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Come and See

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The Regnum Christi consecrated women extend this invitation to young women discerning a religious vocation to consecrated life with the Movement

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” John 1: 38-39

This is just the advice the consecrated women of Regnum Christi would like to extend to any young women who might be considering a vocation, extending an invitation to a “Come and See” week in Cumming, Georgia from June 6-14, 2014.



An image from the website about the consecrated women of Regnum Christi.



“We have been getting requests from young women who want to know more about the vocation to consecrated life in Regnum Christi,” said Michelle Reiff, National Vocation Director for the Regnum Christi consecrated women. “I think that the best way to learn more is to ‘come and see,’ exactly what Jesus told the first apostles when they asked him questions about his life.”

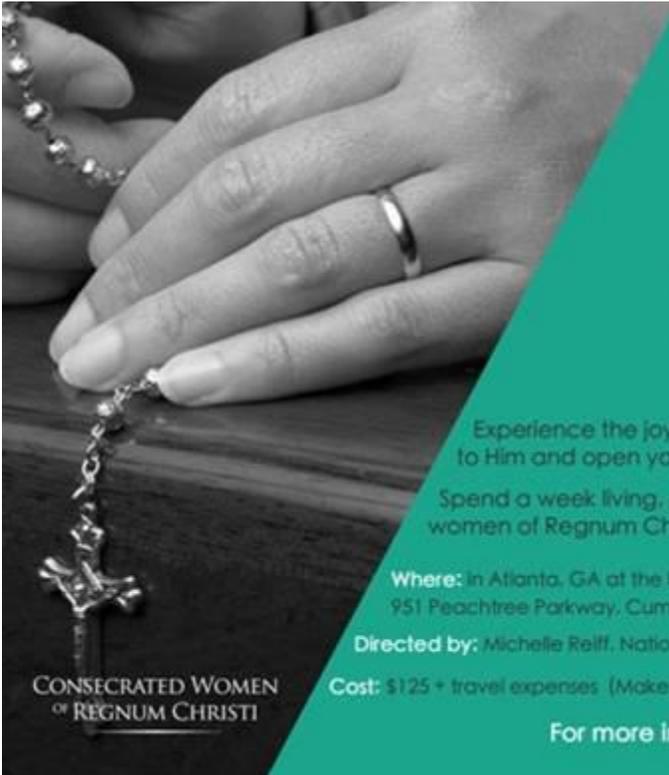
Michelle said participants will be spending a week with the consecrated women in the Atlanta, Georgia area, where they will pray, do apostolic

work, and experience the day-to-day life of the community.

“We hope to provide opportunities for them to live many of the different aspects of our consecrated life so they can see if God may be calling them to this vocation,” she said. “We will have in-depth explanations of our charism, the whole Regnum Christi spiritual family, the way we live the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, as well as giving them time for their own personal prayer and discernment.

“I think it is significant that the week begins just as we celebrate Pentecost, because we really need the Holy Spirit when we are discerning a vocation. The call comes from God, so we need to listen very carefully to the Holy Spirit to be able to recognize and respond to that call.”

For more information



WHO ARE YOU
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THE CONSECRATED WOMEN OF
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COME & SEE
JUNE 6 – 14, 2014

Experience the joy Christ brings to those He calls to belong totally to Him and open your heart to discover his dreams for you.

Spend a week living, praying, and working with the consecrated women of Regnum Christi

Where: in Atlanta, GA at the home of the Consecrated Women:
951 Peachtree Parkway, Cumming, GA 30041

Directed by: Michelle Reiff, National Vocation Director for the consecrated women

Cost: \$125 + travel expenses (Make checks payable to "Pastoral Support Services")

For more info: mreiff@regnumchristi.net (214) 562-2565

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about the discernment week, contact Michelle at mreiff@regnumchristi.net.

A humbling line of work

Regnum Christi Live – May 19, 2014

By Fr Kevin McKenzie LC



Being a priest you receive so many gifts – spiritual ones.

I spend a lot of time in the chapel at school. The other day I was there praying when one of the teachers brought the preschool children in. They made their way up to the front where she pointed out the tabernacle. “Jesus is in there,” she told them.

“Is that really Jesus?” one of the children piped up. The teacher nodded. “Is he gonna come out?” asked another.

Simple questions. But profound. Aren’t those the questions and the desires of every heart? I feel blessed to witness them!

Then there’s confession. For all my life I knelt on one side of the screen. Now I continue to go myself, but I spend a lot of time on the other side.

When I was the one naming my sins and asking forgiveness, I always assumed the priest was thinking to himself, “What a wretch!” Now that I’m hearing confessions, I’m always thinking to myself, “Wow, what humility!”

What humility – that someone would reveal their failings to a mere man, trusting that through him God will grant His forgiveness. What humility –

that a person will kneel and place themselves and all their weakness in God's hands, by means of a weak instrument.

Being witness to the faith of children and the humility of souls are some of the things I'm thankful for as a priest.

Pure Water to Refresh My Soul

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A Brazilian woman shares her story of meeting a Legionary priest among the crowd in Rome

The following is a testimony from Louise Colchete from Brazil. She met one of our Legionary priests, Fr. Brian Coe LC, at the recent canonization events in Rome, and she wanted to share her experience. (English in not her first language, so her grammar has been slightly edited for clarity.)



Fr. Brian Coe LC (top left) and other Legionaries in Rome.

I had the opportunity to go to the canonization of John Paul II and John XXIII and it was all very good. But some problems and tensions during the pilgrimage caused me to lose patience and mutter a little bit...and I asked myself if I needed to confess.

My group and I were waiting for the opening of the gates of St. Peter's Square. There were many people in the place where we were. I had never seen such a crowd, but a priest who was beside me caught my attention, I don't know why.

People who needed to get to another location decided to always pass by on our side and it caused us some stress. There was no space, and sometimes I collided with this priest, but he always said calmly that everything was fine. When impatience came, I looked at this priest

sitting on edge of the pavement with a very peaceful expression and then I tried to calm myself.

Time passed, and after much despair, my group and I entered the St. Peter's Square. When I looked around, I saw the same priest almost on our side again. A girl in my group wanted to confess her sins and asked

the priest if he would hear her confession.

He promptly got up and agreed. I knew I was not totally in the state of grace, but I was a little embarrassed to ask for him to hear my confession because I didn't want to disturb his moment of faith and besides, I don't speak very good English.

But I took courage and went to him. He agreed to hear my confession and was patient when I did not know some words in English. Also, he asked me to repeat an act of contrition that was lovely, the most beautiful I've ever heard!



Louise Colchete



I saw that many other people confessed their sins to him. And that scene was one of the nicest that I could see! When they saw that he was hearing confessions, people became interested in having their sins forgiven (even not knowing the language the priest spoke). As soon as he became available, another person would come to him. Making a silly comparison, it was as if he was offering a small water fountain in the middle of the scorching desert. Everyone needed this pure water to refresh their souls! This priest was a sign of salvation for many people and was also a source of grace!

With that brief moment, I could see how much people need the presence of the priest, and that the donation of lives to the priesthood is very necessary. One point in particular also caught my attention -- the importance of celibacy, which allows the total surrender of the shepherd

to his flock.

After a little time, I found out the name of the priest and discovered, over the Internet, that he is in the Legionaries of Christ. His name is Father Brian Gregory Coe. If it's possible, I ask charitably to send my thanks and fraternal hugs to him. These moments I had in the presence of this man of God will be eternal!

May Mary, our Mother, bless all those who daily donate their lives to this service, the priesthood! And may Our Lady increase every day in us the desire

for sainthood!

Can count on my prayers!

Louise



Fr. Brian Coe LC hears confession



Jesus CEO

Regnum Christi Live – May 20, 2014
By Fr Simon Devereux LC



Left: Legionary brothers James Cleary, Gabriel Wendt, David Spillane y Esteban Castellanos.

“Unless your talents become service, they remain sterile.” – Thomas Alexander

I knew Br James Cleary when he was a toddler running around my parents' house. Now he is studying in Rome.

On May 12th Br. James and his brother Legionaries joined thousands of others seminarians and priests for an encounter with Pope Francis. During the Q&A, the Holy Father highlighted the importance of intellectual formation, community life and leadership as service.

All of us lead others in one way or another. How do I view that role? Is it only to feed my vanity and thirst for control? Or, do I truly see it as opportunity to serve?

Pope Francis is inviting us to look to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who serves his sheep so closely that he shares their smell.



The Pope greeting Legionary seminarian Br. Mauricio Ruiz, L.C.

We will either accuse ourselves or excuse ourselves

**Regnum Christi Live – May 21, 2014
By Fr Michael Sliney LC**



"We will either accuse ourselves or excuse ourselves." -- St. John Vianney

Due to a heavy blizzard in 4th grade, school ended at noon and we were allowed to go home early. My good friend and neighbor, Andy, invited me to go skiing with him and his family, but with my older brothers still in their high school and my mom teaching and dad at work, I realized that nobody was home and the house was locked. I really wanted to go skiing and I only had ten minutes to get ready...while trying to nudge the basement window open with my gloves, it suddenly cracked and broke apart. I climbed inside, grabbed my skis and tried to forget about this infraction on the slopes. Later, I looked my dad in the eyes and told him what had happened. He smiled and said, "Michael, the important thing is that you told the truth...you will need to pay for a replacement window, but it would have been much worse if you tried to justify yourself or deny it."

A Step on the Road to Manhood

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Sports Tournament in Michigan honors newly named saint, John Paul II



An ECyD sports tournament in Michigan honored a new saint in a special way the weekend of May 9-11, 2014.

The 17th annual John Paul II Sports Tournament took place this past weekend at Everest Academy in Clarkston, Michigan, just two weeks after the tournament's namesake was canonized by the Catholic Church.

One hundred and seventy five boys, organized into 24 teams, participated in the three-day tournament, in hockey, soccer, basketball, and a catechism contest.

"It is an opportunity to bring kids together from different schools, provide an experience of friendship, sports, fun and faith together, and hopefully also help them grow in their convictions that will help them make good decisions going forward," said Br. Kramer Cameron LC, one of the event organizers. "I think a sports tournament of 175 kids with Christ at the center is a positive and powerful experience. I love this quote from Pope Benedict: 'The exact meaning of (the word) Catholic is synthesis. I would therefore be against

having to choose between either playing football or studying Sacred Scripture or Canon Law. Let us do both these things.”

The JPII Tournament, as it has come to be called, involves single elimination competition with playoffs in all four categories.

“The finals for the senior division catechism, soccer and basketball games took place in the main gym Saturday night in front of an electrified crowd,” said Br. Kevin Gore LC, who also helped organize the event.

The soccer games took place on Friday and were played on the outside field, but were threatened a bit by inclement weather. A bit of Divine intervention may have helped, organizers believe, thanks to a tournament tradition involving the recitation of the rosary. The first day the boys had to come inside to say the rosary in the school gymnasium following a severe weather alert. Afterwards the weather cleared and remained clear the rest of the weekend. Saturday’s weather was such an improvement that the rosary was held in its usual location, around the outdoor campus statue of Our Lady.

“It was a bit of a miracle,” said Br. Kevin.

The tournament wrapped up Sunday with a Mother’s Day Mass in which the participants each presented their mothers in attendance with a rose. An award ceremony followed, closing with a video chronicling the event.

“I was happy to be part of the JPII organizational team because of the spirit that we created,” said Br. Kevin. “I often wondered why it is that we put on tournaments in the first place – so many teams participate, but only one takes the gold in each sport. But this year I learned that competition isn’t primarily about winning – it is about challenging yourself to become better. The JPII tournament is an opportunity for these young men to grow towards maturity. What a healthy way to spend the weekend -- having a blast with friends and taking one more step down the road to manhood.”

Be a hope!

Regnum Christi Live – May 22, 2014
By Paola Trevino



In September of 2013, Pope Francis asked young people a question: "Do you want to be a hope for God? Do you yourselves want to be a hope? Do you want to be a hope for the Church?"

Then he challenged them and gave them some homework: "Open the doors to a new world of hope. This is your task."

I can testify that young people are willing to take up the challenge and are "doing their homework." I'm here in Haiti with 11 college students, full of energy, enthusiasm, but above all with a heart eager to serve and to love. Three of them have been in Haiti before. They just had to come back, but couldn't do it alone. They had to share this experience with their friends. This summer we will have a total of 125 missionaries coming to Haiti -- at least 45 have been here before -- and another 60 going to Mexico. They are doing their homework, opening the doors to a new world of hope.

Yes, it is happening. When I see them, I see a promising future, I see future holy families, future ethical business men, future priests, consecrated, future professionals, but above all, I see a vibrant young church that brings hope to the world!

So I think it's only fair that we all ask the question in the first person: do I want to be a hope? If the answer is yes, then let's get busy and do our homework: let's open the doors of our hearts toward a new world of hope!

4 Years and 40 Years

Everest Collegiate Celebrates Graduation of its 3rd Senior Class on May 18, 2014, and “graduation” of Fr. Lorenzo Gomez LC

Clarkston, Michigan – “You must be leaders, Christian leaders.”

These are the words of Fr. Lorenzo Gomez LC, the keynote speaker at the 2014 graduation ceremony of [Everest Collegiate High School](#) in Clarkston, Michigan.

Addressing the 26 young men and women of the third EC graduating class on May 18, he took the time to thank all the leaders in the business and community who invested in Everest Academy and Everest Collegiate over the years. He reminded the students that they must return the blessings they have been given to others through loving Christian service.

Fr. Lorenzo Gomes mentioned the advice of one of the past president of Chrysler Corporation, John Riccardo, who said the secret of his success was keeping his life in proper order -- God first, then family, then work.

“Keep loving Christ,” Fr. Lorenzo told the graduates. “I know you are going to make it. You have a good conscience. If you have a good conscience, you can’t be bad. Society can do nothing to you.”

He then surprised the audience by saying he would soon join the students as a “graduate” himself. “You graduate after 4 years, and me after 40 years,” he said referring to how long he has served in the Detroit metro



Fr. Lorenzo Gomez LC
speaking at Everest
Collegiate High School 2014
graduation



area. Following this school year, Fr. Lorenzo will be transferred by the Legion of Christ to work with the community in California. (Click [here](#) to read an “open” letter to Fr. Gomez from the Legion Territorial Director for North America, Fr. John Connor

LC, and click [here](#) to read Fr. Gomez’s response letter.)

Principal Greg Reichert also addressed the Everest Collegiate graduates, telling them the best way to change the world is to change themselves. This is the goal of an Everest education, he said, with its Integral Formation focusing on developing students academically, in human and spiritual virtue and encouraging apostolic service.



EC Graduates say a decade of the rosary with Mary.

“The essence of truth doesn’t exist in telling it to others,” he said. “It exists in being the message, so others will be surprised by you.”

Fr. Daniel Pajerski LC, the main celebrant for the Mass which preceded the graduation ceremony, gave the graduates some advice during his homily on how to keep the faith as they go out into the world. He told them to first remember their identity as followers of Christ who have been “bought with a price” and redeemed. He said the graduates must discover their place in the Church as apostles, staying obedient to the teachings of the Catholic faith. Finally, he said they must, like the Blessed Virgin Mary, decisively say yes to whatever Christ asks of them, without fear, committing themselves to Him, as he has committed himself to them.

Also speaking during the event where



The 2014 Everest Collegiate High School Senior Class



the Everest Collegiate valedictorians, Angela Cunningham and Jeremy Shupbach, and the Integer Award winners, Jacqueline Beltowski and Ryan Bradley. The Integer Award recognizes students at the school who best exemplify the tenents of Integral Formation.

Pope Francis to Bless Magdala Center Tabernacle

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The Spirituality Center and Archeological Park officially open during the Pope's visit to the Holy Land

On Monday, May 26, 2014, in a private ceremony, Pope Francis will bless the tabernacle of the “Duc in Altum” Church from the [Magdala Center](#) in Galilee, Israel.



The Magdala Center is a pilgrimage and spirituality center on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. On the center grounds is an archeological park which contains the remains of Mary Magdalene’s hometown, including a synagogue in which Jesus Christ is thought to have preached. The Legionaries of Christ are heading this project up.

Fr. Juan Solana, LC, director of the Pontifical Institute Notre Dame of Jerusalem, will receive Pope Francis in a private ceremony to bless the tabernacle during the Pope’s upcoming visit to the Holy Land.

“Pope Francis has graciously accepted the invitation to bless the tabernacle of the Magdala Spirituality Center, as a show of his affection for the Holy Land and of his appreciation for the work of the Legionaries of Christ here,” said Fr. Juan.

The first phase of the Magdala Center project will be inaugurated on Wednesday, May 28, with the official opening of the Archeological Park in the presence of Israeli authorities. Then the Spirituality Center will be dedicated, with a Mass celebrated by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Fouad Twal. The tabernacle blessed by Pope Francis will then be placed in the Church.

“The archeological discoveries of this center unite us to both Jews and Christians,” said Fr. Juan. “The Magdala Center is called to foster reflection on the role of women in the Church



Fr. Juan Solana LC and Fr. Eamon Kelly LC in a New York Times video segment on the Magdala Center.



and in society.”

To see a recent news video from the international edition of the *New York Times* about the Magdala Center, go to: <http://nyti.ms/QK0VDZ>

Change of plans

Regnum Christi Live – May 23

By Paola Trevino



In Haiti, we like to say that the missionaries should be able to "roll with the punches." Be ready to change plans, work with what you have and improvise.

Today was quite memorable. No matter how well you organize and schedule departures and errands, things don't always go as expected. Today was one of those days. The wood for our benches was supposed to arrive at 8:30; it was 9:40 and we were still waiting. Instead of waiting longer, we all jumped in a white mini-van and took off to the compound of the Oblates of Immaculate Mary. This was our mission site for today. They asked us to build benches for their chapel. In no time, we were leaving the city behind us and entering the countryside. Quickly, we arrived to our final destination. There we didn't know what to expect. Honestly, we were not even sure if we would be able to build the benches.

We were received by Fr. Pascal, the pastor of the mission. Oh wait, just a small problem -- he didn't know how to speak English or Spanish, so we encountered another hurdle! With the help of the Holy Spirit survived that hurdle! They showed us the chapel and realized that even though they asked for benches, paint was definitely more important ...so we called the hardware store, ordered paint and tried to get it with the order of wood. As always, God is in charge; we made the call just in time.



Second hurdle, Fr. Michael, LC with the wood and the paint was going to be at least one hour late. Meanwhile, I'm with 10 missionaries and no work. So we rolled with the punches. We looked around and saw the opportunity for the missionaries to lead the Pre-K kids in songs in the classroom: "hokey pokey, head shoulders-knees-and-toes, or Jesus loves me this I know..."

Young people are building a new world of hope! 10 Americans scattered in a classroom of little Haitians, sharing their faith and love through songs! I wish you had been here to see the faces of the kids; the sparkle in their eyes was priceless. We had made their morning memorable for sure!

Finally the materials arrived and off to work we go....Scraping, painting, dismantling kneelers and cutting wood, we had less than 6 hours to finish it all.

Our missionaries have demonstrated so much service, love, generosity. They are ready to step up to the plate and do what a missionary is expected to do: Go, with no fear and serve! And build the new world of hope!

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