



Institute of the Holy Spirit

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Peter and Paul, our Icons of Faith

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In our difficult age perhaps it is good to reflect on two Fathers of our faith, two icons of fidelity, two priests of the mysteries, two martyrs of love.

Peter and Paul, men who lived the same faith, lived in the same city, spoke the same languages, and shared an equal passion for promoting the early faith, and shared martyrdom under the same tyrant Nero.

Perhaps one of the greatest bonds between the two is one that is not spoken of much and that was that they were both men of weakness. Peter denied Christ to a maidservant; Paul bears witness and support to the cruel death of Stephen, both a denial of Christ. Christ allowed these men to experience weakness that they might experience his mercy and become pillars of the faith and give testimony to the power of forgiveness of God.

Peter beholds our Lord transfigured in majesty; Paul is struck blind in the power of God's presence, both experience the direct presence of God in his awesome power, both are raised up from their weakness to see the power of God's infinite majesty, and both bear witness to the faith amidst trials and tribulations, beatings and hardships, and both win the crown of victory in the end.

These holy pillars of the faith prove to be examples for us, as men dedicated to the preaching of the kingdom of God, and they walk with us in this apostolate.

Like the apostles we will experience temptation, weakness, trials, and quite possibly even persecution, but we have two intercessors upon which to rely. Like the apostles we must turn to our lord in the midst of our weakness and cry bitter tears of compunction, it is only in acknowledging our weakness as did Paul that we will find victory in the lights of the Holy Spirit. It is only in our weakness that we will seek the Holy Spirit to do the impossible in us, so like Peter just our passing shadow might heal those in our presence. Is this too extraordinary a thought? For us as mere men yes, but for us as men living in the light of the majesty of God no.

Peter was a fisherman; Paul was a tent maker, look what happened! This is proof enough. I do not believe that we need to be content with the idea that mysticism is for monks holed up in far away monasteries. No, mysticism is the very root of the centrality of the Gospel message, we need mystics today, men who seek to do the will of God in the midst of human weakness but open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit as expressly taught by St. Paul. Was it not an angel that escorted Peter from the prison? Is this just a pious story, or do we believe as men of God who preach in and out of season the very same message, as preached by saints Peter and Paul, that we too are called to do what they did. Yes we are weak but therein lies the strength of the power of the mystery to which we belong, by our Baptisms in Christ, by our Confirmations in the Power of the Holy Spirit, by our ordinations in the sacred priesthood and by our daily receptions of the holy mysteries we walk a call guided by Sts. Peter and Paul.

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MARRIAGE

An initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "For Your Marriage" website is devoted to the spiritual, emotional, and physical health of your marriage. To raise our children in the ways of the Lord, we must reflect the Love of Christ in our own union as "Man and Wife".

Visit the website and enrich your marriage today.

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Family Life – The Threat of New Age

All of us at the core of our being desire a good spiritual life. We are created with a curiosity about the mystical. This quote from St. Augustine says it well, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, Oh Lord.” Many children, young adults and even older adults are satisfying this spiritual desire by flocking in droves to experience the Vampire Trilogy, Harry Potter and supernatural programs on movies and TV. This recent occult phenomena has been exploding in our current culture. This surreptitious deceit of the evil one tugs hard at individuals and families today. Counterfeit and dangerous, this seductive brand of spiritual mysticism can lead people down a dark and dangerous path, away from Christ.

As parents and holy couples it is our job to keep our families protected by keeping them rooted in authentic spirituality. Participate in Mass and Adoration, fulfilling at the very least your Sunday obligation. See that you and your family receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly. Pray together as a family, and read Sacred Scripture. Our son once said that you would know we were Catholic as soon as you came in our house. Yes, that is right, that’s the idea. Have holy, blessed pictures and statues in your home. Your example speaks volumes.

Your home should be a place of holiness. Bad media choices are caustic, be vigilant to keep wholesome books and programming available. Clean out those junk magazines from the checkout line and banish any occult materials pervading your bookshelves or movie collection. New age, and occult books, magazines, jewelry or other objects can slip in almost unnoticed. Step up and speak clearly from the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” or recent instruction given from the Church such as “Jesus Christ, The Bearer Of The Water Of Life” by the PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR CULTURE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE when new age or occult subjects come up in conversation. Definitive, truthful answers delivered with extreme kindness in love of Christ will help defend the home.

Your witness to live joyfully, a faithful catholic life will transform today’s world. The real mystery and supernatural of Christ’s real presence is truly ALL you need. His light, the power of the Holy Spirit will illuminate your life with grace and blessings to become a true beacon of hope to all God puts in your path. You can’t beat THE REAL THING! **Christ**



St. Augustine of Hippo

“Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, Oh Lord”



Mission Statement

Institute of the Holy Spirit, Inc
The mission of the Institute of the Holy Spirit is to work for the Glory of God and support the Church, by building up the mystical body of Christ through education for salvation, and promulgating devotion to the Holy Spirit. In this endeavor, we strive to help all people grow in understanding of the Holy Spirit and His infinite mercy, consolation and healing.

Pro-Life Prayer
Anonymous

LORD, through the Holy Spirit, Mary brought forth the Baby Jesus.
We bring forth your creation of human life that we may live in Your image.
Protect the innocent babies so mercilessly being taken by abortion.
Give us courage to oppose those who peddle death for profit and convenience.

In Your Name. Amen

Is God calling you to pray for the unborn?

There are approximately 1.37 million abortions each year. This atrocity must be stopped. Your prayers are strong and your presence can make a difference

Go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com> to find out what you can do to save the lives of God's precious children.

SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH EUCHARISTIC TRANSFORMATION

Father Louis Guardiola

Part II

The Missionary Social Dimensions of the Holy Eucharist

Before we address this, let us develop a bit more the social dimension of Holy Communion. Holy Communion unites us not only to those who receive communion worthily in our own individual parish, but also throughout every parish in the world be it Asia, Africa, Australia, the Americas, etc. In becoming one with them we open ourselves toward and address their needs materially, prayerfully and spiritually. In essence we who receive Love Itself learn to love others as Christ loved them. For Love itself, Jesus Christ did not stay within Himself but extended His love in His mission from the Holy Trinity to earth to re-establish in love His creation who had fallen astray. Our communion in love with others does not end but begins with our individual, yet social Holy Communion. The Eucharist in this context becomes a social sacrament in a mutual unity with Jesus Christ that far transcends any human unity. Eucharistic social unity is a unity that transcends any political, social strata, age, racial or national boundaries as seen in the universal membership of the Catholic Church. All that is true, all that is beautiful, all that is good is Catholic.

Now some concrete examples. The great social saints were also Eucharistic saints. St. Martin De Porres, son of an Afro-American mother and Spanish-American nobleman father adored the Eucharist entire nights in prayer while he tirelessly cared for the sick slaves and social outcasts during the day. He drew his strength to do his extraordinary missionary work from the Blessed Sacrament of course imitating the example of Christ on the Cross who was a divine missionary for the entire human race in slavery to sin.

Not just in the 16th century but in our own time we see the social dimension of Eucharistic worship and adoration. Mother Theresa's first request when she opened a house to alleviate the sufferings of the poor and oppressed was for a tabernacle and chapel of adoration. Why? Because Mother Theresa knew that whoever sees Jesus in the tabernacle, sees Him in the suffering, the needy and the spiritually and materially poor. "I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to visit me" (Mt 25:35). Eucharistic adoration opens us to perform spiritual and corporal acts of mercy because we see in the Holy Eucharist that Jesus has alleviated every one of our spiritual and material needs by His Incarnation and Redemption of the human race. The Eucharist is the Incarnation of the Divine mercy that encourages and graces us to be living incarnations of the Divine mercy to others.

To be continued in our next issue...

Father Louis Guardiola, C.P.M. is with the Fathers of Mercy, and serves on the advisory board for I.H.S as the Eucharistic Spirituality Advisor. He has written several books including Eucharistic Adoration Rosary, which is available at instituteoftheholyspirit.com. Look for part III of this article in the next I.H.S. newsletter, where Father will talk more about "divine Eucharistic unity".



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1006 Collins Avenue
Lawrenceville, IL 62439
(618) 943-5255

November 14 - 17, 2010

St. Pius X
500 W Marquette St
Appleton, WI 54911-1996
(920) 733-4918

November 21, 2010

Jesus Jam - Columbus, OH

November 30, 2010

St. Luke
Main Street
Nicholasville, KY
(859) 885-4892

December 5 - 8, 2010

St. Raphael
2301 Zanzibar Road
El Paso, TX 79925
Contact - Delores (915) 593-1282
or Mary (915)598-3431

January 4 - January 14, 2011

Pilgrimage to;
The Holy Land
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January 30 - February 2, 2011

St. Anthony of Padua
1333 Monument St.
Cody, WY 82414
(307) 587-3388

February 12 - 16, 2011

St. Anthony
4605 Saint Anthony Rd
Temperance, MI 48182-2710
(734) 854-1143

Feb 26 - March 2, 2011

Holy Family
209 E. Lomita Ave.
Glendale, CA 91205

March 12 - 16, 2011

Holy Redeemer
16137 Burgess Rd.
La Pine, OR 97739
(541) 536-3571

March 20-23, 2011

St. Lawrence
2400 FM 2401
Garden City, TX 79739-2528
(432) 397-2300

March 25, 26, 27, 2011

Divine Mercy Congress
San Ramon Marriott Hotel
2600 Bishop Drive
San Ramon, CA 94583

March 28-30, 2011

St. Gabriel
2559 40th Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94116
(415) 731-6161
Contact: Enggrid Tija
(415) 608-8173

April 3 - April 6, 2011

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
520 Stevens St.
Indianapolis, IN 46203
(317) 636-4478

April 10 - 13, 2011

St. Marys
618 E 1st St
Moscow, ID 83843-3300
(208) 882-4813

April 27, 2011

Saint Martin of Tours Catholic
Church
440 St. Martins Road
Flaherty, KY 40175
Contact: Mr. & Mrs. Beauchamp
(270) 646-6560

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