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Sunrise

Regnum Christi Live – August 4, 2014
By Br John Klein LC



Here is a recent picture of me on Mt LeConte in the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee. I had the grace to go hiking for a few days with some high schoolers from Atlanta. Mt Leconte is about 6,000ft high and about a 3-6 hour climb depending on how much youthful vigor you have left within you. Towards the top of the mountain we hit about a foot of slushy snow leaving us with wet socks for the rest of our excursion. For those of you who have not hiked much before, wet socks in cold weather is a real downer. Once we were at the top we settled into the little wooden shanty which would be our home for the night. After downing some hotdogs and a few hours of sleep we got up and went to the nearby cliff to see the sunrise. With the back drop of the Smokey mountains, the sunrise, in the crisp morning air was so so beautiful. The darkness of the cold night contrasted the warm brightness of the sunrise so splendidly. The sunrise is a great image of hope. The darkness of worry and uncertainty is always broken by the brightness and warmth of the God's goodness. This song is about the waiting in hope; it's about waiting for the sunrise.

SUNRISE: <http://www.reverbnation.com/johnkleinlc/song/13335170-sunrise>

Sharing God's Love and Mercy

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Regnum Christi consecrated candidates participate in

two-week mission in Yonkers, New York

Candidates for the consecrated life in Regnum Christi recently served as missionaries for the people in Yonkers, New York.

This was the second annual mission, held this year on June 15- 29, 2014, at St. Peter's parish there.

Using a nearby school and convent for overnight accommodations, the missionaries visited with small groups at the parish, leading reflections and offering spiritual insights. Last year Fr. Lino Otero LC organized the parish into small groups to promote fellowship within the parish. The groups meet once a week, usually at a parishioner's home.

"When we went to these groups, we would do a gospel reflection with the people," said one of the RC consecrated candidates, Julian Frommling. "It was beautiful to see how they shared and opened up to us. We were using the passage of Emmaus, so many people would share how even

in their sufferings, they have been able to feel our Lord close to them. It was a huge testimony of faith for all of us."

"For me personally, it was a moment to experience the joy and simplicity with which we can live our faith, seeing the example of these people, most of them Hispanic immigrants, and their trust in God and profound love for Him. It also increased the desire in my heart to share the love and mercy of God with others."

During the two weeks, the missionaries also assisted with Catholic



Booth at St. Peter's festival in Yonkers, NY.



Consecrated candidates with the children at the St. Peter's festival.



Charities work at the local food pantry.

“We also had the grace to participate in the Eucharistic procession on Corpus Christi, led by Fr Helio Cantu LC, in which

we went through a few blocks of Yonkers singing hymns,” said Julian.

The missionaries were present for the parish feast day for their patron, St. Peter, on June 29, which included a parish festival. Missionaries held games for children under a “FIFA” theme – “Fishermen into Fearless Apostle.”

“The kids would score a goal in the game and then answer questions about St Peter to try to win a soccer ball,” Julian



Eucharistic procession in at St. Peters' parish.



The consecrated candidates

outside the convent school.



Musical Blogging

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Br. John Klein LC highlights his music in a blog series

Br. John Klein LC, our very own musical Legionary, is blogging for [Regnum Christi Live](#). Each of his blogs leads into one of his original songs. The first is a meditation on the hopeful symbolism of the sunrise. Click [here](#) to read the blog, and [here](#) to listen to the song "Sunrise."



Br. John Klein LC and friends promote his "Fearless" album



Br. John currently lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and works with the [RC Mission Corps](#). Br. John "loves to play and write music of all kinds for his retreat and youth activities."

If you are not familiar with Br. John's music, read all about it at the following links from articles on the Regnum Christi website. (The last link includes a beautiful song he wrote for one of our former [Immaculate Conception](#) students during her recovery from a head injury.)

[Love is Brave: While studying for the priesthood, Brother John Klein LC releases his first album](#)

[The Fearless: Br. John Klein LC prepares to release his first full-length album](#)

[Fearless: Br. John Klein releases his first full-length album](#)

[Encouraging Progress and a Song: An Update on Angela DiLaura](#)

I'm In

Regnum Christi Live – August 5, 2014
By Kelly Luttinen



To begin the month of August (a month dedicated to the Blessed Mother and my birthday month) I received a present in the mail. It was t-shirt that I had ordered with the symbol Nun on the front – the Arabic symbol that stands for “Nazarene.” Members of the fundamentalist Islamic group ISIS have painted this symbol on the doors of Christians before they forced them to make a horrible choice – leave their home and everything they own behind, or die.

On August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration, the leader of the Chaldean arm of the Catholic Church, Patriarch Louis Raphael I Sako of Baghdad, has called for a day of prayer for these persecuted Christians.

All I can say is, I'm in.

I borrow the following meditation and prayer, composed by the Patriarch, from an [article](#) in the National Catholic Register:

“The feast of Transfiguration marks the moment when Jesus, on Mount Tabor, appears to three of his disciples in a state of glory, shortly before

His ultimate trial on Calvary. This feast holds out a sign of hope for humanity: it is a source of courage when obstacles appear impossible to surmount; a sign that light is stronger than darkness; and testimony that death can turn into life.”

August 6 Prayer:

Lord,

The plight of our country
is deep, and the suffering of Christians
is severe and frightening.

Therefore, we ask you Lord
to spare our lives, and to grant us patience,
and courage to continue our witness of Christian values
with trust and hope.

Lord, peace is the foundation of life;
Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us
to live with each other without fear and anxiety,
and with dignity and joy.

Glory be to you forever.

Now in Two Sizes!

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August sale on Regnum Christi Pin

This month the RC Store is featuring a new product brought back by popular demand – the Regnum Christi logo pin.

The pin is usually offered for \$9.95, but this month is available for \$7.95.

This pin is now offered in two sizes: a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch tie tack design and a 1-1/4 inch design. The description on the RC website notes the sizes.

Go to the

following links to purchase it:

<https://www.missionnetwork.com/store/regnum-christi-large-pin>

<https://www.missionnetwork.com/store/regnum-christi-small-lapel-tie-tack-pin>



Our Body... or Our Soul

Regnum Christi Live – August 8

By Fr Matthew P Schneider LC



I remember when I visited Science World in Vancouver with my grandpa about 20 years ago. There was a display about all the different chemicals that made up our bodies; I was surprised we were over half water. But what most struck me was a weigh scale that sat in the front of the exhibit which people kept getting on and looking down at a screen nervously. I stepped on it. It listed the valuable Chemicals in my body, gave a value for each, and then totaled to something like \$3.74. Yikes! That doesn't seem right. Grandpa stepped on and got a little more but still well under \$10. I wondered why we seemed only worth the Skytrain fare to get to the museum.

As a teen, I struggled with materialism. I was so good at arguing that there is nothing more than matter (even denying free will) that I convinced some of my friends. I was a science nerd and science seemed to have the answers. Science has answered a lot but I couldn't figure out I was only worth \$4. Even though I worked to deny anything but matter, to make that claim, I seemingly had to deny it for my own body. Otherwise, I lost my value as a human being.

I was reminded of this childhood experience recently by an article that mentioned the value of the chemicals in our body. I was still under \$10. After mentioning this, it had to hint at some kind of transcendence – it referred to the human spirit that can do great things – but since it was a

secular magazine, it had to stop there before reaching the true transcendence we experience when after death Jesus wraps his arms around us.

If we are just matter, our value seems so low. Yet, the very lack of value that our body's chemicals have should point us towards something more to explain who we are.

Toughest Recruit

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Pinecrest Academy student is recognized for his attitude and effort at Marine training base

Hernando "Nando" Holdsworth, a freshman at [Pinecrest Academy](#) in Cumming, Georgia, was awarded the title of "Toughest Recruit" at a Marines training camp in South Carolina from July 15-19, 2014.

Hernando is a member of the [Metro Atlanta Young Marines](#), named in honor of General Raymond G. Davis, a medaled hero of the Korean War. This summer at the Marine Corps training facility at Parris Island, South Carolina, he competed against other Young Marine members from South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia.

He was recognized for his "effort", achieving the highest performance in three obstacle course challenges (the Marines call the course the "Crucible"), and for having the best "attitude" in the face of the many hours of marching and physical training demanded during the week.

He hopes to enroll in the ROTC program in college and become an



A section of "The Crucible" obstacle course at the Marine training camp, Parris Island in South Carolina.



officer

in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Great job Hernando!



Hernando Holdsworth



Eagles

Regnum Christi Live – August 7, 2014
By Fr Simon Devereux LC



"Don't quack like a duck, soar like an eagle." - Ken Blanchard

During vacation last month we stopped at Blueberry Island on Lake Winnepesaukee to see the Eagle's nest on top of a tall pine tree. Much to our surprise, the baby eagle came down and perched within touching distance.

After watching the eagle fly so gracefully I felt God saying: Don't be content staying in the comfortable yet somber forests of mediocrity. Take the risk of soaring like an eagle and come bask in the freedom of my light and love.

The Joy of the Gospel

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Fr. Nathaniel Haslam LC discusses the call of every Christian to evangelize

Fr. Nathaniel Haslam LC offered his insights into one of the writings of Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), at one of the local parishes in the Houston, Texas area. On August 6, 2014, to a group gathered at St. Cecelia's parish, he discussed the implications of the document for all Christians.



One of the greatest weaknesses in the modern Church is the lack of missionary outreach, he said. Every person has a vocation to evangelize.

Quoting the Pope, Fr. Nathaniel said, "I am a 'mission' on this earth. That is the reason why I am here. I am sent. You are sent."

Highlighting the charism of Regnum Christi to form apostles for that very reason, he focused on what he sees as the main points of the Pope's teaching.

"Jesus is the center of reality for a Christian," he said. "God is central to who you are as a person."

Christ invites all to share the "good news" of the Gospel, he said, and evangelization is always based on a love for Christ.

He said Christians must have a "personal, passionate encounter with Jesus" through the Eucharist, prayer, the sacraments and fraternal fellowship with their brothers and sisters.

He suggested his audience encounter Jesus in contemplation in Eucharistic Adoration, so they can remain filled with "the living water of Jesus."

He reassured his listeners that evangelization does not always mean

going out to a remote country. “Most of the work you do will be with the people around you,” said Fr. Nathaniel.

He told his audience that God has put certain people in their path, and they have opportunity to transmit Jesus to those people.

“Random encounters are not random.”

To listen to Fr. Nathaniel’s entire talk, click [here](#).

Evil perseveres

Regnum Christi Live – August 8, 2014

By Jim Fair



17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock[a] I will build my church, and the gates of hell[b] shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed[c]in heaven.” – Matthew 16:17-19

Imagine 40,000 people in squalid conditions on a flat mountaintop. They are running out of food and water.

They don't want to be on the mountain, but they can't leave or an army of murdering terrorists at the base of the mountain will slaughter them. And this isn't some horrendous tale from Old Testament times. It is happening right now.

The people on the mountain have a choice a little like some Americans had on September 11, 2001, trapped on the upper floors of the twin towers: jump to death or burn to death.

There is another similarity between the two events; both are the satanic work of militant jihadists who believe that Christians, Jews and anyone else who doesn't embrace their beliefs should be killed. They are terribly effective; tens of thousands of Christians around the world are dying each year for simply being Christian.

Martyrs have been created on every continent in the 21st century (with the exception of Antarctica – too cold for Jihadists). A martyr isn't only some saint from 1000 years ago who was fed to the lions or burned at the stake.

Today's martyrs are being tortured, raped, beheaded, shot, stabbed and, yes, even crucified.

I don't know the answer to this genocidal crisis, but suspect it will require a combination of military intervention and divine miracles – and much prayer (that's the part I'm working on.)

But I do know that evil exists. A man who would rape and torture a woman, beat a child to death or behead a father in front of his family is not a religious zealot or out-of-control jihadist. He is the personification of evil.

That agent of evil may cause horrendous pain and suffering. But we know that in the end, the Kingdom of Christ will reign.

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