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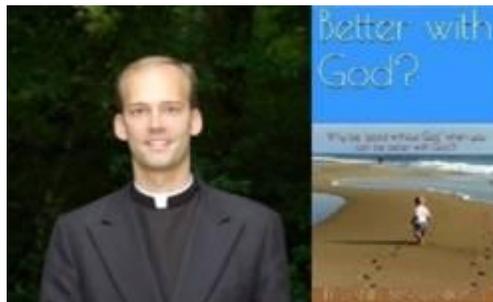
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Fr. Daniel Brandenburg's "Better With God" book is available for 20 percent off the retail price

This month the featured sales item at the RC Store is a book by Fr. Daniel Brandenburg LC, *Better With God: Why be good without God when you can be better with God?*

The book is offered, for July only, at 20 percent off its retail price. To order this item, go to the following link:

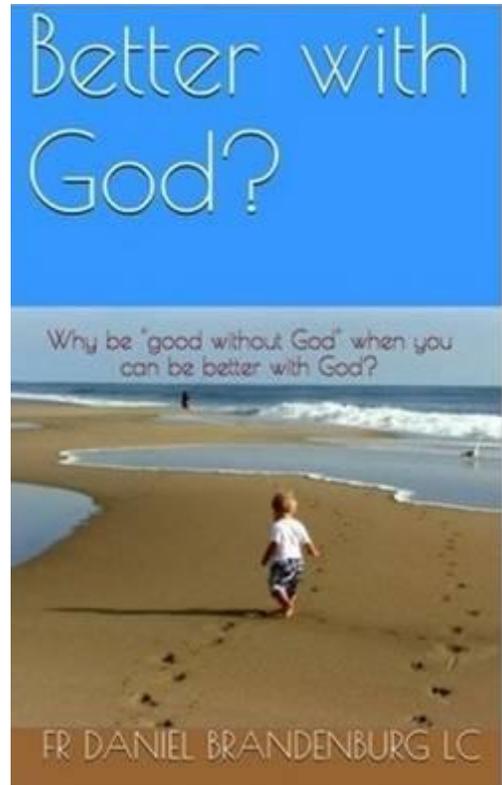
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“In a nutshell, this book explains the crisis of faith in modern society, and discusses how this crisis became personal for me through an experience of a priest gone ‘bad’ and an atheist gone ‘good’,” said Fr. Daniel. (For the story about the book on this website, click [here](#).) Fr. Daniel said the book’s subject matter revolves around two questions:

- Can we be good without God? The book includes some of the arguments from atheists and 10 modern myths about faith.
- Are we better off with religion? The book provides a review of various studies that show

the surprising results of religion in society, and specifically of Christianity. This is Fr. Daniel's second book. He previously published [*The New Fundamentalists: the Intolerance of Tolerance*](#), available on [Amazon](#).



Breath Inside

Regnum Christi Live – July 7, 2014
By Br John Klein LC



"Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid.

Be brave! God is with you!" - St. John Paul II -

I read this quote once in an email a few years ago and it had a profound impact on me. Alone we can feel very small and weak. Sometimes our weakness and limitations can seem very great to us and discourage from striving, in hope, for all the good things God wants to give us and work

through us. When we feel this way it's because our focus is on the wrong thing. It's not on God but rather on us. We are focusing on the fragile clay vessel and not on the treasure within it. God is with us. If we living in God's grace and friendship, the Blessed Trinity, in all its majesty, is housed within us! This is the Truth! When we shift our gaze onto God being with us, we focus on all that He is able to do in us and not all that we are not able to do because of our limitations. In difficulty and faced with the challenges of life hear the words of God in this song. I'll be the breath inside you... I'll come alive inside you. God is with you. Do not be afraid. He will help you. He can do anything!

BREATH INSIDE: <http://www.reverbNation.com/johnkleinlc/song/20204883-breath-inside>

O God Beyond all Praising

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Two Regnum Christi consecrated women renew their
VOWS



Jennifer Malneritch (left) and
Kate Bozsik renew their
temporary promises of

An atmosphere of quiet, deep joy reigned
as Mass began with the entrance hymn
“O God Beyond all Praising.”

consecration.



After completing an 8-day retreat with some of their classmates at Mater Ecclesiae College in Greenville, Rhode Island July 3, 2014, Kate Bozsik and Jennifer Malneritch made their renewal of temporary vows of consecration within the Regnum Christi movement.

Nancy Nohrden, the territorial director for the consecrated women, received their vows in a simple and moving ceremony.

Fr. Anthony Sortino LC, who had preached their spiritual retreat, celebrated the Mass. Concelebrating were Fr. John Bartunek LC, Fr. Edward McIlmail LC, and Fr. Nikola Derpich LC, and Fr. Roger Landry of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts.

Kate sang the psalm for the Mass, and in his homily, Fr. Anthony encouraged the women to “keep on singing” in response to the love of God.

He made reference to St. Thomas the apostle, whose feast day it was, mentioning the dichotomy that exists in life between love and fear. He said Jesus allowed Thomas to touch and see the wounded love of God and that touch left its mark on him.

We join in prayer for Kate and Jennifer, asking God that their lives give forth the fragrance of



Nancy Nohrden, the North American territorial director for the RC consecrated women, accepts the promises.



holiness that will attract more people to Christ.

The Visibility of a Priest

Regnum Christi Live – July 8, 2014
By Fr Matthew P Schneider LC



How often would someone stop a Jewish Rabbi, Muslim Imam, or Sikh Guru in a mall and complain about something some other member of their religion did and tell them all the evil their religion is responsible for? I doubt it's often.

However, when we walk around as Catholic priests, it can happen. A few days ago, I was waiting for an oil change and walking around the mall the mechanic shop was in when a guy yells out "Catholic Priest." I stop, turn around, and walk over to him. He's buying a soda and cigs. He says that all we priests are responsible for so much evil in the world. His girlfriend (or wife) chimes in "The whole Catholic religion is a sham." He tells me the evil he personally suffered from priests (I don't think he would like me to share). Even though I agreed that the priests who hurt his family should be held responsible, he didn't seem like he had any interest in changing his mind. He just wanted to vent his pain.

Why do I relate this? Not because I'm looking for pity. Instead I think it is a grace to be able to suffer just a little bit of what Christ did on the cross – being accused of something I know in my heart I'm not responsible for. Since a priest is another Christ, I have to take advantage of such opportunities. So often in confession we becoming the reciprocal of another's pain; there's no reason we shouldn't do the same outside it.

Benediction in a Tipi

Regnum Christi Live – June 9

By Nicolette Chmiel



Well, I have always admired St. Isaac Jogues for his courageous evangelization to the Native Americans. I can only image the fervor with which he celebrated Mass for the Iroquois in their little Indian tipis. It is sometimes easy to look at the lives of the saints and dream about being holy and bringing other people to Christ, but sometimes when the rubber hits the road the dream of sanctity remains simply a dream.

Perhaps it is presumptuous to say had a similar experience to the great St. Isaac recently, but I will anyway. I live in the modern world, with technology, electricity and well built houses. The work I do to evangelize does not generally entail sickness or working with unbaptized pagans, and it certainly has never meant having my fingers gnawed off. The people that I am called to evangelize come from an entirely different back ground and culture. But I share at least one thing in common with St. Isaac, I am called to bring Jesus to the concrete reality of people's lives, be it a tipi or a well build home.

During our Jump Challenge camp, a couple of team leaders and I planned a Eucharistic procession for the 5th and 6th grade girls. It was all set up and ready to go, when a thunderstorm broke in the middle of the afternoon. I checked acuweather.com and to our luck there was a break in the storm at the exact time when we were scheduled to do the procession. Perfect!

So the procession began. We made it to the first altar outside when we all heard the first crack of thunder. A few girls nervously came to me to make sure that I knew a storm was brewing, but I was thoroughly convinced that the storm would hold off until we made it back to the chapel. So we continued down the hill to the next altar, which was in a place called Tipi Village because of the six or seven Indian tipis in the field. We were now a good seven minute walk to the chapel. At this altar one of the team leaders began leading a reflection for the girls. A few minutes into the reflection a slight drizzle of rain began, which quickly turned into a down pour. Not being so quick on my feet, I knelt there stunned that my plans had been foiled. Someone else was quick enough to find an umbrella and put it over the monstrance, and at the next crack of lightning call all the girls to take shelter. So all twenty girls, eight team leaders and four chaperones ran to one of the tipis followed by Fr. Timothy and Jesus in the monstrance. It immediately became the most intimate chapel I have ever been in. The thunder continued to roll, and so did tears from the eyes of some scared ten-year-olds. But there we were, waiting for the camp moms to come and pick us up with the car to spare us a seven minute walk in the storm. We prayed a decade of the rosary, and as the rain beat harder and harder outside our tipi, we chanted louder and louder for Mary's intercession. Then we all knelt down to receive a benediction. We were with Jesus in a tipi. It was not what we expected, but it was definitely one of the most memorable moments of the whole camp. The girls did not stop talking about how they had an awesome experience with Jesus in a tipi. Maybe this is an experience that we have all had before. I don't mean literally receiving benediction in a tipi, but I do mean it in an analogical way. We can find ourselves in an open field, things are going well in life, and we seem to be able to make it. Maybe we see a storm on the horizon, but don't know how to deal with it. Then it finally breaks, and we are left in an open field during a thunderstorm and we wonder why God does not seem to give us much to work with. The last place we would imagine finding intimacy with him is in a tipi. Nevertheless, he comes to us, he gives us shelter in the storm and sends us his blessing. It is not in the way we expected, how

we planned it, or even how we want it to be, but it becomes a memorable moment in our life. And in the end, who would not want to boast about receive benediction in a tipi?

The Joy of the Gospel

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Legionaries of Christ give course on the apostolic exhortation “Evangelii Gaudium” to the Missionaries of Charity in San Francisco

Fr. Brian Shininger LC and Fr. Joshua West LC led a course for the Missionaries of Charity in San Francisco, California this past May. The course was part of the sister’s annual week of studies, which had as its theme the apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis, [Evangelii Gaudium](#). The course took place from May 5-9, 2014, in the Missionaries of Charity novitiate, and consisted of three talks per day on different parts of the Pope’s document. Fr. Brian and Fr. Joshua also celebrated Mass for the sisters every day and were available for confessions.



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In some of their talks about the “charismas” in the Church, the priests used the diagram and ideas from book [The Quest for the Core: of the Regnum Christi Charism](#) written by Fr. Patrick Langan LC and Fr. Owen Kearns LC, which the sisters reportedly found very insightful, applying the main idea to their own charism. The course was also a fruitful experience to the priests. “It was a renewal for us to give the talks and celebrate Mass to the sisters and novices,” said Fr. Brian.

This is not the first time that the Legionaries have worked together with the Missionaries of Charity. On another occasion, they helped to distribute food for the poor in the San Francisco area with the help of boys from the local Conquest club, ministering to the homeless and sick. (Click [here](#) to read the article on the RC website.)

MS degree in Psychology Online

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IPS now offering an online curriculum for a Master of Sciences degree in Psychology

Thanks to the [Institute for the Psychological Sciences](#), graduate students can now get their Master of Science degree in two years fully online! IPS is offering a 36 credit-hour, online curriculum, taken over a 2-year period.

Founded in Arlington, Virginia in 1999, IPS offers a unique psychology

curriculum based on a Catholic understanding of the human person and the best of modern psychology.

“We are continuing to explore other ways to transform culture and make the practice of an integrated psychology a prominent reality,” said the Institute’s president, Fr. Charles Sikorsky LC.

Professor at Boston College and guest lecturer at IPS, Dr. Peter Kreeft, said he cannot recommend IPS “too highly or enthusiastically.”

“Everything I know about this Institute makes me confident that its graduates are destined to ‘make waves’ in our society that will touch and heal many, many sore souls and make a deep and lasting influence on individuals, families, our culture, and the science of psychology,” he said.



Geared toward those in the helping professions, the new IPS online curriculum says its students will become “transformational leaders” in their field. They will not only “advance professionally,” growing in “knowledge and expertise, learning practical work skills,” but also grow in their faith and learn to apply it in a psychology-related profession, increasing their “capacity to serve” and “helping others to flourish and grow in virtue.”

Visit www.ipsciences.edu to [download](#) more information about the online degree, including IPS’s:

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Be still and know that I am God

Regnum Christi Live – July 10, 2014

By Fr Michael Sliney LC



"Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)

Back in 1998, we brought a large group over to Rome for the Feast of Pentecost. We were scheduled to have a special rosary with St. John Paul II in the Vatican Gardens, but the crowds in St. Peter's square rushed towards the gate when it opened for our group, so the Swiss Guards asked if we could form a human chain to keep the crowds under control. Our group of High School aged guys volunteered for the job, and before long the guards were about to close the gates because the garden area was completely full. Our guys offered to wait outside to control the crowds and to help lead everyone in a rosary on the steps of St. Peter's along with Fr.

Anthony Bannon, LC. This was a tough sacrifice, but they did it with a great spirit.

Two days later, we went to a Papal audience in St. Peter's Square and as we entered the plaza, a Swiss Guard came up to me and mentioned that he could open up the barricade for our group, because St. John Paul II would be driving right down this particular aisle. One hour later, the Pope drove down that aisle and most of our kids were able to touch him and see him up close. God did not let our little act of charity go unnoticed!

2013 Financial Report

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North American Territory releases financial results for the most recent fiscal year

The Legion of Christ and Regnum Christi in North America have released their financial report for the fiscal year 2013.

According to the report, financial results for 2013 “parallel the progress Regnum Christi and the Legion have been making worldwide as part of the renewal process.” The movement’s three financial strategies --

Restructure, Regionalize and Reinforce -- are detailed.

“We are successfully building the financial base that will support the long-term viability and growth of our work in the United States and Canada,” said Fr. Jose Felix Ortega LC, Chief Financial Officer for the North American Territory. “The journey towards profound renewal and unity as a spiritual family is advancing, and the steps we have taken to strengthen our financial health are serving to maximize our ability to



advance on this path at the service of the Church.”
Click [here](#) to read the report.

Pause for Peace

Regnum Christi Live – July 11, 2014

By Jim Fair



It would be wonderful to live in a world at peace – even if only for 90 minutes (plus stoppage time).



The idea of a pause for peace during the World Cup Final comes from Msgr. Melchor Sanchez de Toca y Alamed, undersecretary at the Pontifical Council for Culture and head of the section for culture and sport. Given the universal participation in soccer/futbol, it seems reasonable to me that for a brief time Sunday afternoon folks everywhere could stop killing, maiming, raping and persecuting each other. Just put down and guns, knives and clubs and watch Germany and Argentina kick the ball around.

This is the first time a World Cup will be played between nations that each produced a living Pope. I can imagine the two Pontiffs getting together in the Vatican man cave and watching the match over beer (German) and empanadas (Argentine). In reality, I expect they will be distracted by prayer and the pursuit of holiness.

I'll be pulling for Germany. That's partly because my family heritage is primarily German. But I also have some friends from Brazil, and after their team fell a bit short in the last match I don't think they need the further pain of Argentina winning the World Cup in Brazil.

Of course, there is this player named Messi, who plays for Argentina. And he does seem to deserve a little recognition. How about he scores three goals, but Germany wins 4-3?

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