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Just in Time for the National Convention

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Regnum Christi offers new apparel with a special pre-order sale through September 19

Regnum Christi is offering new apparel, including golf-style shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and hats for men and women, in a special pre-order sale prior to the RC National Convention in Atlanta this October.

All of the new products are available for pre-order at the online [RC store](#) at the Regnum Christi website. Click [here](#) for the flyer and more information.

The products can be pre-ordered for a limited time, ending Sept 19, 2014.

“This sale was originally intended only for convention participants, as a market study to help us to better understand what products/colors people would like,” said Todd Brechbill from Mission Network. “However, we have now expanded it nationwide so everyone can participate and have access to this name-brand, high quality official ©Regnum Christi branded apparel.”

At the online store you can choose a color and size, where pertinent, and regarding the shirts, the particular style. The most popular colors and styles will eventually be offered permanently through the RC store.

Pre-ordered items will be available for pickup at the Atlanta convention, or



An overview of items available, with all shirts and jackets shown here in black.



(for a shipping and handling fee) mailed to a selected address. Products will be shipped the week of October 6.

For more information, contact Anna Kulway at customerservice@missionnetwork.com



The **love** of Christ impels us 2 Cor 5:14

caritas Christi urget nos



Black

Limited Time
Available Colors



Women's Sport Polo

\$28.99

- Harrington Women's Polytech Polyester Polo
- ✓ Cotton: 0%
 - ✓ Weight: 4 Oz
 - ✓ Sizes: S, M, L, XL (2XL add \$3.50)
- Features:
- ✓ High quality / stitch count embroidered Regnum Christi Logo on left chest
 - ✓ 100% polyester polo shirt
 - ✓ Anti microbial, anti static, anti odor and UPF 50 protection
 - ✓ Side seamed & Flat knit collar
 - ✓ Two button placket
 - ✓ Double needle topstitch on bottom hem and side vents
 - ✓ Clean finished inside neck with self fabric neck tape
 - ✓ Proven to absorb, wick and evaporate more moisture than cotton
 - ✓ Hemmed sleeves
 - ✓ Quick drying and breathable
 - ✓ Tag



Navy



True Royal



Light Blue



True Red



Charcoal



White

One of the shirt styles offered for women. Most of the apparel items are offered in different styles and colors.



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Providence and pizza

Regnum Christi Live – August 18, 2014

By Fr Kevin McKenzie LC



Praying the rosary in the Grotto at Notre Dame hours before the deep dish pizza experience

“Hey, your car’s on fire!” shouted the man from the car beside me. It was mid-July and I was driving through downtown Chicago with a van full of boys headed for summer camp. And it did look like my car was on fire – smoke was pouring out of the engine.

So I searched around at the next stoplight, hoping to find a place to pull over. It was about dinnertime, and there in front of us it was: Giordano’s Pizza – Chicago Deep Dish. “Boys, I guess we’d better stop for dinner and let the car cool down.”

Boys being boys, all I heard from the back of the van were mock groans and complaints. “Gosh father, that’s just too bad,” one said, smiling.

It wasn’t bad for them, but as we sat at our table and I saw the bill starting to add up, it definitely looked bad for me. The deep dish pizza was excellent though, and well worth our half hour wait. Shortly after we had sat down, a man arrived by himself and sat at the table next to us. We were chitter chattering so much that I barely noticed him.



Visiting the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame earlier the same day

Our waiter was really interested in the priest at his table, so the questions were endless: “How long have you been a priest? Where are you pastor? What do you do? How long did it take you to become a priest? White Sox or Cubs fan?” – the whole nine yards.

By the time we finished our pizza, the man next to us had left and I was trying to calculate the bill in my head. I had declined the dessert menu in hopes of keeping it manageable.

That was when our waiter reappeared. “Oh, uh, you’re good to go. The man who sat next to you paid your bill and left me a nice tip, so you’re all set. Have a great day, Father!”

You should have seen the look on the boys’ faces. And mine too probably. I had been so worried. About the bill, and about the car. And out of the blue this kind stranger had taken care of worry #1. And when we got out to our car, we discovered the smoke was only coming from a finicky parking brake. Worry #2 taken care of.

So often our worries consume us. We live with them tearing our insides apart. But worries are often just a large portion of pride dragging us down. We want things to work the way we want. And no other. I want my car to work, now. I want to eat deep dish pizza, and it better not cost much. 9

The next time a worry comes your way, see it as an opportunity to trust, to abandon a little bit of your dominion over your life to God's hands. I'm the first one who will admit that's not easy, but you'd be surprised how well God figures things out, and how unfounded our worries often are.

Framework for Collaboration

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Territorial Director Fr. John Connor LC announces additional members to the new Territorial Committee for North America

Two lay members of Regnum Christi have been named to a new Territorial Committee, rounding out a leadership team that will direct what has been called a "Framework for Collaboration" between all the different groups under the Regnum Christi umbrella.



North American Territorial Director Fr. John Connor LC sent a letter to the members of the Legion of Christ and Regnum Christi on the feast of the Assumption. He said the Territorial Committee has had Legionaries and consecrated members on the team since early July and recently named lay RC members Donna Garrett and Mike Williams to join the group.

The territorial committee, which is made up of two territorial directors, two members from each council, and two lay members, will direct the common mission of the different branches of Regnum Christi.

The new lay members were chosen from a list of 10 candidates from across the country. All the candidates have been long-time RC members and were all very qualified, said Fr. John, who serves as president of the committee.

In addition to the new lay members of the committee, the group includes: Fr. Kevin Meehan LC and Fr. Matthew Van Smoorenburg LC and Regnum Christi consecrated women Nancy Nohrden (NA Territorial Director for the RC consecrated women), Glory Darbellay and Michelle Reiff.

Because of the small number of RC consecrated men in the NA territory (most are in Europe), Matthew Reinhardt (NA and European Territorial Director for the RC consecrated men) requested he not be on the committee, but will remain informed of all proceedings.

Details of how the new “Framework for Collaboration” will apply to the North American Territory should be sent out to RC members by the end of this month, according to Fr. John.

Donna Garrett

Donna Garrett is a native of Omaha, Nebraska, and has been married to her husband Jeff for 26 years. They have 4 young-adult children. Donna is a second degree, second-level Regnum Christi member who has been with the movement for 15 years, serving as a facilitator for Familia, a Challenge Club formator, Challenge Club president, Youth and VAC (Vocation Action Circle) coordinator, Section Assistant and Section Director of Nebraska. She has been a lay spiritual guide for 12 years for the Omaha section and currently serves the Heartland Locality as LCA.

Mike Williams

Mike Williams was born near Detroit, Michigan. He has been married to his wife Lisa for 27 years and they have a 23-year-old son, Michael. He and his wife are incorporated to the third level, second degree of RC. Mike became a member of ECYD in 1977 and Regnum Christi in 1980. He has served as a team leader for both ECYD and Regnum Christi, and as section secretary and group leader of the Detroit men’s section. He

also served on the territorial director's team in Connecticut, assisting Regnum Christi sections and apostolates nationally. In 2005, he helped to found and then lead the national office of Mission Network. Since his work with Mission Network ended in 2010, he has worked in a marriage healing apostolate and an apostolate with college-age young adults, and continued participating on his parish RCIA team and serving as a spiritual guide and as a team leader in the Atlanta men's section.

Reaping what we sow

Regnum Christi Live – August 19, 2014
By Jim Fair



News media have been pondering a recent Harvard study that found that young people are, well, not so nice.

The study surveyed 10,000 teens at 33 schools across the United States. When asked about their priorities, 48 percent said “achievement.” Thirty percent picked “happiness.” Only 22 percent picked “caring.”

In other words, kids are more concerned about getting ahead and being happy than being a caring person. Surprise! Kids have picked up the messages our culture gives them.

The proposed Harvard solution is to provide teens with more opportunities for community service so they can show how much they really care. And, of

course, we'll have to do something about all that parental pressure on kids to get good grades, high-paying jobs and a big house in the suburbs.

No bullying...and be sure to say please and thank you, right? That will raise a new generation of caring adults!

I don't buy it, because we live in a broken culture that screams distorted values:

- Sex is a means to self-fulfillment and has nothing to do with the welfare of the other person.
- Gay marriage is fine if it makes a person happy, regardless of the consequences for society.
- Creating babies in a test tube or via surrogate mothers is licit because having a child is a right for anyone who can afford it.
- Abortion is great because it eliminates the inconvenience of an unwanted life.
- You really don't have to care about other people because that is what the government nanny state is for.
- You will be successful in life if you have lots of cool stuff, look good, smell good and stay young as long as possible.

Why would a young person be caring (beyond the most superficial "niceness") given what our culture says is important? Why would anyone think that someone raised in a pro-abortion, sexually charged, materialistic nanny state would list "caring" as a high priority?

And this isn't a crisis that will be solved by community service projects and workshops on how bullying makes others feel bad. We've sown immorality and selfishness and we're reaping the result. This won't get fixed quickly.

No, this is going to be a long, hard road of spiritual conversion. It will require us to bring the love of Christ into our culture, evangelizing everywhere and everyone – one soul at a time.

Build up our Church!

Regnum Christi Live – August 20

By Fr Michael Sliney LC



“You must not abandon the ship in a storm because you cannot control the winds....What you cannot turn to good, you must at least make as little bad as you can.” St. Thomas More

The Catholic Church (including my own religious order) has had its share of difficulties in these past years, but Christ is still at the helm and in spite of the storms, and we continue forward on a sure and straight path. Instead of complaining or pointing fingers, we should try to live radical sanctity to edify and build up our Church. Christ is asking all of us to strive for sanctity and inspire many others to love and follow Christ during these trying times!

Celebrating Faith and Family

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Regnum Christi members gather for festival in Cincinnati

Several Regnum Christi families in the Cincinnati section joined together to host the first annual "Faith and Family Festival" at King's Domain in Oregonia, Ohio, this summer.

Those attending came from throughout the Ohio Valley, including families from Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio. The entire RC family was represented: consecrated women and Legionary priests and RC lay members and their families. At the opening Mass, Fr. John Bullock LC offered words of encouragement for living out the Christian life.



Cincinnati-area Regnum Christi members at Faith and Family festival.



After Mass, a member of the young women's section, Elizabeth Gronotte, served as MC. She directed everyone to the lower fields where a variety of activities awaited. Adults enjoyed reuniting with old friends, chatting over "corn-hole" games and barbeque grills, while kids sprawled out on the basketball courts with their multi-colored chalk drawings. The young women's section held a "Family Car Edition" scavenger hunt. The Van Dorpe family took home first prize, with a little help from the Legionaries!

After lunch, the women faced off on the volleyball court for a challenge between the consecrated women/moms versus the daughters/young women. Down the field, the dads and Legionaries joined the boys in a competitive kickball game, and Fr. Matthew led games for the preschoolers.

In the afternoon, everyone gathered to pray the rosary. All participated in this moment of prayer -- teenagers and parents alike led the mysteries of the rosary. The consecrated women contributed their musical gifts, while the Legionaries heard confessions well into the afternoon.

Consecrated

woman Jacquie Lustig gave an extended testimony of her experience of “Christ the King” to the adults, while the young women’s section and the other consecrated women engaged the little ones in more games.

During dinner, each family introduced themselves to the rest of the group. Carl Brown gave a testimony about his time with the movement, detailing the "return on investment" that he has received in Regnum Christi.

The young and not-so-young alike enjoyed s’mores, jokes and conversations around the bonfire later that evening before all dispersed to their homes.

The next day, a closing Mass and breakfast concluded the festival, with section director Fr. Daniel Brandenburg LC offering words of encouragement in his homily. Consecrated woman Nicolette Chmiel (a native of Cincinnati) said, "It felt just like a Regnum Christi family reunion."



Celebrating Mass at Cincinnati-area Faith and Family Festival.



“Here I am Lord”

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Four young women take their vows of consecration within the Association of Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi



Greenville, Rhode Island —On the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, four young women made their first vows of “poverty, chastity and obedience” within the Association of Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi.

The four began their journey with several other young women two years ago when they started their discernment of consecrated life within Regnum Christi. Over time, while some of these young women discovered God was calling them to a different path, Dani Haddad (Chile), Julian Frommling (Ohio), Victoria Backstrom (Minnesota) and Rose Cunningham (California) felt the gentle invitation of Jesus: “Come, Follow Me.”

Several of their friends and family members joined in the Eucharistic celebration, and it was a joyful gathering, both for the families of the women who made their vows as well as for the family of the Regnum Christi Movement.

Fr. James Perez LC officiated, with Fr. Edward McIlmail LC and Fr. Nicola Derpich LC concelebrating. Br. Morgan Backstrom LC (Victoria’s

brother who is stationed in Rome) has been in the US for a summer apostolate and was proud to be part of the celebration, serving at the Mass.

During the ceremony, the candidates were called by name by Magdalena Faine, the director of the candidacy

program. Each responded with a resounding “Here I am Lord, you have called me,” illustrating the divine initiative in every vocation.

Nancy Nohrden, territorial director of the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi in North America, presided over the rite of consecration, receiving on behalf of the Association, the first vows of the candidates. Father James then prayed a prayer of consecration over them, asking the Holy Spirit to send His fire of love upon them. Each received a crucifix and a Bible to sustain and nourish them in their life of consecration. They responded to the reception of the crucifix with the words “Hail, O Cross, our only hope” and a kissed the image of Our Lord.



Rose Cunningham takes her vows with her sister candidates.



During the offertory procession, the newly consecrated each brought up a single host to add to the paten as a symbol of her voluntary self-offering to Christ.

After Mass, the halls of Mater Ecclesiae were filled with joyful greetings to each of the newly consecrated as their families and friends lined up for photos and gave them flowers.

Victoria said what the day meant for her. “Just before Mass began, Magdalena met us in the choir loft and gave each one of us a hug. She accompanied

us all through this long journey. She knows us well. I could see in her eyes the love of a mother. She was proud of her 'kids' taking the next step."

"It's amazing to see how God works," she said. "We started with 12, and this is what He wanted. He has a plan; the best one."

Please continue to pray for all the Consecrated Women continuing their discernment and give thanks to God for these new vocations in the Church.



Julian Frommling makes her vows of consecration.



GPS

Regnum Christi Live – August 21, 2014
By Fr Simon Devereux LC



"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." Bl. Mother Teresa

I love the GPS in my car. No matter how many times I take a wrong turn, it calmly recalculates and tells me the new best route to my destination.

I think God is the same way. He does not recriminate us when we make mistakes; rather, he gently forgives us and then indicates the new best way to get to our ultimate designation: Heaven.

What the ALS Challenge Has Done

Regnum Christi Live – August 22, 2014

By Kelly Luttinen



I watched a video today from a man named Anthony, shared by some of my Facebook friends.

I am not going to provide a link for it because it contains some things that might be offensive, but the overall message was heart-wrenching.

Anthony took the challenge so many people are taking these days, getting doused with ice water to raise funds for research to cure ALS (also known

as Lou Gehrig's disease). Anthony goes a bit far in his efforts to make his challenge original (hence the offensive stuff), and then comes the heart-wrenching part. He shares with his viewers that ALS runs in his family, and he is terrified of the future since he is already showing symptoms. He also is apparently the care-giver for one of his female relatives who already has ALS, and in some tender scenes, we see him tending to her needs.

During the video, Anthony states how he is frustrated because many in the world, so obsessed with social media and instant gratification, are getting tired of what they call this "silly" trend.

Through God's grace, I can see the value and cleverness of the ALS campaign, and I allowed my children to participate, although I was careful to make sure they encourage donations to the [morally acceptable alternative to the ALS charity](#), which supports embryonic stem cell research. [The JPII Medical Research Institute](#) supports research into neurological degenerative disorders using only adult stem cells.

I also wish I could share some thoughts with Anthony and others like him, who are terrified of suffering, and of being perceived by the world as useless and dismissible.

God created all of us to live with Him for eternity, Anthony. This life, with all its difficulties, is only a pilgrimage to get to Him. Each of us is precious simply because we exist. Our world does not know this. Here's to hoping things like the ALS challenge help our world realize its error.

A Sign of Hope

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Fr. John Ko LC joins news crew in coverage of

Papal Mass in South Korea

Calling the first visit of Pope Francis to Asia “a sign of hope,” Fr. John Ko LC joined a Korean news crew as a commentator during the broadcast of the Beatification Mass for the 124 Korean Martyrs.



Fr. John Ko LC on Arirang TV



The Mass in Seoul honored these victims of religious persecution who were tortured and killed during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Click [here](#) to see the news video on the RC website from [Arirang TV](#). (It will air after the broadcast of a few Korean station advertisements.) The station broadcasts in the English language. (On the station website, the video is listed under “2014-08-16 Beatification of 124 Korean Martyrs.”)

Pope Francis completed his South Korean tour on August 18, 2014. The growing church in South Korea reportedly has one of the world’s highest rates of conversion to Catholicism. During the week of the Pope’s visit, he also presided over Asian World Youth Day



News coverage of Pope

activities in the Diocese of Daejeon.

Francis in Korea



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