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Horizon City, TX 79928
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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.

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Fall 2011

Healing in the power of the Holy Spirit

Part 2

Friends in Christ, in the last issue of the IHS newsletter we spoke on the importance of the feast of Pentecost and the dynamic theology of the Holy Spirit. We left off with the concepts of "Charismatica" and healing. Charismatica translated from the Greek means a free gift, thus the Holy Spirit who is defined as the Love Gift from the Father and the Son is sent to the Church to sanctify it and lead the Mystical Body of Christ to all truth. The Holy Spirit gives charisms to individuals to assist them in building up the kingdom of God and to lead lives of holiness. There is no growth in holiness outside of the lights of the Holy Spirit. St. Macarius of Egypt (425) compared the Holy Spirit to the light of the sun upon creation. Without the sun, trees and vegetation die, the cycles of day and night are lost and man becomes confused. So it is with the Holy Spirit, it is he who guides us through difficulties in life.

One of the names of the Holy Spirit is "The Healer" and it is an important dimension of his work particularly in the postmodern world. Modern man is surrounded by chaos and the demonic in culture. Gangs, drugs, abortion, pornography, exploitation, witchcraft, superstition, atheism, satanism, demonically saturated media, the list goes on and on, each of the realities above become a source of despair in so many lives throughout the world. Besides the more obvious sources of brokenness in people's lives there are other traps the devil uses to ensnare souls into darkness, envy, jealousy, hatred, violence, unforgiveness, sickness, addiction, gluttony and sloth. If the Holy Spirit is given as a gift to us through the grace of the sacraments and the life of prayer, would it not seem true that he would pour upon his Church the gifts of healing, and if so what types of healing are present in the Church?

If the Holy Spirit builds up the Church through his role as the advocate (helper) by necessity it means there are segments, which have been torn down or are weak. There are three main areas in which the Holy Spirit bestows the gifts of healing upon the Church. The first type of healing in the power of the Holy Spirit is moral healing. Moral healing takes place when our sins are directly forgiven by Christ in the sacrament of reconciliation. Moral healing is the gateway to all healing for it is the direct encounter with Christ the sender of the Spirit, when we experience the spiritual and psychological effects of being forgiven by God himself, we are freed to love on a greater level and are given the great virtue of charity, which enables us to move beyond ourselves and serve the sacred other (Love your God with your whole mind, heart, and soul, and your neighbor as yourself) The second effect of being healed of sin is the capacity to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Through forgiveness we are opened to a second type of healing poured out by the Holy Spirit, "Spiritual Healing". Spiritual healing is given to the soul who seeks freedom from bondage of any number of evils which keep the soul imprisoned, for example a woman suffers an abortion and for years suffers post traumatic stress disorder. Another example would be a child at the age of puberty experiences the divorce of his or her parents and for years feels responsible for the breakup, or the adult child of an alcoholic can never seem to

get beyond the pain and rage towards the parent and their abandonment.

The way to experience spiritual healing is to confess any sin related to the event or events of the trauma, then moved by the Spirit's love allow the Holy Spirit to enter into the memory of one's heart and give the memory of the trauma to the Holy Spirit, this is best done in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed. From this point ask a priest or a holy soul to pray over you in faith, these steps can be repeated many times for healing. If one does not have access to a Catholic Church or Eucharistic Adoration simply gaze upon a crucifix and surrender your memory to Christ upon the cross. Having been involved with the healing ministry for over ten years I can tell you I have seen thousands of spiritual healings through this type of process. I have seen the healing of nightmares, addictions, fears of the dark, water, flying, scruples, anger, addiction to the horoscope and Ouija boards, compulsive eating disorders, hair pulling, and a whole host of spiritual phenomena. Prayers of deliverance are extremely beneficial during a time of spiritual healing as well, but we will touch on this subject in a later issue.

The last type of healing is physical healing; this form of healing is a sign and wonder given by God to increase faith. Physical healing philosophically is the suspension of the laws of nature in favor of Divine law, in other words God pushes aside the natural rules of creation and allows souls to experience and witness physical transformations through His mysterious presence. Healings of cancer, blindness, deafness, and lameness are signs given by God to renew man's awareness of the presence of God in the world. Physical healings seem to increase in a community where there is great faith and openness to the Holy Spirit and his charisms. Miracles are important in the life of the Church for they prove to the world the truth that there is a God and that He desires union with mankind to bring him his eternal love and mercy. Healing and the work of performing miracles are directly united to the last words we have from Christ before He ascended to the Father, "These signs will accompany those who have faith; In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages; they will pick up snakes with their hands, and whatever poison they drink will not harm them; they will place their hands on the sick and they will be well." (Mark 16:17-18)

As a missionary I have seen hundreds healed of various physical disorders from deafness to cancer, in each case the soul that was healed was used by Christ to give witness to the truth of their healing bringing hope to a darkened world. I have seen the immediate healing of deafness and lameness and have witnessed the healing of a man who was hemorrhaging blood and the blood immediately stopped flowing once I prayed over him in the emergency room. In the work of preaching and teaching on the Holy Spirit and healing I am amazed each time I see the hand of God reach down and touch His chosen people and Church. I leave with a quote from an anonymous monk of the Eastern Church, "Miracles only seem extraordinary in a time of a lack of faith but in reality they are the ordinary work of the Holy Spirit to lead souls to the divine person of Jesus Christ".
Peace in Christ,
Fr. Christopher Crotty C.P.M.

Stem Cell Research and the Catholic Ministry

Steven H. Sykes, M.D.

Continued from summer newsletter

“The word of the Lord came to me thus: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you.”

Stem Cell Research: The moral and ethical debate.

“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.”

Many arguments have been made regarding stem cell research, especially with regard to the basic efficacy of the research itself. It should be noted at this point, that in the previous 20 years of stem cell research, no cures have been attributed to the use of embryonic stem cells. Adult stem cells however have been used with great success. Despite this simple fact embryonic stem cell research is at the forefront of all debate regarding stem cell research. Eugene Diamond, professor of Pediatrics at Loyola University takes the argument a step further with the following statement; “The stem cell debate cannot be reduced merely to a disagreement as to the efficacy of embryonic stem cells versus adult stem cells. The debate is really a recapitulation of the fundamental conflict about the dignity and indeed the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. In one view, life at all stages of its development has intrinsic value. In this transcendental view of life, life at all stages has an intrinsic and unquantifiable value. This value transcends the alleged value of research.”

Simply put, the argument centering on embryonic stem cell research cannot focus on the good to society, but rather, it should focus on the damage to the single individual upon whom the experiments are being performed. Those who promote embryonic stem cell research argue that the research is not being done on a viable human life, but rather a preivable human life. Lastly they argue; even if the life is viable, do not sufferings of humanity out weigh the sacrifice of non-sentient human life?

The Instruction *Donum Vitae* addresses this argument in the following manner: “if the embryos are living, whether viable or not, they must be respected just like any other human person; experimentation on human embryos which is not directly therapeutic is illicit”. *Donum Vitae* further states, “From the moment of conception, the life of every human being is to be respected in an absolute way because man is the only creature on earth that God has wished for himself and the spiritual soul of each man is immediately created by God; his whole being bears the image of the Creator. Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can, in any circumstance, claim for himself the right to destroy directly an innocent human being.”

Therefore, the Church is very clear in her teachings, the human embryo whether viable or not is to be treated as a sentient human being. The ultimate goal of the human embryo is not communion with his or her fellow man but communion with God. The implantation of the embryo in the uterine wall or its ultimate birth is not a requirement for designation as a human life. Conception itself designates the embryo as a human being, and with that designation comes all the rights and dignity of that humanity.

Those who promote embryonic stem cell research try to dodge this issue. Dr William Colliton, M.D. points out that the pro-embryonic stem cell researchers have even developed new nomenclature, “The embryo is the entity that exists from the formation of the zygote until eight completed weeks of pregnancy when organogenesis is complete. *Preembryo* (zygote formation until 14-16 days of life) is a new definition designed by the supporters of IVF (in vitro fertilization) and embryo experimentation brought to us by theologian Richard McCormick, S.J. and mammalian embryologist Clifford Grobstein.” They are trying to argue that the embryo is not an embryo until implantation into the uterus of the mother. Until that time, they argue that the *pre-embryo* is a nonviable life. Therefore any embryo in a culture dish and not implanted into the uterus is not a viable human life. This dodge is very reminiscent of the ploy used by pro-abortionist, who now say the issue is not pro-abortion, but pro-choice.

⁵ Luke 1:41-44, ⁶LQ 72:3, 240-245, ⁷CDF, *Donum vitae*, ⁸LQ 74:1,10-29, More from this article in our next Newsletter.

Adventures In the Holy Spirit – Holy Couples and the faithful defend the Eucharist.

Holy Couples are Unselfish & Proactive

Let’s face it, dying to self is tough. The concept has never been less popular than today. It’s especially tough because everything in our culture screams, it’s all About ME ME ME! Ah, Yes, everyone is seeking the elusive good life, it hides just around the corner, a little more stuff, or some more money, and life would be grand. You hear people say; I am just not fulfilled, satisfied, or completed, always depending on another person or “thing” to make them happy. Of course that mindset never works. What’s truly needed, what we are really seeking, while chasing all the stuff, the drinking or the drugs, even if we don’t know it; is *more Jesus Christ in our lives*. The caustic “All About ME” message will never work. Consider... The truth missing in our lives is a deep personal relationship with Christ that requires the unpopular “dying” to self. With our spouse, our children and our family, to live happily we must live in the will of Christ to experience true joy and fulfillment. Invite the majestic power of Christ through the Holy Spirit into your life. We must decrease ourselves and let Christ increase. The goal is to be transparent and let the light of Christ shine through us. Obeying God’s call activates the Holy Spirit to work in your life. The adventure of living in fullness, where miracles happen and peace arrives is waiting for YOU. This counter cultural paradox of living really is the brass ring, the key of grace, you need to grab and hold onto with both hands. Do it NOW! If you want to deal with the mess and challenge in your life successfully, reach out, live The Way, the path God custom created just for you... All of us are saints in the making, if we choose to be. Amazing doors are waiting to open with the Holy Spirit’s help. Use the powerful saintly examples of Blessed Mother Theresa, St. Frances de Sales and countless others who “Got It and lived, fully immersed in the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ. His action shining through your “yes” equals God’s glory fully alive in you. Radiate Christ; becoming His hands, His feet, His voice. Your obedience to His call will bring peace everywhere you go. The gold of life that leads to the eternal is mined here! It is ALL you will take with you. Your deposits are recorded in **The Bank of The Heavenly’s** – Deposits guaranteed by God Almighty maker of heaven and earth...

Take action and have some fun as you travel this counter-cultural path. Move in the Spirit and buckle your seat belts. Never forget the spouse of the Holy Spirit, Our Blessed Mother Mary waits for you, YES.

Holy Spirit Action Ideas: Take your family or group on a prayer excursion and make it special! Have the gang over to your house for ice cream or a special home baked dessert after. Join your local 40 days for life campaign. to pray onsite at abortion clinics. Pray the Rosary on a family or group camping trip / picnic. You can join thousands of American Catholics gathering to pray for our country asking for Mother Mary’s intercessions on October 15th, check out for more info. Remember, be prayerful and inventive, make it fun and LIVE OUT LOUD YOUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY! It’s the coolest thing on the planet, as we look to the heavens.

Peace In The Blessings Of Christ
Joe & Laura Westbrook

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 V– The Missionary Social Dimensions of the Holy Eucharist

We can take this Eucharistic analogy even further. The Eucharist teaches us that we cannot judge the worth of anything, much less a human person, by it’s size. Jesus in the consecrated Eucharistic host takes on the appearance of a small piece of bread and a chalice of wine, even though He is wholly and entirely present in His Body, Blood, soul, humanity, divinity and divine person. If we see by faith Christ in the host, we can also see Him by faith in the poor, the weak, the terminally ill, the repulsive and ugly person. We can also see Him by faith in the baby hidden in the veil of the womb as Jesus is hidden in the tabernacle veil.

The social and eternal message of the Holy Eucharist is that it is God’s eternal victory over death. If death is conquered, so is abortion. It is our social mission to spread this Eucharistic message of the victory of life over death to the world. We do this by giving our life by giving out our time, talent, effort, thought, prayers and painful sacrifice to save our brothers and sisters from the womb to the tomb. We can do this by holding special pro-life masses and holy hours. We can do this by making petitions to end abortion at masses and making available pro-life literature at our churches and adoration chapels.

St. John said that Christ died “to gather onto one all the scattered children of God.” Sin scatters. Christ unites. The word “Diabolical” means “to split asunder.” Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. The Eucharist builds up the human family in Christ who says, “Come to me, feed on my Body, become my Body.” Abortion reverses this saying, “Go away! We have no room for you, no time for you, no desire for you, no responsibility for you. Get out of our way.” Abortion attacks the unity of the human family and therefore all society by splitting asunder the most fundamental relationship between any two persons: mother and child. The Eucharist as the sacrament of unity reverses this. One may say that abortion is anti-Eucharist as the sacrament of diabolical hatred that rips society apart. In Washington in 1994 Mother Theresa said that we fight abortion by teaching the mother what love really means: “To be willing to give until it hurts...So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. “The true God transforms violence into suffering, while the false god transforms suffering into violence. The woman tempted to have an abortion will transform her suffering into violence unless she allows love to transform her, and make herself willing to give herself away. The Holy Eucharist gives both the lesson and the power. Mom is to say “This is my body, my blood, my life, given up for you my child.”

Every one of us who wants to reverse our societies slide into suicidal and homicidal madness as our mission needs to say the same. We need to exercise the same generosity we ask our mothers to exercise. We need to imitate the mysteries we celebrate. “Do this in memory of me” is Jesus’ command to all of us to lovingly suffer rebukes, mockery, hatred and persecution so that others may live. We are to be lighting rods in the midst of this terrible storm of violence and destruction and say, “Yes Lord, I am willing to absorb some of this persecution for your sake and that of society and transform it into reparative love so that others may live.” For “Love is stronger than death, more powerful than even hell” (Song of Songs 8:6).

Considering all of the above, we then summarize the Eucharist as the sacrament of personal transformation and through the person the sacrament of social transformation. Jesus on Holy Thursday night in uttering His words of consecration, words of divine and eternal power and significance for each person and all society, re-created bread and wine into His Body and Blood. This recreation of His creation into Himself we now call transubstantiation. In this transubstantiation we who receive it in Holy Communion become supernaturally transformed in order to be transfigured signs of the divine Eucharistic power and presence that in turn transforms the world into a holy tabernacle and monstrance. We who receive the Holy Eucharist and adore worthily can do this because in becoming the Christ we eat, we are holy tabernacles, “huts or tents” that are monstrances because “we show” in ourselves the transformative power of the Eucharist to the world. The world becomes curious in seeing this supernatural transformation in ourselves. In seeing their attraction, we can tell them to “Come and See” our source of grace and peace in the Prince of Peace reigning majestically on His Eucharistic throne. The Divine transformation of the transubstantiation becomes the world’s transfiguration in Christ. To be continued in our next issue...

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