgatory before entering heaven.

Pope St. Gregory the Great (A.D. 540-604) pointed out that those in authority have greater merits because of the good they accomplish by teaching and ruling, and so merit a high degree of heavenly glory. Yet because their faults also are greater and more damaging to others, they owe a greater debt to divine justice in purgatory. So it's possible to have an immense heavenly reward, and yet still be necessary to expiate the temporal effects due to sin in purgatory.

St. Paul discusses this purification of suffering after death that some Christians must pass through, and which we call "*purgatory*," in 1 Corinthians 3:10-17. He describes this purification as taking place after death (verse 13, cf. Heb. 9:27), before being "*saved*" (verse 15) - that is, entering into the beatific vision - and that it involves suffering that is described as "*passing through fire*" (verse 15).

Our Lord reminded us that, "*To whom much has been given, much will be expected.*" This is quite true of those who have been given the grace of great sanctity. St. Margaret Mary was apparently told by our Lord that her confessor, St. Claude La Colombiere, "*passed through*" purgatory after death. St. Peter Damian refers to seeing saints in purgatory. The only saints traditionally understood to go "*straight to heaven*" are the martyrs, but even this is only a devout, though well-founded, tradition.

The saints themselves, St. Monica, for example, asked for prayers after their death. We shouldn't imagine that this is just false humility on their part, for that would not match up with the heroic sanctity we know they had. The saints are sinners like us - repentant sinners, of course. One final point: We should not be quick to privately "*canonize*" every good person we know who dies, assuming they are already in heaven. They may be, but they may not be. Let's never neglect to pray for all those who have "*gone before us marked with the sign of faith.*" When they get to heaven, you can be sure they'll be praying for us! ✠



ADORATION OF THE
NAME OF JESUS

El Greco
(1578-9)

MADAME EST SERVIE: THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS AND THE COMFORT OF THE LIVING

BY DON HUNSBERGER, ESQ.

A young man at war was separated from his wife by an ocean, a continent, and hordes of enemy troops. The heartache of the image has not diminished from the turmoil of the Old Testament to the battles on satellite broadcast. Separation from loved ones cuts deeply for all of us without regard to our nation or century.

In 1917, young Captain Joe Stilwell sat at the dinner table with a French officer named Colonel Cantau. According to Barbara Tuchman who won the Pulitzer Prize for telling the story, Captain Stilwell was startled when the Colonel heard his orderly announce, "Madame est Servie." The phrase, used in formal dining to alert the guests that the lady of the house has been served, seemed out of place given that the Colonel's wife was hundreds of miles away from the battle scene. Stilwell asked the reason for the announcement.

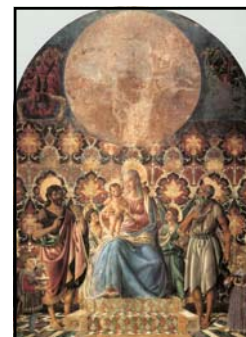
"Are you married?" the Colonel asked. Stilwell learned that the young officer did have a wife whom he greatly missed. When asked where his wife was, Stilwell replied that she was in the United States. "No, she is in your heart; therefore, she is here. That is why I had him announce, "Madame est servie," the Colonel explained. (Barbara Tuchman, Stilwell and the American Experience in China, (1911-45), Grove Press, New York, 1971, 52.)

As a four star general, Stilwell went on to direct much of the war of the Allies in China during World War II. During all the long war years when he was away from his wife and children for months at a time, he always carried that extraordinary thought first conveyed by the French Colonel. One can imagine General Stilwell, shaping the fate of the Chinese war effort, pausing for a moment before a meal to think of his home and whisper, "Ma famille est servie."

As effective as the Colonel's counsel may have been to soothe young Captain Stilwell, for Christians there is far greater comfort for those who are separated from their loved ones, especially those who have died. Christ promised this consolation in the Sermon on the Mount when He said that those who mourn would be comforted (Matthew 5:4). Our Lord also promised to send the Holy Spirit to intercede concerning the needs of the Body of Christ (John 16:5-15). Therefore, we should not be surprised when the those who mourn are comforted by the very plan created by Jesus Christ.

I first encountered this promise following the funeral Mass offered for my father's passing. As I knelt in prayer before the Tabernacle, a gentle Irish voice of a Presentation Sister softly calmed my pained heart: "Remember, Don, that each time you take the Eucharist you will be communing with your father. If you remember that, you will know that he will never be far from you."

As Sister Frances walked away, my mind reeled from the impact of what she had just said. This was no mere metaphorical musing from a lonely Colonel in the middle of a battlefield; this was an offer of comfort from a member of the Body of Christ reciting Catholic doctrine to a mourning brother. Her words echoed the fulfillment of Christ's promise on the Mount. Sister, acting in the place of Christ, instructed me



**MADONNA &
CHILD WITH
SAINTS**

*Andrea del
Castagno
(1445)*

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about this tenet of our faith, the Communion of Saints, which is repeated by believers every time they recite either the Apostle's Creed or the Nicene Creed.

At the time I only had a faint understanding of the concept of the Communion of Saints to which Sister referred, because as a young Protestant, I had never learned of this doctrine. Instead, my Protestant pastor imparted only that the doctrine that there is only one "communion" among all the saints of the Church of Christ, just as there can only be one Baptism in any lifetime for the remission of sin. Later during a religion class at a Protestant college, I read a few lines about the doctrine while working on a term paper but I still did not come to understand the full doctrine as a matter of faith.

My understanding of the teachings about the Communion of Saints expanded during my preparation to join the Catholic Church, but my lessons did not directly include the teaching to which Sister referred. Our readings and discussions were limited to the benefits derived by Christians from Christ and from other Christians through the Communion of Saints, but barely touched on the idea of communing with the departed through the Body of Christ. In the Apostle's Creed, Thomas Aquinas dealt solely with these attributes of the Communion of Saints: "Through this Communion, then, we derive a two-fold benefit. One is that Christ's merit is communicated to all; the other is that one man's good is communicated to another..." (Thomas Aquinas, Exposition of the Apostles' Creed, Tenth Article, "The Communion of Saints, The Forgiveness of Sins" from Hardon, John A., S. J., **The Treasury of Catholic Wisdom**, pages 290-293).

St. Thomas went on to emphasize that the loss of these benefits actually diminishes the defenses of the Christian in the face of temptation. He explained that the loss of this ability to receive the benefits of other Christians' saintly natures and the benefits of the Holiness of Christ is a greater loss than any other a Christian could incur in life. But he did not, in this treatment, broach the topic of communing with those who have left this life.

Limited to these two elements discussed by Aquinas, the Communion of Saints represents the sort of symbiotic relationship that exists among all Christians—each believer derives a benefit from his or her membership in the Body of Christ. In sharing the Church's doctrine, Sister's act was a very real example of what Saint Thomas Aquinas referred to as "a communication of a good from one Christian to another." In a larger sense of Aquinas' explanation of the doctrine, the saintliness of Christians like Sister Frances, has benefited the spiritual health of other Christians since the earliest days of the Church.

As beneficial as these two aspects of the Communion of Saints are to all believers, the comfort derived from the good Sister's words was not borne in these two Aquinasian points. Rescue from my grief flowed from my wakening to the *unity of the living and the dead* which is another aspect of the Communion of Saints. The Second Vatican Council expressed this aspect of the Communion of Saints: "The great intimacy of those in Heaven with Christ give extra steadiness in Holiness to the whole Church and makes manifest contributions to the extension of her building (cf. 1Cor. 12:12-27).....their brotherly care is the greatest help in our weakness." (Vatican II, **Dogmatic Constitution of the Church**, (D. 28), n.49.)

The Council acknowledged the communion of the living with believers in heaven; the doctrine also applies to the union of believers on earth with those be-

The Communion of Saints (Continued on page 7)



**DISPUTATION OF THE
HOLY SACRAMENT**

**Raffaello Sanzio
(1510-11)**

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lievers who are in Purgatory: “The Communion of Saints...traditionally includes both the Saints in Heaven and those who have died and await full communion with the Lord.” (Coriden, James A., Editor, The Code of Canon Law, C.204, Commentary, Page 125).

Hence, we need not know whether our departed loved ones are in heaven or purgatory for the doctrine to offer us the comfort of being close to those we loved in life. The doctrine of the Communion of Saints tells us that in either case, our departed loved ones are still in “communion” with us as fellow members of the Body of Christ. If our Lord implemented a bond among the members of the Body of Christ, how does this union effect the comfort which He promised in His Sermon on the Mount? In Sister’s words, Holy Communion is the basis through which all members are united in one eternal moment through the Body of Christ. Paragraph 1689 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church expresses this concept in describing the Eucharistic Sacrifice: “When the Celebration takes place in Church, the Eucharist is the heart of the Paschal Reality of Christian Death. In the Eucharist, the Church expresses her efficacious communion with the departed: offering to the Father in the Holy Spirit the sacrifice of the death and resurrection of Christ, she asks to purify his child of his sins and their consequences, and to admit him to the Paschal fullness of the table of the Kingdom.”

With particular importance to the bereaved, the Catechism continues: “It is by the Eucharist thus celebrated that the community of the faithful, especially the family of the deceased, learn to live in communion with the one who “has fallen asleep in the Lord,” by communicating in the Body of Christ of which he is a living member and, then, by praying for him and with him.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition, *Liberia Editrice Vaticana*, 1689)

The documents issued by the Second Vatican Council combined the three aspects of the Communion of Saints – Christ’s merit, the sharing of goods, and the union of the living believers with those who have departed to explain the benefit of the doctrine to believers: “For these reasons a perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their Heavenly Home, those who are expiating their sins in Purgatory and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of the goods by which divine justice is placated as expiation is made for all the sins of the Mystical Body.” (Austin Flannery, O.P., Editor, Vatican Council II: The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents, Constello Publishing Company, Northport, New York, 62)

Through the Sacrament of the Eucharist, then, we are united with our departed loved ones, and through this attained union we share the prayers and benefits of each others’ spiritual wealth. Christ promised to comfort those who are in mourning. Saint Paul explained the intentions of our Lord in Ephesians 1:8-10, in which Paul described Christ’s plan for us as being one in which our Lord created a means: “In Him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ in Heaven and on Earth.” Our Lord’s plan is made whole in the Communion of Saints, which, as Paul’s words explain, was within the completion of the connection between Heaven and Earth through Christ. Christ’s comfort promised on the Sermon on the Mount appears in the Eucharist. In Holy Communion we are united with our lost loved ones, and this union has spiritually healing effects, both for the living family member, the departed believer, and for the Body of Christ as a whole.

The Communion of Saints (Continued on page 11)



**THREE DOMINICAN
SAINTS**

*Giovanni Battista
Piazzatte
(1738)*

PRAYER PETITIONS



*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*

- ♦ Jim Moore (special intention)
 - ♦ St Thomas More Society
of Jackson Mississippi
- ♦ Duain Cruzat (serious disease).
- ♦ Baby Fiona Flagsted (brain tumor).
- ♦ Keith Wilson (serious illness).
- ♦ Evelyn Munoz (deceased).
- ♦ Julia Nelson (thanksgiving).
- ♦ Milos & Edith Myrik (serious illness).
 - ♦ Brian Lanphar (died).
 - ♦ Scott Smith (illness).
- ♦ Ryan Ronk (serious injury).
- ♦ Massimo (child with serious illness).
 - ♦ Pope Paul John II.
- ♦ John Flynn IV (life changes).

*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
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- ♦ Lieutenant Seth Wolcott & his family.
 - ♦ US Air Force Pilot John Flynn.
- ♦ All members of the US Armed Forces.
- ♦ Baby Thomas Council (serious illness).
 - ♦ Kristin Burkett (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 problems).
 - ♦ Cindie Burnes (serious illness).
- ♦ Michael Shonafelt (special intention).
- ♦ John Flynn & his wife (serious illness).
- ♦ Ron Gable (special intention). †

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

To all of you who have prayed for recovery of Julia from her cancer, we both want to thank you for your prayers and your expression of concern. It mattered a lot to us both.

As you may know, she has been receiving treatment in Reno for the last eight weeks for advanced and aggressive cancer. I have given some of you progress reports in the past, showing remarkable improvement in her condition, from the essentially 'terminal' diagnosis she was initially given, when taking into account the damage that traditional chemo would have done to her. Last Friday, she had another round of PET/CT scans and testing. On Tuesday evening her doctors called to say the imaging results had come in earlier, but that they had to contact the imaging center to verify the reports and request the images be re-examined before contacting us. The bottom line is, there is no remaining detectable evidence of cancer anywhere. Her doctors describe this as a miracle attributable only to prayer and God's intervention, not to medicine alone. They, and we, are stunned and amazed. Julia and I both know that it is only through the prayers of all of you that this has happened. I apologize for taking up your time to convey this, but you need to know that your prayers worked for her, and she has been given a new chance at life through them.

Thank you all,

Terry and Julia Nelson †

GHOSTS

BY MICHAEL SHONAFELT, ESQ.

"We believe an old woman when she says she ate an apple; but when she says she saw a ghost, we say 'But she's only an old woman.' A most undemocratic and unscientific prejudice." -- G.K. Chesterton.

As a parent, I am often called upon by my children to give the definitive answer to the question: "Are ghosts real?" The query is always posed with some trepidation, and the hopeful anticipation of an answer decidedly in the negative. I give my usual response, geared more toward reassurance than instruction: "ghosts," as in that category of phantasms that visit a child's dream or the literary phenomena of either Dickens or Shakespeare, do not exist. Then, I silently ponder the question further and render another answer, unspoken to the minions of my household: Yes, of course, ghosts exist.

In fact, scripture, the writings of the saints, and the corpus of Catholic tradition are all replete with examples of the dead appearing to the living. One need only ruminate on the issue for a moment to cull several express examples of this.

Both the Old and New Testaments acknowledge the phenomenon of apparitions of the dead. In Job 4:15, a "spirit" glides by Job's face, and the hair on his body "stands on end." In Maccabees 15: 12-16, the deceased high priest Onias, "a great gentleman of modest bearing and mild disposition" appears to Judas Maccabeus with "a wonderful air of authority" to encourage him in his struggle with the enemies of the Jews. In Matthew 17: 2, Moses and Elijah appear with the Savior to Sts. Peter, James, and John. In Luke 24: 24:39, the resurrected Lord appears to His disciples and exhorts them not to mistake Him for a ghost, because "a ghost does not have flesh or bones."

One may find further examples in the lives of the saints. C. Bernard Ruffin's account of the life of the recently canonized Padre Pio recounts the story of a nightly visit by an unknown friar feverishly sweeping the corridors of the friary at San Giovanni Rotondo. When the saint inquired as to how the stranger entered the locked doors, long after the chanting of the final hour of compline, the friar told of his death hundreds of years earlier in a fire that swept through the friary. The apparition requested masses for his soul's repose, a task generously accepted by the saintly stigmatic. In another part of the world, another equally remarkable modern saint, Charbel of Lebanon marked his presence after his death with an unearthly glow around his tomb.

In our own lives, we may have had occasion to know those who have seen deceased loved ones or perhaps we have even experienced such inexplicable phenomena ourselves. On his deathbed, my own father-in-law called his mother's name, as if she were in the room. I expected such an occurrence: even the most clinical of hospice protocols for the dying makes universal note of the phenomenon of the dying receiving visions of departed family members. How does one comport such experiences with the teaching of the Church?

In his magnum opus, the *Summa Theologiae*, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that, according to the order of nature, the separated souls are utterly cut off from communication with the living. This is due to the fact that while we are in our mortal bodies, our sole mode of knowledge is via the senses. The senses are necessarily keyed in to material phenomena and cannot perceive "separated substances," which are divorced from matter. Yet, Aquinas acknowledges that "according to the Divine providence separated souls sometimes come forth from their abode and appear to men." (*Summa Theologiae*, Q. 69, art. 3 (Benziger 1920).) In particular, Aquinas relates the story of the martyr Felix who appeared to the people of Nola when they were besieged by barbarians. Aquinas also acknowledges

TRUTH OR MYTH?



LAST JUDGMENT
(DETAIL)

Michelangelo
(1537-41)

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appearances of the deceased to those on the road to perdition, “for their instruction and intimidation.” Finally, Aquinas accepts the possibility of suffering souls appearing to men to seek prayers and suffrages.

In his 1990 book, **Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Heaven But Never Dreamed of Asking**, Peter Kreeft elaborates on Aquinas and writes of the “three categories” of ghosts:

- **The Sad Ghosts:** which seem to be working out some unfinished earthly business, or suffering some purgatorial purification until released from their earthly, business. These ghosts would seem to be the ones who just barely made it to Purgatory, who feel little or no joy yet and who need to learn many painful lessons about their past lives on earth.
- **The Malicious Ghosts:** These are probably the ones who respond to conjurings at séances. They probably come from Hell. Even the chance of that happening should be sufficient to terrify away all temptation to necromancy.
- **The Happy Ghosts:** Third, there are the bright, happy spirits of dead friends and family, especially spouses, who appear unbidden, at God's will, not ours, with messages of hope and love. They seem to come from Heaven. Unlike the purgatorial ghosts who come back primarily for their own sakes, these bright spirits come back for the sake of us the living, to tell us all is well.

(Peter Kreeft, **Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Heaven But Never Dreamed of Asking** (Ignatius Press: San Francisco, 1990), 27-50.)

Of course, the Church unequivocally teaches that, notwithstanding the possibility of the dead communicating with the living, the living must not seek to communicate with the dead. This is the forbidden occultic practice of necromancy. We are encouraged, on the other had, to pray frequently *for* the souls in Purgatory and pray *to* those souls in glory, to seek their prayers and intercession.

The reality of “ghosts” should be, not give rise to fear, but to joy. The presence of ghosts among us bears eloquent testimony to the immortality of the soul and the ultimate destination of our earthly pilgrimage. †



**SAUL AND THE
WITCH OF ENDOR**

*Jacob Cornelisz
van Oostsanen*

(1526)

SIMPLE TRUTHS



Fulton J. Sheen

“The separation of people into sheep and goats will take place only at the last day. Until then we are forbidden to make any classification. It is very likely that there will be many surprises in Heaven. Many people will be there that we never expected to find, and many will not be there whom we expected to see; and finally, we probably will be most surprised to find ourselves there.” †

JOHN PAUL II REMINDS THE FAITHFUL OF THE DUTY TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD

HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II

John Paul II reminded the faithful on All Souls' Day that it is a duty to pray for the dead, and he prayed in particular for "the most forgotten."

In a frail voice, at times difficult to understand, the Pope led the Angelus prayer at midday for thousands of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square.

"It is important and proper to pray for the dead because, even if they died in grace and in friendship with God, perhaps they still have need of further purification to enter into the joy of heaven," the Holy Father explained.

"The Church has always exhorted to pray for the dead," he said. "She invites believers to look upon the mystery of death not as the last word on human fate, but as the passage toward eternal life."

"Intercession for them is expressed in various ways, among which is also a visit to cemeteries," the Holy Father continued. "To visit these holy places is a propitious occasion to reflect on the meaning of earthly life and to nourish, at the same time, hope in the blessed eternity of Paradise."

The Pontiff asked for prayers "in particular" for the dead who are "most forgotten."

John Paul II also gave an address Saturday when praying the Angelus with pilgrims, on the solemnity of All Saints.

This year, because of his difficulty walking, the Holy Father was unable to go down to the Vatican grottos to pray for the numerous popes buried there. However, he told the pilgrims: "I also go spiritually on pilgrimage to the cemeteries of the different parts of the world, where the remains rest of those who preceded us in the sign of faith."

"In particular, I pray for those whom no one thinks about anymore, as well as for the many victims of violence," he concluded. ✠



FROM
PETER'S
SUCCESSOR,
POPE
JOHN
PAUL
II



(Continued from page 7) **The Communion of Saints**

Shortly after my mother's death, I attended morning Mass in my parents' home town in Indiana. I sat next to the woman whom my mother considered her best friend, the mother of my lifelong friend and the first woman to come to my mother's home following her death. As she bowed her head following Mass, as her face and form bore the weight of losing a beloved friend, I put my arm across her shoulders and tried to follow the example set by Sister Frances at the Mass for my father a few years before. "We just need to remember," I told her, "what wonderful thing happens whenever we receive the Eucharist."

As we left the church, we spoke for several moments, and I shared the comforting words that the Presentation Sister had offered to me: "As often as we receive the Eucharist, we will be sharing those moments with her. That is how Christ keeps His promise to comfort us when we mourn."

As my mother's grieving friend squeezed my hand, the words of the French Colonel once spoken to a lonely American soldier came back to my own mourning soul, but with a meaning far deeper than simply stating that my mother's memory was in my heart. At that moment, and throughout time, in the eternal instant of Communion, "Madame est Servie" means that all of us share a glorious table that fulfills Christ's promise to the bereaved: at the table of the Communion of Saints those who mourn are truly comforted. ✠



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JOHN 10:25-28

²⁵So the Jews gather round him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; ²⁸and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.

Comment from the Navarre Bible:*

Certainly faith and eternal life cannot be merited by man's own efforts: they are a gift of God. But the Lord does not deny anyone grace to believe and be saved, because he "wishes all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth" (1 Tim 2:4). If someone tries to avoid receiving the gift of faith, his unbelief is blameworthy. On this point St Thomas Aquinas teaches: "I can see, thanks to the light of the sun; but if I close my eyes I cannot see: this is no fault of the sun, it is my own fault, because by closing my eyes, I prevent the sunlight from reaching me" (*Commentary on St John, as loc.*).

But those who do not oppose divine grace do come to believe in Jesus. They are known to and loved by him, enter under his protection and remain faithful with the help of his grace, which is a pledge of the eternal life which the Good Shepherd will eventually give them. It is true that in this world they will have to strive and in the course of striving they will sustain wounds; but if they stay united to the Good Shepherd nothing and no one will snatch Christ's sheep from him, because our Father, God, is stronger than the Evil One. Our hope that God will grant us final perseverance is not based on our strength but on God's mercy: this hope should always motivate us to strive to respond to grace and to be ever more faithful to the demands of our faith. ✠

Ad Risum Vertere Veritatem* **Latin for "To turn truth into laughter"*



CAT HEAVEN

A cat had died and gone to heaven, where upon arriving at heaven's gate, he was met by God.

"You have been a good cat all these years," God told the cat, "and anything you desire is yours for the asking."

The cat thought for a minute and said, "I've lived my entire life on a farm and have had to sleep on hardwood floors."

"Say no more," said God with a smile, and instantly a fluffy pillow appeared directly in front of the cat.

Just a few days later, six mice are killed in a tragic accident and go to heaven. They are met by God at the gate to heaven and made them the same offer as He had made to the cat.

"All of our lives," cried the mice, "We have had to run. Cats, dogs and women with brooms have chased us. If we had roller skates, we wouldn't have to run anymore."

God smiled, and instantly each mouse was fitted with a beautiful pair of tiny golden roller skates.

A week had gone by when God checked in on the cat, who was sleeping comfortably on his pillow. God gently nudged him awake and asked, "How are you doing? Are you happy here?"

"I've never been happier," smiled the cat, as he stretched and yawned. "I get a lot of sleep on this pillow and those Meals On Wheels you have been sending over are the best!" ✠



MORE ON HELPING ONE ANOTHER

More's favorite literary form in these early years was the epigram, a short poem with an unexpected twist...One of the most surprising and original of these political poems is about two beggars, one lame, one blind. The English prose translation, unfortunately, does not communicate the subtlety and artistry of the Latin poem.

"There can be nothing more helpful than a loyal friend, who by his own efforts assuages your hurts. Two beggars formed an alliance of firm friendship—a blind man and a lame one. The blind man said to the lame one, "You must ride upon my shoulders." The latter answered, "You, blind friend, must find your way by means of my eyes." The love which unites shuns the castles of proud kings and prevails in the humble hut."

This thought-provoking poem draws attention to the radical insufficiency of our fallen human nature. More seems to suggest that only a loving and graceful acceptance of human limitations, along with a conscious attempt to strengthen the bonds of human solidarity, can give rise to true harmony. The proud are their own worst enemies, and everyone else's. †

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Gerard Wegemer

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3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
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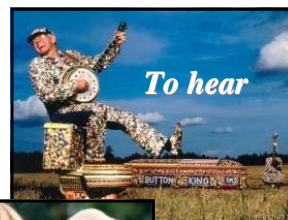


While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World' are:

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous! A gentle reminder: the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man—they are a gift from God. ✚



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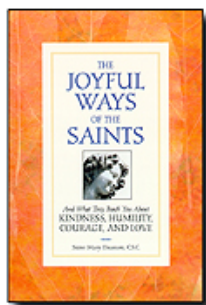
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