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*Issued by the Extraordinary General Chapter of the Legion of Christ*

## **Communiqué of the Legion's General Chapter regarding the path of renewal of the Legion of Christ**

The communiqué includes:

- A conclusive pronouncement regarding Fr. Marcial Maciel, including an apology to those who were hurt by Fr. Maciel or by the Congregation's shortcomings.
- A summary of the conclusions of the "Outreach Commission" and the "Economic Affairs Commission".
- A commitment to continue on the journey of conversion and renewal which "has advanced, but has not yet ended."

ROME (February 3) – The representatives of the Legion of Christ meeting in an Extraordinary General Chapter this week approved a wide-ranging communiqué. The document is an effort by the chapter members to define conclusively the posture of the congregation with respect to the behavior of Fr. Marcial Maciel

and his role as founder in continuity with the decisions of the Holy See and previous statements by the Legion. It concludes with an apology to any and all who have been hurt of the congregation's shortcomings.

Fr. Eduardo Robles Gil, LC, the newly elected General Director of the Legion, summarized the intention of this communiqué in the following way: "The Chapter marks both an ending and a new beginning. This is what many of the chapter fathers feel and that's how we have expressed it in the chapter hall. But, so that it can truly be a new beginning, it is necessary to put the challenges of the past in their place. This is why the Chapter decided to publish a statement for the Legionaries, the members of Regnum Christi and for all those who have been following our recent history. We can't erase the past. We have to learn the lessons, mourn what occurred, trust in God's mercy and, like St. Paul, run forward in pursuit of the goal of reaching Christ."

The General Chapter issued this communiqué simultaneously with the publishing of the [results of the election](#) of the new central government.

### **Regarding Fr. Maciel**

The communiqué offers a summary of what has been learned of Fr. Maciel's misbehavior to date, how his actions influenced the Legion and what the Legion is doing in light of these discoveries.

"When we ponder the magnitude of the evil and scandal caused, we realize that we are under the merciful gaze of God who, with his providence, continues to guide our steps. United with Jesus Christ, we hope to be able to redeem our painful history and overcome with good the consequences of evil. Only in this way can we consider what has taken place in light of the Gospel and build our future on the solid foundations of trust in God, of fidelity to the Church, and of the truth."

“Our founder died in 2008. We ask God to have mercy on him. At the same time, we want to express our deep sorrow for the abuse of minor seminarians, the immoral acts with men and women who were adults, the arbitrary use of his authority and of material goods, the indiscriminate consumption of addictive medicines and the act of presenting writings published by third parties as his own. We find the incongruity of presenting oneself as a priest and a witness of the faith continuously for decades while hiding this immoral behavior to be incomprehensible. We firmly condemn this. We are grieved that many victims and other affected persons have waited so long in vain for an apology and an act of reconciliation on the part of Fr. Maciel. Today, we would like to issue that apology as we express our solidarity with these persons.”

“Many times we gave undue, universal value to Fr. Maciel’s directives and clung too much to them because of an inadequate understanding of the concept of founder and an excessive exaltation and uncritical way of considering his person.”

“The Pontifical Delegate has first of all led us to an adequate comprehension of the role of Fr. Maciel in relation to the Legion. In the past, the Congregation stipulated that it cannot propose Fr. Maciel as a model, nor his personal writings as a guide for the spiritual life. We recognize his condition as founder. Nevertheless, a religious congregation and its essential features do not have their origin in the person of the founder; they are a gift of God that the Church accepts and approves and that afterwards live in the institute and in its members.”

## **Apology**

The chapter fathers extend various apologies to “all those who in one way or another were hurt by the sad events of these years and our shortcomings.”

“We are grieved that many victims and other affected persons have waited so long in vain for an apology and an act of reconciliation on the part of Fr. Maciel. Today, we would like to issue that apology as we express our solidarity with these persons.”

“We acknowledge with sadness the initial incapability of believing the testimonies of the persons who had been victims of Fr. Maciel, the long institutional silence and, later on, the hesitations and errors of judgment when setting out to inform the members of the congregation and others. We apologize for these shortcomings, which have increased the suffering and confusion of many.”

“To all of our brothers, religious and priests, who during this period have left the Congregation, we want to express our sadness that we no longer have you among us. We sincerely apologize for the times we have not listened to you or been there for you in the spirit of the Gospel. We would like to maintain your friendship and fraternal dialogue.”

“We would like to apologize and reiterate our desire to reconcile with all those who in one way or another were hurt by the sad events of these years and our shortcomings.”

### **Conclusions of “Outreach Commission”**

The communiqué offers a summary of the conclusions of the “Outreach Commission”, established by Cardinal De Paolis in January, 2011, to attend to “the persons that have requested a response from the Legion of Christ because of the events that have a direct or indirect relation with Fr. Marcial Maciel.”

“The commission has completed its task and no case pertaining to its area of responsibility remains open. In each case, the Congregation has acted in accord with the

proposals of the commission. The opportunity to be listened to and the material help offered to the victims have contributed, insofar as is humanly possible, to relieve their wounds and foster reconciliation.”

## **Conclusions of “Economic Affairs Commission”**

The communiqué offers a summary of the conclusions of the “Economic Affairs Commission”, established by Cardinal De Paolis in February, 2011, in order to analyze “the handling of funds and the financial situation of the Congregation.” The report of the commission “underlined that they did not find embezzlements of money or other irregularities in the fiscal actions that were reviewed.”

“The first urgent aspect to address in this area is that of the reduction of the debt with banks that has resulted from various causes: the excessively rapid expansion of the institutions of the Congregation, the world economic crisis and the fall-off in donations. In some countries the debt is very high, but continues to be manageable considering the income and the assets of the Congregation as a whole.

“On the other hand, the Commission has pointed out the need – and this will be a task of the next government – of adjusting and simplifying the administrative structure to foster the responsibility proper to the territorial and local superiors, to both the branches of consecrated members of Regnum Christi, and to the directors of the works of apostolate.”

## **Commitment to continue journey of conversion**

The chapter fathers repeatedly express their awareness that there is still much to be done before the conclusion of “this process of renewal and conversion.”

The communiqué repeatedly pauses to make reflections like: “All of this demands of us not only a change in legislative texts, but also a continual conversion of mind and heart.”

“The consideration of all of these issues has led us to conclude that the journey towards an ‘authentic and profound renewal,’ confirmed by Pope Francis, has advanced, but has not yet ended. The events of these years will mark the identity and the life of our Congregation. When seen in light of Providence, we can accept, confront and transform them into a stepping stone towards a new stage in our history.”

“Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, was a witness of the redemptive power of Christ that conquers evil and sin. To her, our Mother, we entrust our future with great confidence.”

### **Additional Information:**

The complete text of the communiqué can be found [here](#).

The article announcing of the new central government of the Legion of Christ can be found [here](#).

## **Fr. Eduardo Robles Gil, LC, elected General Director of Legion of Christ**



ROME (February 6) – Fr. Eduardo Robles Gil, LC, has been elected General Director of the Legion of Christ.

On January 20th, the Extraordinary General Chapter of the Legion of Christ elected Fr. Eduardo and the other members of the central government of the Legion.

The election was personally confirmed by the Archbishop José Rodríguez Carballo, O.F.M., secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life on February 6, 2014.

Along with his election, the Vicar General, Fr. Juan José Arrieta, LC, and one of the general councilors, Fr. Juan Sabadell, LC, were named by the Holy See. Two more general councilors, Fr. Sylvester Heereman, LC, and Fr. Jesús Villagrasa, LC, were elected by the chapter members. Fr. José Gerardo Cárdenas, LC, has been elected General Administrator. Fr. Clemens Gutberlet, LC, has been elected General Procurator.

Here is a run-down of the entire outcome of the election:

- General Director: Fr. Eduardo Robles Gil, LC.
- Vicar General: Fr. Juan José Arrieta, LC.
- General Councilor: Fr. Sylvester Heereman, LC.
- General Councilor: Fr. Jesús Villagrasa, LC.
- General Councilor: Fr. Juan Sabadell, LC.
- General Administrator: Fr. José Gerardo Cárdenas, LC.
- General Procurator: Fr. Clemens Gutberlet, LC.

The General Chapter published the announcement of the election of the new central government simultaneously with the publishing of a in which the members of the chapter take a conclusive stance on Fr. Marcial Maciel and on the path of renewal the Legion of Christ has been travelling.

### **Fr. Eduardo Robles Gil, LC**

Fr. Eduardo brings a wide range of spiritual and apostolic experience to his role as General Director. He has exercised his ministry principally in Spain, Brazil, Chile and Mexico. He has served as a director of several schools, as a superior of several Legionary communities, as territorial administrator for two years in Mexico and as a section director of Regnum Christi, spiritual director and local coordinator of apostolate. He helped found the Legion and Regnum Christi's presence in Brazil. In 2011, he was named to the Outreach Commission created by Card. Velasio De Paolis to work with the abuse victims of Fr. Marcial Maciel. He began to serve as a major superior in the Legion in August, 2013, when he assumed the post of Territorial Director of Mexico.

“Since my ordination, I have served in different parts of the world and in different types of ministry: schools, family ministry, administration or as a superior of a Legionary community,” Fr. Eduardo recalls. “Now, I will have to get used to Rome.”

Fr. Eduardo made his own the stance adopted by the Chapter in its communiqué issued today: “The Chapter marks both an ending and a new beginning. This is what many of the chapter fathers feel and that’s how we have expressed it in the chapter hall. But, so that it can truly be a new beginning, it is necessary to put the challenges of the past in their place. This is why the Chapter decided to publish a statement for the Legionaries, the members of Regnum Christi and for all those who have been following our recent history. We can’t erase the past. We have to learn the lessons, mourn what occurred, trust in God’s mercy and, like St. Paul, run forward in pursuit of the goal of reaching Christ.”

Fr. Eduardo was born in Mexico City on September 18, 1952. He studied at the Cumbres Institute and the Anahuac University, where he obtained a degree in industrial engineering. He became a consecrated member of Regnum Christi in 1975, and joined

the Legion of Christ on August 6, 1977. He made his perpetual profession on October 8, 1981 in Rome, and was ordained a priest on August 20, 1983. He holds a licentiate in philosophy from the Gregorian University. From 1983-1985 Fr Eduardo was the superior of the Regnum Christi consecrated men's house of formation in Madrid, Spain.

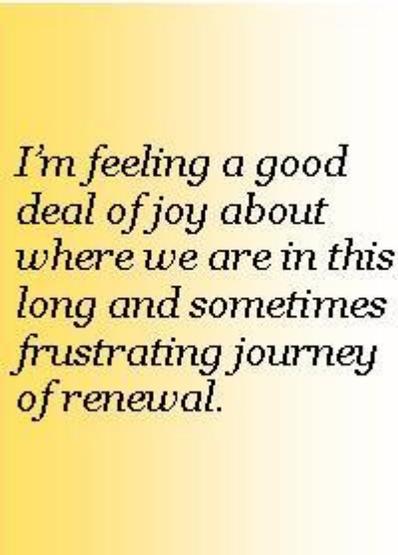
From 1985-1989 he served as superior of the Legionary community in Rio de Janeiro, during the founding of the Legion and the Regnum Christi Movement in Brazil. From 1989 to 1990 he was the superior of the community in Vina del Mar, Chile. From 1990-1992 he worked as the treasurer of the territory of Mexico. From 1993 to 2000 he was director of the Irish Institute in Mexico City, and from 2000-2001 he was director of the CEYCA school, also in Mexico City.

From 2001-2004 he was involved in youth ministry in Porto Alegre, Minas Gerais, and Rio de Janeiro (all in Brazil). From 2004-2008 he returned to direct the CEYCA school, while serving as the superior of one of the Legionary communities in Mexico City.

He was also a section director, spiritual advisor to various consecrated members of Regnum Christi, and local coordinator for the apostolate in Mexico City. Card. Velasio De Paolis appointed him as a member of the Outreach Commission created in January 2011. He has been the territorial director of Mexico since August 1, 2013.

# General Chapter Joy

Regnum Christi Live – February 1, 2014  
By Jim Fair



*I'm feeling a good  
deal of joy about  
where we are in this  
long and sometimes  
frustrating journey  
of renewal.*

No, this isn't about how joyful everyone is who is participating in the Legion's Extraordinary General Chapter. And it isn't about how joyful the atmosphere is around the General Directorate in Rome, site of the event.

I wrote the above title because, well, I'm feeling a good deal of joy about where we are in this long and sometimes frustrating journey of renewal. This is a big deal, but it is composed of many small deals.

On the one hand, the enormity of the event can't be denied. It is an historic point for the Legion of Christ and Regnum Christi – and for the entire Church to some degree. Frankly, all that has happened to us over the past few years is rather "special."

Being in Rome this week and watching the chapter Fathers gather for their several daily sessions, I am struck by the gravity of their work. This doesn't happen every day, which I guess is why it is called "extraordinary."

At the same time, it isn't as if the meeting room is floating on a cloud with choirs of angels singing. The meetings are long and at times, I expect, well,

boring. And the practical aspects of adding five dozen Legionaries to the community for a couple months are rather mundane. Someone is doing a lot of additional laundry. Someone is doing a lot of extra cooking. Someone has to do more cleaning and caring for the guests.

I admit I'm glad I'm not someone.

A few young Legionaries are in temporary housing in the parish next door, having given up their rooms to the visitors.

Giving up your room for someone else is the sort of charitable thing Legionaries do. In the midst of history there is a good deal of common courtesy and patience.

I also want to report on the weather in sunny Italy. I do this with caution, knowing that friends in Chicago are enclosed in a block of ice and friends in Atlanta are trying to drive on a citywide ice rink.

But I don't want folks to think I'm basking on the beach. The temperature has hovered around 40F and it has been raining all week. In fact, I cancelled a meeting today because roads were closed and I couldn't get from here to there. But I don't mind being cooped up with so many holy people; perhaps some the holiness will rub off on me...along with the joy I already feel.

# Wisdom of all ages

Regnum Christi Live – February 2, 2014  
By Jim Fair



It's good for the elderly to communicate their wisdom to the young; and is good for the young people to gather this wealth of experience and wisdom, and to carry it forward, not so as to store it in a museum, but to bring it forward addressing the challenges of life, to carry it forward for the sake of respective religious orders and of the whole Church. – Pope Francis, February 2, 2014

I had a thrilling blessing today, having the joy of attending Mass inside St. Peter's with the Holy Father celebrating.

He had lots of help from concelebrating priests, many of whom were Legionaries I know and work with. They don't get to celebrate Mass with the Pope every day. And folks like me don't get to attend Mass with the Pope every year.

I've been to HUGE ceremonies in St. Peter's Square, including Mass. But this was my first time at a Mass with the Holy Father inside the building. In some respects, it was like going to Mass in a normal parish, except St. Peter's is vast, they have Swiss Guards, the choir is pretty incredible and, of course, they have the Pope.

One of the readings was in the only language I understand, English (yes, I'm a normal American). Most everything else was in Italian or Latin. I've been going to Mass long enough to know what is said in the Latin Mass parts. But a homily in Latin is beyond my meager gray matter.

I could see that the Pope spoke with conviction, but I didn't know what he was saying until I got back to my room and tracked down the text in English on the internet. And I have to say this Pope has the art of the homily nicely figured out: short, teaches a lesson, well-organized, a little humor.

I like the concept reproduced at the top of this page. It reminds me that I get wisdom from many people in my life and they are of many different ages. My wife, son and daughter have supplied me with the most inspiration over the years, and they represent a fairly broad span of years (my own span being longer than any of them).

Every Pope teaches. They proclaim the truth of the gospel, the good news. But each has his own emphasis and brings different shades to the picture of Catholicism. I have a feeling this Pope will be especially helpful in teaching us how to love and to show how we love. That is a lesson I need every day.

## Listening to the Holy Spirit as He shows us God's Plan

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### *Update on the General Chapter*

It's been three weeks since the General Chapter opened with the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Throughout this period the Chapter Fathers, with their hearts open to God's Word, have listened to the reports on the previous central government and have begun to address the tasks outlined by the Pope: the revision of the text of the constitutions and the election of the new central government of the Legion.

### **Listening to Reports and Addressing Concerns**

The first day of the chapter, the Papal Delegate read his report, which focused on the work done during his tenure and the most relevant issues raised by the apostolic visit. Bishop Mario Marchesi reported on the findings of the Economic Affairs Commission and the Outreach Commission. Fr. Sylvester



Fr. Anton Vogelsang LC preaching during the Eucharistic hour of atonement.



Heereman LC read his report, skipping the parts that touched on issues already addressed by the Papal Delegate. Each chapter father received a copy of the reports for personal study. The administrative report of the congregation is also available to chapter members.

Fr. Daniel Massick LC commented, "I believe that the report of Fr. Sylvester is clear, honest and complete. I've been glad to hear almost all the worries and concerns that some fathers and brothers expressed to me over the years: the founder, the charism, spirituality, community life, economic status, etc. . . . This has shown me that these points are taken seriously and are being confronted by the chapter."

January 30 was devoted to special prayer and penance as established by the decree of December 6, 2010. In addition, the Chapter Fathers celebrated Mass for the remission of sins to make atonement and ask the Lord for forgiveness for their own sins and those of all members of the congregation. The penitential rite of the Mass and the prayers of the faithful were permeated by this sense of atonement and intercession. All deceased Legionaries were particularly remembered, including the founder on the sixth anniversary of his death, with the prayer that they may be granted

eternal salvation. They also prayed for all the people who have suffered from the behavior of members of our congregation.

### **Revising the Constitutions and Forming the New Central Government**

After the reports, the first few days were devoted to reflection on the fundamental issues outlined in the apostolic visit: review of the constitutions and clarification of the charism, the exercise of authority in the congregation, and formation. Thus, the work of revising the constitutions and help to form the new central government.

"We know that all Legionaries would like to learn more about the discussions and issues we face in the Chapter Hall," said

Fr. John Bartunek LC. "While it is probably insufficient, we are informing you through the website, in the 'Day by Day' section. More towards the end of the chapter we can expect to share official statements and texts that describe the decisions made by the chapter... Things are developing slowly and we cannot pick the fruit before it is ripe. This gives the Chapter Fathers



Fr. Daniel Massick LC and Fr. Konstantin Ballestrem LC.



a lot of freedom to express ourselves honestly during the decision-making."

By January 31, the process of revising the Constitution was well underway. "The draft of the constitutions we received from the Central Commission is very well prepared," said Fr. Jesus Villagrasa LC. "As well, the suggestions and contributions from the territorial assemblies are enriching the analysis. Thankfully, the text is mature and that allows us to make good progress."

Besides completing the revision of the text, work remaining includes forming of the new central government, reflecting on the collaboration between the branches of Regnum Christi, setting priorities for the new general director and other concerns that have come from the communities or individual Legionaries. The Chapter received close to a thousand contributions from territorial assemblies, mostly small changes, and five hundred suggestions from individuals -- some proposals that deal with the text of the constitutions, others with praxis, or the way they are lived out in the



The Chapter Hall during a session.



Legion. In discussing the proposed constitution, the Fathers are taking these into account.

The process for forming the new central government started several days ago but is not yet completed. When ready, the results will be made public. "I feel the need to thank all Legionaries, members of Regnum Christi and many of our brothers in the Church who accompany us with their prayers day by day," said Fr. Eugenio Martín LC. "We are living in a time of

Pentecost, in which each person speaks in his own language, but we are all one heart and one soul like the first apostles. This undoubtedly is due to the intercession of many who decided to accompany us at this time of grace for the Legion. I ask everyone to continue to pray. We need your prayers to be able to serve you better."

## **A Passion for Evangelization**

*RC consecrated woman Eleanor Segraves blogs to share her experience working as a parish youth minister and pastoral assistant*



*Last Sunday I came to a greater awareness that whether or not ONE PERSON is called to Regnum Christi from this parish, my charism, the passion I have inside of me to evangelize and to form and launch apostles, is touching hearts.*

These are the words of Regnum Christi consecrated woman Eleanor Segraves. She works as Pastoral Assistant and Youth Minister at Immaculate Conception Parish in Highland Park, Illinois.

Eleanor has written the first of hopefully many blogs to share her wisdom as she serves the parish, and the Church at large, through these two part time jobs that "add up to a VERY full time schedule," she said.

“Working as a pastoral assistant and youth minister at Immaculate Conception has been an incredible experience for me as an RC consecrated woman,” she said. “I am finally doing what I have always dreamed of. I am absolutely convinced that the future work of Regnum Christi here in the states is going to be through the parishes.

“The parish is where the people are, and this is what we want to do...to accompany individuals and families on their journey toward holiness. The parish is the place to set their hearts on fire to bring others to know and love Jesus Christ! I’m hooked...who wants to come and help me? (I have way too much to do!)”

Click [here](#) to read Eleanor’s blog on RC Live.

## Charism reflections from a Pastoral Assistant

Regnum Christi Live – February 4  
By Eleanor Segraves



Last Sunday I found myself standing at a podium in front of a crowded room of parents, speaking into the microphone, and trying to lock eyes with every person in the room. You see, we have a pastoral problem right now at my parish...our young families aren’t going to Sunday Mass.

As I was speaking, concentrating on not forgetting my second point, telling myself to speak slowly and to smile, something occurred to me that had

never occurred to me before. It was one of those thoughts that the Holy Spirit floats into your mind while you are busy doing something else.

“This charism – Regnum Christi -- is a gift for every person in this room. Don’t you see it? Look at their faces.”

I had to brush that inspiration aside so I could finish my thoughts and pass the microphone to two of our RC Mission Corps volunteers who were going to hit home the message by their personal testimonies.

Later, when I had time to be alone with those thoughts that had just passed through my mind, I realized a very important lesson that has been growing in me since I started this job as Pastoral Assistant last September. We’ve been told by the Holy Father and by our Delegate that our charism is a gift for the Church, and I guess what happened to me last Sunday was that I saw it. There was a tangible expression of it in the room...it was passing through minds and into hearts, and it was changing people. I’ve worked in other cities with RC members, Challenge, ECYD, Mission Youth etc. but those weren’t the people in front of me last Sunday. Not one person in the room knows what Regnum Christi is...and I don’t feel the need to explain anything, at least not right now.

What I realized was that our charism is a gift not only for those who also have this same charism inside of them and are yet to discover it...it is a gift for the whole Church. And what is the Church? Is it a building? Is it a cathedral? Is it Rome? Is the great Archdiocese of Chicago? No, the Church is each of those people that scripture describes as living stones that are holy and precious to God, those stones that God wants to build up into a spiritual house. (c.f. 1 Pet. 2:4-5)

Last Sunday, I came to a greater awareness that whether or not ONE PERSON is called to Regnum Christi from this parish, my charism, the passion I have inside of me to evangelize and to form and launch apostles, is touching hearts. It’s making people love Jesus Christ more; it’s bringing them back to Mass; it’s drawing them to Him. I’m convinced that some people will come forward; they will begin to ask more questions, they will start to want what I have. But this is secondary. I think the Holy Spirit planted an important seed in my heart that needs to keep growing as I continue to learn the ropes of parish life. “Be confident in the charism you carry within your heart. Give it purely without expecting anything in return.

And trust in the primacy of grace that will never stop until all of God's people are built up as a living Church, holy and precious in the sight of God."

## A wise old priest

Regnum Christi Live – February 4  
By Simon Devereux



*"For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." -- St. Therese of Lisieux*

I met a wise old priest while in New Zealand. His back was bent right over and his walk was consequently more a shuffle. Yet, he had the most joyful eyes and a ready smile.

My two brothers and I con-celebrated Mass with him in a little town called Wanaka, where we spent our holidays as children. During the lunch that followed, I had the chance to ask him what the secret was to persevering through all the difficult times that he had surely had as a priest.

He responded: "The prayers of my mother."

# Twenty Years of Tradition

*Founders reminisce as Pinecrest Academy celebrates its anniversary*

“The fruits of lots of prayer and hard work, and wonderful families coming together.”

This is how Arlene Gannon, one of the founders of Pinecrest Academy, and Principal for the first five years, describes the school that exists today. Her friend and co-founder, Judy Guilfoil, agrees. “It was God’s providence. Atlanta was ready for our school.”

The women are among those celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Pinecrest Academy. The school had planned to host a day of festivities on January 31, 2014, to coincide with its annual Founders Day, but some of the festivities had to be postponed due to inclement weather. All Pinecrest families -- past and present -- along with community leaders, representatives of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, and friends of Pinecrest Academy, have been invited to attend.

Pinecrest opened as planned a special “museum” created for the event – “Twenty Years of Tradition,” with photos and other historic items from Pinecrest’s history since its 1993 founding.

An all-school Mass will be rescheduled to a later date. Concelebrating will be Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta Luis Rafael Zarama, Pinecrest Head of School Fr. Robert Presutti, LC, Pinecrest Chaplains Fr. Richard Sutter, LC and Fr Matthew Kaderabek, LC, and St. Brendan Catholic Church pastor Fr. Matthew Van Smoorenburg, as well as other archdiocesan and Legion of Christ priests.

“This twentieth anniversary represents an acknowledgement of the Lord’s faithful presence and sure guidance over these years, as well as of the faith, goodness, and generosity of the many instruments He has used to

establish Pinecrest Academy and move it forward till the present day," said Fr. Robert. "We unite our hearts and minds in humble adoration, thanksgiving, and petition for ongoing blessings and protection."

## Pinecrest History

Pinecrest Academy opened its doors on September 7, 1993, at a former elementary school in Crabapple, Georgia, with a student body of 29. It was the first independent, private Catholic elementary school established to serve Atlanta's expanding Catholic population.

Pinecrest remained at this

location for two years, and then moved to All Saints Catholic Church in Dunwoody, where classes were held in the parish's activities center for three years.

The school was accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission, Inc. in 1995. By 1997, the 153-member student body had outgrown its temporary facilities, and the 53-acre plot of land in South Forsyth County was acquired through benefactor donations.

The academy appointed its first headmaster, Dr. Brian Tierney, in 1998. Fifteen additional acres of land were donated to the school in 2001. And now, 20 years later, Pinecrest comprises a lower, middle and high school on a 68-acre campus, with enrollment at 800 students and a faculty and staff of 122.

Arlene remembers how difficult it was to get children into Catholic schools in the early 90's. "My husband, John, was encouraged by a Legionary



Pinecrest tradition on display



priest to come to Atlanta and open a school.

“In February 1993, my husband went on a retreat and God placed on his heart to have a school open by September.”

Arlene and John hosted many gatherings at their home with Legionary priests to help share their vision. They began meeting with officials at the Atlanta Diocese, and the new Archbishop John Francis Donoghue would later grant their request to begin the school.

A friend of the Gannon's, Cathy Hanson, helped to locate a closed school building in Crabapple, Georgia, and her husband, David, and John Gannon negotiated a lease for use of the property.

The first visit from the new Archbishop came shortly after the school opened in Crab Apple.

“He came unannounced, drove himself and stayed for a long family-style visit,” remembers Judy. “He became very endeared to the school, as we became endeared to him and always celebrated his presence with us. He granted us the Eucharist on site and the right to be called a Catholic School early on!”

Judy credits the role of the Blessed Mother in the school's founding. “Our Lady was very present and granted us many favors on her feast days...particularly August 15th and 22nd. Our Lady interceded helping us find temporary locations for Pinecrest until we found our permanent home in Cumming. We would begin with prayer, and the needs and the answers would arrive on her Feast Days!”

She remembers the surprise meeting that brought her and her husband together with the Gannons. John and Arlene had just become members at All Saints parish, and the pastor, Fr. Rudd, introduced Judy to Arlene and asked her family to welcome their family to Atlanta.

“I was beginning my first day of home schooling with two of our daughters

and it was our opening Mass of the year,” said Judy. “I asked Arlene to go to breakfast after learning that she was home schooling too. “

“We had a long breakfast with the kids, and then a long friendship. She introduced me to the Legion that day by giving me an EWTN interview about the order and telling me they wanted to start a school in Atlanta... to which I replied, ‘I’ll help...it would be FUN!’”

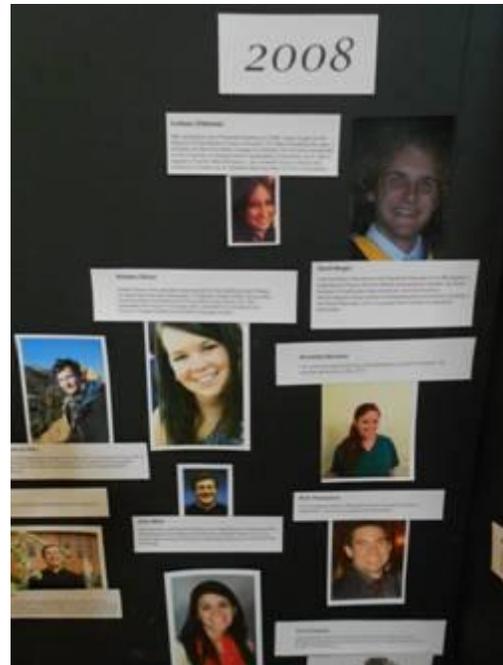
Judy’s husband Bill, became very involved on the new board of the school and used his IBM expertise to set up the management structure, as the school grew. He later left his IBM career to become the first President of the school and start Pinecrest’s high school and the construction of its buildings.

Judy remembers how several teachers worked without salary for months in the beginning and how families believed and supported the school in every way they could. “They would help clean, coach, share business talents, organize funding projects, traveled far, just to have their children receive Catholic Education,” she said. She also remembers how the school introduced many community service activities into Cumming, as well as the “Family Leadership” program, in which speakers and round table discussions were held on topics such as child rearing, as well as starting a Mothers’ Prayer Group and more.

Judy is thankful for the work of other members of the Catholic community in helping to prepare fertile ground for the establishment of Pinecrest. “In Forsyth County there was so much new ground to be broken for the Catholic identity,” she said. “I thank the Marist priests for their work in Atlanta education, which helped us with our credibility. Also, the sisters that served in establishing the United Way Chapter here in Cumming gave local people a good first impression of the Catholic family. Pinecrest is now building on those early beginnings, as our students work and serve our community. The reputation of these young people is well known and they are a great example for the Catholic name.

memories and generous people.”

“Thank you Christ, for rallying us to serve and for blessing us with so many beautiful



The school's mission is to "form Christian leaders who will transform society."



## Faith of the Fatherless

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*IPS professor discusses the psychology of atheism in new book*

Why is it harder for some people to believe? This is the question addressed in the new book from Ignatius Press, "Faith of the Fatherless: The Psychology of Atheism."



The book's author, Dr. Paul Vitz, is a professor at the [Institute for the Psychological Sciences](#)

. Looking at the lives and families of a large sampling of well known non-believers, Dr. Vitz explores the connection between radical atheism and absent or abusive fathers.

A promotional video about the book states, "Dr Paul Vitz shatters the myth that atheism is a rational construction about the world and shows how social-psychological issues are more influential components of modern atheism."

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## **The joy of little**

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**By Fr Jason Brooks LC**



Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:15). Becoming like a child in our relationship with God entails humbly recognizing our need for God and confidently approaching Our Father in a guileless manner so that he can empower us to carry out his will in an unassuming way.

Unfortunately, most people do not like to admit that they are needy for any reason whatsoever. Fortunately for all of us mere mortals who are burdened with weaknesses and imperfections of all kinds, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus saw her littleness in an entirely different light. She saw it in the light of faith. "I prefer to agree very simply that the Almighty has done great things in the soul of His divine Mother's child, and the greatest thing

is to have shown her her littleness, her impotence" (Ms C, 4r). (*Story of a Soul*, composed of three Manuscripts (A, B and C), united by Thérèse's sister Celine, to form the saint's autobiography). This is quite a statement coming from a woman that was hailed as the greatest saint of modern times by Pope St. Pius X.

Thérèse knew she was little, but she did not resent this fact. She knew that apart from Christ, she could do nothing (cf. John 15:5), but she did not lament this reality. On the contrary, she was convinced, like St. Paul, that God's power worked perfectly through her weaknesses and that God's grace was sufficient for her (cf. 2 Cor. 12:9). Thérèse wrote that she frequently noticed that Jesus did not want her to lay up provisions for herself. He acted within her and made her think of all he desired her to do in the present moment (cf. Ms A, 76r). This testimony reveals the intimate dependence that Thérèse had with the Lord and the close relationship that Jesus cultivated with Thérèse. Moreover, it brilliantly illustrates the confident trust that Christ wanted all his disciples to have in him when he made this compassionate proclamation: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

In order to experience the glorious freedom of the sons of God (cf. Rom. 8:21), one has to have a personal relationship with Jesus; and just as becoming childlike is a prerequisite for salvation (cf. Matthew 18:2-4), it is also a precondition for an intimate relationship with Christ. The Lord himself declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to infants...All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him" (Matthew 11:25-27). Therefore, it was important for Thérèse to be little so that she could have a close relationship with Jesus and experience the power and peace of his friendship, as she herself testified: "Because I was little and weak He lowered Himself to me, and He instructed me secretly in the things of His love. Ah! Had the learned who spent their life in study come to me, undoubtedly they would have been astonished to see a child of fourteen understand perfection's secrets, secrets all their knowledge cannot reveal because to possess them one has to be poor in spirit!" (Ms A, 49r).

Thérèse had a pure soul and cultivated in her heart the type of fertile ground that is necessary to enjoy an intimate relationship with God. The good news is that the little way that Thérèse walked is a spiritual path that we can all travel. We just have to love God the way that he has marked out for each and every one of us in the ordinary circumstances of our everyday lives. What God wants of us is to humbly express our need for his mercy so that he can have the joy of forgiving our sins and renewing our hearts with his presence and his peace. In this exchange of love our lives are transformed; because Jesus leads us to the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, who, in turn, empowers us to become instruments of his peace in the world and apostles of his Kingdom. May we all come to appreciate the great privilege it is to be a child of God and experience the power and peace of poor, little souls.

## **I hope that Christ fills us with love, enthusiasm and hope**

*A conversation with Fr. Eduardo Robles Gil, LC, the new general director of the Legionaries of Christ*

*By Fr. Benjamín Clariond, LC*

*After the General Chapter elected Fr. Eduardo Robles Gil general director of the Legion of Christ, as we waited for the confirmation of the Holy See, I had the opportunity to interview Fr. Eduardo in the Legion's General Directorate.*

**Fr. Benjamin:** *Fr. Eduardo, thank you for granting this interview. Thank you, also, for accepting the General Chapter's election of you as General Director. Not everyone has had the opportunity to get to know you. So, I would like to begin by asking you: Who is Fr. Eduardo Robles Gil?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** First of all, I would like to thank LaRed and our websites for the chance to grant this first interview. I would like to address the Legionaries of Christ and the members of the Movement, since we are all brothers and sisters. I would like to give them a chance to get to know me. With time, I hope I can get to know them as well. I ask one and all for a prayer.

Who am I? I am a member of Regnum Christi. I answer that way because, in some way, having met Christ in Regnum Christi has marked my whole life.

I was born into a household where the Catholic faith was being lived. My dad died when I was three-and-a-half years old. So, my grandmother and one of my aunts came to live with us. They were deeply religious. My mother has a great faith that is down to earth and realistic. All of that definitely marked my childhood.

I went to school at the *Cumbres* Institute [*Cumbres Lomas*, Mexico City] and there got to know the Legion of Christ. I had an uncle who was a Jesuit. He was a very good and holy priest. I also had an uncle who was a Marist. But the place I met Jesus Christ was with the Legionaries of Christ, in Regnum Christi. For this reason, when I define who I am, I say that I am a member of Regnum Christi who found his vocation in the Movement to consecrate himself completely to God and be a priest.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *You spent a large portion of your religious life when Fr. Maciel was the general director of the Legion. What relationship did you have with him?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** I studied in Rome from 1977 through 1983. In those years, he would come visit us in Via Aurelia 677, but not that often. During the time in which I studied in Rome, another Legionary brother and I were looking for properties to build the new residence. We found the property that is now the *Mater Ecclesiae* [a seminary for diocesan priests run by the Legion in Rome]. At times, I would have meetings with the founder to keep him up to speed about this project.

Afterwards, I stopped working directly with him. I went to Spain for two years after my priestly ordination, then to Brazil for four. The next time I had to work with him was for two years as the territorial administrator in Mexico. But you can't say that we were very close.

Now, since what we Legionaries saw was his work as a formator and since we didn't know about his hidden life, I felt a certain admiration for him.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *In light of what we've come to learn, how has the figure of the founder changed for you?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** When the first news came out in 1997, I asked myself the question: “What if it were true? What would I do?” In my heart, my conscience, I arrived at the following conclusion: God called me to the priesthood in the Legion. If what they are saying about the founder turned out to be true, I would continue to be a Legionary priest. But, at the time, it was only hypothetical for me.

In 2006, when the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith put out its communiqué about the founder, I sensed that what had been said about him was true. Honestly, I could not believe that the Church would lightly put out a communiqué like that. Nevertheless, I still had a hard time believing it, because it didn’t correspond with the experience I had had of the founder.

After the initial pain when the confirmation came that it was true, I lived out an inner process that made it easier for me to assimilate it all and, as a priest and minister of forgiveness, trust in God’s mercy. Naturally, I also felt a deep grief, above all for the suffering caused. God granted me the grace of forgiving and turning the page. Since then, I have put myself to work.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *You were part of the Outreach Commission formed by Cardinal De Paolis to attend the victims of Fr. Maciel. What was that like?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** You have to understand persons who have been victims of abuse. It leaves a painful mark on their lives, a mark that is not easy to remove. In fact, for many, it never goes away. For me it was painful and sad to see the consequences of all of this. No one should take it lightly.

The experience of dialoguing with, of getting to know, those who have suffered has helped me to understand them better and to try to grasp the grief of a person who suffers. In the cases I dealt with, we spoke, we asked for forgiveness, and we began the journey towards reconciliation.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *How will the Legion continue to be committed to preventing abuse?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** Of course. Today, the Catholic Church is committed to make sure that abuses won’t take place anymore. You can see it in the actions of the dicasteries [in the Vatican], as well as the recent discourses of the Pope. The Legion of Christ is also working, and will continue to do so, in

order to prevent all types of abuse, in the formation and selection of those who join the congregation, in creating safe environments. And, of course, in prompt and serious responses to any allegation that comes to us. In all of this we fully collaborate with civil and ecclesial authorities in the countries we work in, and we will continue to do so.

Also, we have to remember that human beings are weak. We have to assume that we cannot affirm that this task has been concluded, that there will never again be abuses in the Church. This realism should always bring us to be watchful and to apply all the means at our disposal to prevent them. We are working on prevention and attention, but there is always room to grow.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *You studied in Rome from 1977 to 1983. It was a relatively quick formation period. Have you noticed any weak area in your personal preparation for the priesthood?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** Everyone in the Legion has a personal process of formation. For that reason, you can't speak of a prototype, even though there are some shared guidelines. In comparison with other Legionaries, my process was relatively short. When I joined consecrated life [in Regnum Christi], I took many of the courses that you have in novitiate and humanities, though I didn't put as much time into it, above all into humanities.

I joined consecrated life when I had finished my degree in engineering at the Anauhac University. As a consecrated man, I had two years of formation. I arrived to Rome in 1977 to study philosophy. Since I already had a degree, I was able to go straight into graduate level studies at the University.

Afterwards I earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas. Then, I did the studies corresponding to what used to be called the pastoral year in Spain according to a plan set out by the Legion's general prefect of studies, but without enrolling in a university.

I would like to take the chance to thank the priests who have been my superiors and formators. Some of the priests who welcomed me in Rome in 1977 were in the Mass of the Holy Spirit with which we began the General Chapter. I am still moved that they remain firm and faithful 37 years later.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *What passage of Sacred Scripture most inspires you or helps you?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** I don't like to single out things that I most like or that have helped me the most. But one that has always stood out to me is the passage from Jeremiah that I put on my ordination card: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." (Jeremiah 1:5) This passage has marked my life. I am here because God called me to be here. In addition, I am very fond of the passage in Gethsemane, in which Jesus Christ has to struggle with himself: "Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will." (Mark 14:36).

In fact, when the Cardinal asked me if I accepted, I did not respond "I accept" but "I obey." I was obeying God above all, represented by the supreme authority of the Legion, which is the General Chapter. I do so trusting in God who, by means of the General Chapter, has called me to follow him.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *When you began to realize that you could end up being the one who got elected, what went through your mind?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** How do you answer that? Before leaving Mexico, someone told me: "Make sure you come back!" I took it as a joke. Afterwards, some of the chapter fathers began to ask me if I would be willing to accept if I were elected. That's a good hint that someone is thinking of you. Others would ask me how my health is. I told them that I'm doing okay. That also made me think that I was an option.

The days of the chapter began to pass by and, as different topics came up, I realized that this really was a possibility. So, I left it in the hands of Jesus Christ and of the Virgin Mary.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *Now that you mention the Blessed Virgin, what role has Mary played in your priesthood?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** She is always there. I don't have many devotions, but I do have a great faith in the presence of God and of the Virgin Mary in the life of a priest and in my own life. I can say that the Blessed Virgin has shown me what unconditional love means and that I can trust fully in her intercession.

The first time that I seriously considered the vocation in a mature way was in the old Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City (the new one didn't exist yet). There, while I was praying to the Blessed Virgin, I realized that God could be calling me to be a priest.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *Do you feel that, after the General Chapter, the issues raised by the Holy See after the apostolic visitation will be over and done with? Or will there still be more to do?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** The Chapter marks both an ending and a new beginning. This is what many of the chapter fathers feel and that's how we have expressed it in the chapter hall. But, so that it can truly be a new beginning, it is necessary to put the challenges of the past in their place. This is why the Chapter decided to publish a communiqué for the Legionaries, the members of Regnum Christi and for all those who have been following our recent history. We can't erase the past. We have to learn the lessons, mourn what occurred, trust in God's mercy and, like St. Paul, run forward in pursuit of the goal of reaching Christ.

We have made progress in these years, but we cannot say that the task is completed. The Pope has given us indications by means of the Pontifical Delegate. We have to change progressively our way of thinking in certain areas. This is a continuous conversion. The Church is holy and at the same time always in need of reform. We can never say that we are fully converted as persons, nor fully purified or renewed as an institution. This is something that the new government will have to stress in the next few years: continued purification in which we all take part. We want it to be a new beginning in which together we will passionately seek to do good to people and help them get to know the love of Christ and his mercy.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *You are the successor of Fr. Alvaro Corcuera and, in a way, of Fr. Syvester Heereman as well. Do you have anything to say to them?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** I have a great friendship with Fr. Alvaro that has lasted many years. We entered consecrated life in Regnum Christi together in 1975, but we had known each other even before that. Together with that friendship, I would like to express respect and admiration and, for these past years, a sense of gratitude. His example of goodness and warmth towards everyone moves me.

I have had a lot of work related interaction with Fr. Sylvester in these last few months, especially since I began to be territorial director last August. I admire his clarity of mind and his courage. I hope that together in the central government we can serve the Legion in this time of renewal and simulate the apostolates for the good of the Church.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *You have worked in Spain, Brazil and Mexico. What have you learned from these countries?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** I've never really thought about what I learned in each country I've worked in. I try to be optimistic and content wherever I have to be in a given moment.

In Spain I lived my first two years of priestly ministry. There I learned what it is to serve as a priest and a confessor. It was very enriching to experience the mercy of God and be his instrument.

In Brazil, I had to found [the Movement's presence there]. There wasn't anything when the first Legionaries got there. There I realized how difficult it is to begin a Regnum Christi section and works of apostolate from scratch. In 1989, only God knows how many hours I put into the groundwork to start our first school. I never saw it materialize, but I did the paperwork. I have very warm memories of Brazil. Some of the fathers in Mexico would laugh at me since I talked about Brazil so frequently. They ask me if I want to go back. It's a country with a vibrant Church, a very great faith. As well, since it is the country with the most Catholics in the world, it is a place where the Legion has a role to play. We have much to learn from the Brazilian spirit, a happy spirit with which they live the joy of the faith.

I have lived in Italy. Though I have not lived in other European countries, I have lived with Legionaries from many of these countries. They greatly enrich our family. I couldn't leave out a mention of the United States and Canada, which have a very important part to play within the Church. I hope to be able to get to know these places, from which we have so much to learn.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *How did you realize that God was calling you to be a Legionary priest?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** It is complicated to identify precise moments. In the Movement, little by little I found a personal relationship with Our Lord. Little by little, he called me more and more. At some point, I developed a sense that God was calling me to the Legion. There were two years of inner struggle, of searching, of ups and downs. In prayer, spiritual direction and contact with other Legionaries, among whom was the founder, I received the grace of saying “Yes” to God’s invitation.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *One of the principal points of the Legion is education. You have directed several schools. What can you tell us about Regnum Christi’s apostolate in this field?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** The Church has always been concerned with education. Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the “emergency of education”. Education is the cultivation of the mind, of the intelligence, of the spirit. In Regnum Christi, at times, we have expressed the experience of Christ as knowing, loving and following Jesus Christ. In a school you have a chance to offer the part of the teaching of the faith, the first experience of the faith outside the home, so that students can love Jesus Christ and so that God can be someone present in their lives.

In the Catholic Church, we find religious persons who believe in God. But it’s not always a God that has much to do with day to day life. It’s not always a Christ who fills and gives meaning to life. In a Catholic school, in a Regnum Christi school, you can really have this experience. My own life is connected with Jesus Christ, whom I got to know not only in my family, but also in Regnum Christi institutions.

Here I would like to say “thank you” for the work of so many Legionaries, consecrated men and women and lay people who dedicate themselves to educating young people, children, families. There is much to be done, but it is beautiful to see what God has accomplished in people because of the efforts of these brothers and sisters of ours. Your dedication moves me.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *In the past few years, there are priest and brothers in formation who have left the Legion. What are your feelings towards them?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** I send a warm greeting to the priests and brothers who have left the Legion. They have carried out a discernment, seen at a certain point that, in their conscience they could not continue in the Legion. We have to respect the decision they have made. I also believe that those of

us who follow Christ in the Legion and those who follow him along a different path have much in common. We should pray for each other.

Many ex-Legionaries have passed through my life. I have been the superior of some. I have worked together with some. Whenever someone leaves, you feel a certain sadness. The truth is that I love them and continue to consider them my friends and brothers. I send a greeting to all and ask them for a prayer.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *With everything that has happened in the Legion in the past few years, would you recommend to a young man who is discerning that he join the Legion?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** I believe that the Legion of Christ is going through a period of renewal, of purification. It's had an institutional crisis. Being in an institution like this offers certain guarantees to one who joins. Why? We are not a congregation that is marked by success, but by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and the cross of our own weakness. Someone who wants to join will find a congregation that wants to live out the following of Jesus Christ, in fidelity to the Catholic Church. I think that, in this sense, a young man could find this place satisfactory.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *Would you like to send a message to the Legionaries and Regnum Christi members? What do you hope for from us in the next six years?*

**Fr. Eduardo:** I accepted the election as general director because I have a lot of trust. I trust, not only in God and the Church, but I also trust people: Legionaries of Christ, consecrated men and women, the members of Regnum Christi. They are giving themselves in the state of life to which God has called them. If I had thought that I were alone, I would not have been able to accept.

What do I hope for from the Legionaries? I hope that they will continue working enthusiastically, collaborating, giving of themselves. We are in this together. I've been given the task of leading, along with the general council, but we are in this together. We are all rowing together. We are all working. We are all loving Christ.

Today, we have a stimulating challenge in front of us, the challenge of unity: internal unity within the Legion, unity and collaboration with the

consecrated men and women of Regnum Christi in our shared mission and unity with all the members of the Movement. In these years we can look forward to chances to exercise patience, fortitude and innovative charity. It's what Christ wants: "May they be one." Only in this way can we serve the Church and Regnum Christi well.

What do I want? What I learned when I joined Regnum Christi in 1972: that Christ may reign in the hearts of everyone. What we want is that getting to know Christ will bring people fullness in their lives, that more people will meet the Lord and thus families, workplaces and society as a whole will begin to be transformed. I hope that Christ fills us with love, enthusiasm and hope.

**Fr. Benjamin:** *Thank you very much for this interview.*

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