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## **International meeting: The Pastoral Project of Evangelii gaudium (2)**

**Regnum Christi Live – September 19, 2014**

**By Mary Patt Pirie**



*Pope Francis during his brief talk at the Meeting in Paul VI Hall*

Organized by the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization  
Rome, Sept 18-19-20

Today's agenda was full. We celebrated the Eucharist together in St. Peter's Basilica; dozens of priests and bishops joined Mons. Rino Fisichella

to celebrate a beautiful Mass sung by Fr. Marco Frisina's choir (directed by him in alb and stole).

By a little after nine, most people were in their seats, but the conferences began a little late, giving us time to save seats not only for us four, but also for Br. Luis Ramírez, LC and Fr. Alex Yeung, LC, who joined us today.

Mons. Fisichella told us that there are nearly 2,000 people participating in the Meeting, from more than 60 countries. Can you imagine the variety of languages, clothing and pastoral personalities that this enthusiastic group of pastoral agents represents?

Among the topics discussed this morning were urban evangelization (Card. Philippe Barbarin, Archbishop of Lyon, France); popular piety (Rev. Horacio Brito, the Rector of the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes); pastoral conversion (Mons. Victor Fernández, Rector of the Catholic University of Argentina); spirituality of the evangelizers (Mons. José Rodríguez Carballo, Secretary of the Congregation for Consecrated Life). All of these topics are addressed by Pope Francis in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii gaudium*, which I heartily

recommend([http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20131124\\_evangelii-gaudium.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium.html)) .



*Br. Luis Ramírez, Bernardo Pérez, Mary Patt Pirie and Alice Bresolin waiting for the meeting to start this morning*

I think the talk that most inspired me, however, was given by Michaela and Robert Schmalzbauer, a married couple from Austria, who have recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. Their presentation was livened

up by pictures of their eight children, showing the sequence of how their family has grown year by year. They shared the spirituality of “being” a family as the chief way families announces the good news. They stressed how much couples and families need to be encouraged in their specific vocation. Their decision to dedicate the best of their time and efforts to raising their children cannot be taken for granted, but must be supported and valued by others in the Church. I wonder if the topic of changing diapers had ever been mentioned in a conference given in Paul VI Hall! Mons Octavio Ruiz Arenas, the Secretary of the Pontifical Council organizing this event, gave a brief but thorough explanation regarding the way Pope Francis uses the term “New Evangelization” in relation to the way his predecessors did. He touched on most of the novel expressions the Holy Father uses in *Evangelii gaudium* that have sparked interest because they respond to real pastoral concerns and needs.

At the lunch break everyone had to leave so the security measures for the Pope’s arrival could be carried out. But no one went very far! Most just grabbed a “pizza al taglio” from the nearest pizza shop and ran back for the line, so as to get a good seat when the doors opened at 2:00.

The afternoon opened, however, with three interesting conferences on communication (Dr. Raphael C. Monthienvichienchai from Thailand), beauty (Fr. Marko I. Rupnik, S.J.) and a “culture of encounters” (Professor Francesco Botturi from Sacro Cuore in Milan). By the end of them, though, everyone was a little antsy as journalists and security personnel came in and out of the various doors of the hall. After a brief wait, Pope Francis came through the front left door of the hall and proceeded to the chair placed for him in the middle. He spoke about the parable of the workers in the vineyard, comparing the evangelizers to the owner who went out to hire workers. He underlined that the owner did not tire of going out, and that each time workers responded. He spoke of perseverance and patience in bringing others to experience the joy of the Gospel.

After Pope Francis greeted some of the speakers and participants, he left the hall, and we continued with one more talk, on the dynamism of joy in

the Christian life (Card. Laurent Monsengwo Pasinya, from the Congo). On that “joyful” note we ended the day.

Tomorrow there are still great speakers. I am hoping that Professor Tracey Rowland, from the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Australia, will give her talk... We were expecting her today but evidently there were changes to the program. There will also be a time for questions and answers.

<http://www.novaevangelizatio.va/content/nvev/en/eventi/Incontro-evangelii-gaudium.html>

<http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/the-pastoral-project-of-evangelii-gaudium>

## **International meeting The Pastoral Project of Evangelii gaudium (3)**

**Regnum Christi Live – September 20, 2014**

**By Mary Patt Pirie**



*Team Regnum Christi at the international meeting*

Organized by the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization  
Rome, Sept 18-19-20

This morning we began with community prayer led by Mons Fisichella to the strains of the Taizé “Magnificat” by a small choir and a guitarist.

We had more excellent talks on specific points of the content of *Evangelii gaudium*: announcing the kerygma, catechesis and homilies. The topic of “homilies” was addressed by Bishop Augustine Di Noia, an American Dominican bishop. I was not expecting that talk to be very pertinent to us as lay people, but it was actually very interesting and a lot of its content could be applied to any of us who prepare talks or direct retreats.

(European congresses, by the way, tend to be theoretical, so the American speakers are always a breath of fresh air, not mention easier to understand since they deliver in English!)

Questions were gathered from participants on sheets of paper and then answered briefly by some of the experts and speakers present. That was a highlight for me, as they were given only three or four minutes to speak and went right to the heart of the issues with very practical solutions to the pastoral problems presented.

A pair of young people from France shared about their experience as secretaries of the “Youth Synod” held this past year in their diocese. I had not so much as heard of that as a possibility for a diocese! A few pastoral agents present took that idea back home with them. The young people shared that the main conclusion of their Synod was that the youth do not want to form a parallel Church (thank the Lord!) but want to become more involved in the evangelizing mission of the Church and to be given more space to participate and act.

The final talk was an extraordinary analysis of our present-day Catholic culture and the great gift that “incarnational humanism” can be for our evangelizing task. Most American Catholics today are greatly influenced by Calvinistic Christianity, and they do not recognize it as such but rather believe that that is what the Church proposes and believes. The “sacramental” vision of Christianity is the Catholic Church’s “secret” so to speak, and there is a lot to be done to help Catholics in the United States understand its underlying principles. Without it, many of the hairy issues such as heterosexual marriage and the priesthood’s being reserved to

men, do not make sense. That is way beyond the scope of this blog, but we were told the talks (or a summary of them) would be published soon on the following

website:<http://www.novaeangelizatio.va/content/nvev/en/eventi/Incontro-evangelii-gaudium.html>

I wish more Regnum Christi members could have been able to attend this meeting. One of the beautiful aspects of the content of today's talks was the frequent reference that was made to the importance of laypeople's mission in the Church. As we continue down our path of renewal, I pray especially for our lay members of the Movement, whose specific vocation I believe is key to understanding the nature and mission of Regnum Christi as a whole.

## Catholic Anthropology and Psychological Practice

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*Catholic Psychotherapy Association and IPS to host national conference in Arlington, Virginia next month*

Catholic theologian and author George Weigel will be the featured speaker at the upcoming National Catholic Psychotherapy Association Annual Conference held in Arlington, Virginia October 23-25, 2014.

The theme for this year's event is "Witnesses to Hope: Catholic Anthropology as the Foundation for



Psychological Practice.” The event is being held, in conjunction with the [Institute for the Psychological Sciences](#) (IPS), at the Hilton Crystal City hotel at Washington’s Reagan National Airport.

The conference brings together psychologists, counselors, mental health professionals and students from across the country for professional and spiritual development.

Mr. Weigel will speak at the banquet on October 24 on the topic “A Witness to Hope: Pope St. John Paul II in Perspective.”

Among others, additional speakers will include renowned professor Dr. Paul Vitz, graduates of IPS and practicing clinical psychologists Dr. Margaret Laracy and Dr. Andrew Sodergren, as well as Dr. Su Li Lee, Director of Clinical Training at IPS, and Dr. Craig Steven Titus, IPS Director of Integrative Studies.

Click [here](#) for the full list of speakers. Click [here](#) to read an invitation letter from the Archbishop of Arlington, Paul S. Loverde.

For more information about the conference click [here](#), or send questions to [infocatholicpsychotherapy@verizon.net](mailto:infocatholicpsychotherapy@verizon.net).

## The faithful arrive

### Regnum Christi Live – September 22, 2014

By Jim Fair



Hundreds – perhaps thousands – of the faithful and devoted lined Michigan Avenue in Chicago last week.

With passion, they waited breathlessly to enter the sanctuary of their cult and hold in their hands the object of their greatest love and desire. Yes, this was the line outside the Apple store as people waited to get the new iPhone 6. To some folks, this smidgen of technology is quite the deal. As the promotion on the Apple website explains:

*iPhone 6 isn't simply bigger — it's better in every way. Larger, yet dramatically thinner. More powerful, but remarkably power efficient. With a smooth metal surface that seamlessly meets the new Retina HD display. It's one continuous form where hardware and software function in perfect unison, creating a new generation of iPhone that's better by any measure.*

Be still, my heart.

Disclosure: I have an iPhone. But it is a couple generations older. I likely won't get an iPhone 6 until there is an iPhone 9 and the 6 is in the sale bin at Wal-Mart. And that's OK with me because I can't figure out how to use half the stuff on the model I have.

Standing in line to get my hands on a smart phone strikes me as rather dumb.

But I will stand in line Sunday morning to receive Christ. He is a more worthy love than a phone.

## Family Pilgrimage to Rome for Christmas Break

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*“Leadership” and “Feminine Beauty in the Arts” are the focus of this joint Mother/Daughter and Father/Son trip*

Families can have a bonding experience like no other this upcoming Christmas break.

The Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums is sponsoring a joint Mother/Daughter, Father/Son pilgrimage to Rome from December 27 through January 3, 2015.

While on the pilgrimage, the men will learn lessons about leadership from notable Catholic role models such as Fr. Mark Haydu LC, author of the award-winning book *Meditations on Vatican Art*.

The ladies will learn lessons about feminine beauty in the arts from Catholic media personality Teresa Tomeo, art historian Dr. Elizabeth Lev and Janet Morana, Executive Director of Priests for Life and the Co-founder of the Silent No More campaign.

Participants will have an unparalleled opportunity to go behind the scenes at the Vatican to see current museum art restoration projects, as well as enjoying private tours of the Sistine Chapel and the Swiss Guard barracks and much more.

Space is limited and registrations must be made as soon as possible. Each year this event has been offered, it has sold out.

For more information about the pilgrimage, contact Corporate Travel at 800-727-1999  ext. 121. Click [here](#) to see the program brochure.



## Turkey Necks in a Crockpot

**Regnum Christi Live – September 23, 2014**

**By Rachel Peach**



Have you ever eaten turkey necks? Cooked in a crock pot? Well I hadn't either until last Sunday.

Perusing down the meat section at Walmart, a discounted meat package caught my eye. Always looking for a bargain, I picked up the turkey necks and sized them up.

There'd be just enough for everyone in my community to have at least one. And at a bargain price, compared to the surrounding chicken and beef.

Yes, I've been planning the menus, cooking, and grocery shopping for my Houston consecrated sisters for the past month. I've been trying out new recipes, calling my mom for cooking tips, and figuring out how to manage the kitchen on a limited budget and with the odds and ends from the pantry shelves.

I thought that perhaps turkey necks were similar to chicken legs...and if I seasoned them and stuck them in a Crockpot, I'd have a delicious, simple meal prepared in no time. Add some white rice and a side salad, and we'd have dinner.

Let's just say I'll never live it down.

First of all, they're a lot harder to eat than you might expect. Most of us ended up picking them up and chewing on them to try and get the meat from between the vertebrae. Carrying on a conversation became slightly awkward, then very amusing.

Secondly, if you're ever serving turkey necks, don't tell the people what they're eating. Let's just say everyone loses their appetite really quickly, and you'll be left with a lot of leftover turkey necks. Most likely, if they didn't go over well the first time, re-heating them won't be a successful option. Thirdly, if you do serve turkey necks, make sure you have a lot of salad on the side. For some reason, it went a lot faster than ever before, especially with Maritza.

And if you ever have a plethora of leftover turkey necks and you're looking for a turkey soup recipe, talk to Kate, and maybe she can save your life and cooking reputation like she did for me.

Personally, I thought they tasted alright. But no, I'll probably never try cooking turkey necks in a Crockpot again.

Sometimes you just have to give your best and learn from your experiences. Then let God take care of the rest.

## Building Catholic Leaders

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*Improvements at Camp River Ridge in Oldenburg, Indiana, help make "ideal setting" to host "life-changing" events*

There is a camp in Oldenburg, Indiana, that has been helping to instill integrity, honor and personal responsibility in the lives of young men for the past decade. With the hard work and the contributions of many supporters, [Camp River Ridge](#) is on its way to achieving its mission to develop Catholic leaders who will help improve today's culture.



"Our goal is to offer an ideal setting to host life-changing activities and

outdoor adventures year round,” said Fr. Daniel Brandenburg LC, who has worked at the retreats and events at Camp River Ridge for the last several years. “We have been working on many capital projects to upgrade the facility.”

The Legion of Christ purchased the property in Oldenburg in 2002, with the leadership of Fr. Matthew van Smoorenburg LC and the generosity of several local donors. Over the next five years, many volunteers worked to add platforms for tents and outdoor showers, kitchen equipment, a well and water purification system, floating docks on the pond, an obstacle course, and a storage shed. In 2009, an A-frame house adjacent to the camp was purchased and renovated to host small retreat groups year round.

Over the past two years, many other improvements have been made.

Debris was cleared, a permanent chapel constructed, new athletic fields were leveled out, an archery and rifle range installed, signage improved and many other smaller projects. Future improvements will include building permanent cabins and a shower house with a new septic system, upgrading the kitchen, and adding a new dining facility. Smaller projects will include improving the facility’s roads, beach, and trails.

“Our summer camps and other activities went really well this summer,” said Fr. Daniel. “So many good things are happening!”

In 2014 alone, the facility hosted



Mass with the Bishop in the new chapel at Camp River Ridge.



three summer camps, two father-son campouts, four weekend retreats,

three weekend conventions and numerous other events.

Click [here](#) see a video summary of what Fr. Daniel calls the “steps forward” at Camp River Ridge during this past school year.

“We will need all the help and prayers we can get as we tackle the remaining projects this upcoming year,” he said.

Our prayers are with you, Fr. Daniel!



Volunteers build a bridge at Camp River Ridge.



## moments that make me smile

Regnum Christi Live – September 24, 2014

By Fr Kevin McKenzie LC



Last Friday the preschool students came to mass with all the other students at school. No one gave any warning, but I tried to make things as simple and short as respectfully possible.

It turns out that one little boy was quite anxious to go after about 5 minutes. "When will it be over?" he asked his teacher. "There's just four more songs," she replied. After each song he'd ask how many more were left. When he was down to one song, we had just finished with communion, and there's usually a moment of silence. I like to sit down and close my eyes and pray a little. Apparently, upon seeing me do this, the little boy threw his hands up in the air. "Now he's taking a nap!" he cried in dismay.

Another day, I was praying in the chapel at school while we had a special time of adoration of Jesus in the blessed sacrament. Each class took their turn in the chapel. The first graders, all 20 of them, marched right up close to the altar. Their teacher had them kneel on the step. Then they prayed two decades of the rosary. First she asked them what they wanted to pray for. Each one got to lead a Hail Mary. Then she told them to find a quiet place in the chapel to pray on their own.

I had my eyes closed again, but soon there were noises all about. It turns out a bunch of the first graders wanted to pray with me! Someone even got a picture.

So as a priest, you get both worlds. Sometimes you're the hero, and sometimes you're the... uh... guy who takes a nap! Either way it's a joy, and I still love being a priest!

# Vows versus Promises

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## *Director Nancy Nohrden discusses terminology change in the evangelical counsels taken by the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi*

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Since the General Assembly for the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi that took place in late 2013, the renewal of statutes and the establishment of a government for the consecrated women, there have been some changes made in the understanding of these women's Rule of Life.



One of the changes has been to refer to the promises made by the consecrated women as private “vows.” “We refer to our promises as vows now for the very simple fact that in the theological sense a solemn promise made to God is called a vow,” said Nancy Nohrden, North American Territorial Director for the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi. “We actually have always made vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as consecrated women, because they were promises we made to God. Before, we called them promises, and in the General Assembly decided to align our terms with our reality...hence, vow.”

Nancy said the change was discussed in the December 19, 2013 letter sent out to the consecrated women at the completion of the General Assembly in Rome. The letter discusses the most important aspects in understanding their consecrated vocation, including certain terminology.

The letter points out the segment of the consecrated women's statutes explaining the “Nature, Purpose and Spirit” of the group as an “association of the faithful” and the way the association assumes these “evangelical counsels” or private vows.

“The private vows we make as lay consecrated women are to live according to the Regnum Christi statutes for our state in life,” Nancy

explained.

The letter from the General Assembly explains:

*“It was defined that the evangelical counsels we have assumed are by means of private vows as this term is equivalent to what we have lived and what has been expressed in the formula used in pronouncing the promises. It is a vow, referring to the fact that bond and commitment that we take on is contracted with God himself. This commitment is lived out within the association of the consecrated women of Regnum Christi and according to its specific charism.”*

*“It is important to clarify that the members (who have already professed their vows as promises) are not required to profess their vows again. What was professed at the moment of the consecration was a vow. What has been stated in the Statute is just the correct term for what is lived out.”*

For more information on the results of the General Assembly for the consecrated women, you can read the December 19, 2013, letter sent to members of the Regnum Christi movement [here](#).

## **Making up what is lacking**

**Regnum Christi Live – September 25**

**By Jana Crea**



It seems to me that "making up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ" implies that there was something lacking in his redemption. Now, I'm not the only one who has a problem with this. Many a theologian, far more advanced than I has found real issue with this thought. So, how about a new twist?

If all of us together are Christ's body (mystically) and individually members of it, then I can understand in a very visceral, very personal way what might be lacking in Christ's sufferings for the church.

I don't like suffering. I don't like failure. And frankly, if I can avoid it in any way, I tend to choose that route. But I have had moments where I cannot avoid it anymore and I must face the suffering. And I nearly always fall short of the "elegant" way I think I should be embracing the cross in front of me.

Thank God! Why? Because it teaches me that it is not according to my strength that I can bear these trials and more often than not, I turn to him for fortitude and strength.

And somehow, it becomes Jesus who makes up what is lacking in my suffering.

# Summer School by the Sea

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*Regnum Christi member Chiara Lucifero hosts program for teenagers in Italy*



North American students have returned to fall classes and summer vacation is fading from their minds. But when the summer approaches next year, you can bet they will once again be longing for a restful vacation.

Just imagine if that longing were replaced by the thought of studies continuing all summer long! The very idea of summer school is enough to send shivers down the spines of most teenagers, and it's apparently no different for students across the ocean.

Chiara Lucifero, a mother of two teenagers in Florence, Italy, regularly has summer school on her mind. This director of the office of Communications for the Legion and Regnum Christi in Italy is a busy working mother who dedicates much of her free time to working with ECyD groups and young Regnum Christi members.

She just completed running the third year of a special summer program for teenagers.

"In Italy, when you finish high school, if you don't have a grade of '6' in all your subjects, you have to take an exam in September on your entire year's program (of studies)," she explained. Consequently, young people in

this situation are forced to spend their summer with tutors, studying to pass this exam.

“It’s hard work for a family with children to have no summer holiday because one student has to study,” she said. “They have to stay at home and find a teacher for each of these subjects, and spend all their time in the car, going back and forth.”

Chiara remembers having to do this herself as a teen in the summer.

“I remember my mother being nervous because she had to look after my studies instead of spending her free time as she preferred, and I had to do the same with my own children,” she said. “That time should be spent getting the family closer and having fun together. So I was inspired, and said, ‘Give them to me, I’ll do this job for you!’”

Chiara is blessed that her mother owns a property on the seaside in Tuscany that Chiara rents from her occasionally. This property would turn out to be the future location of her new Education Summer Camp.

“There the students can live in a nice place,” she explains. “On their free time from studies they can go to sea and play tennis. And during the mornings they study.”

Called La Tenuta delle Rochetta, the property not only has a beautiful castle on it, but several housing facilities on it where the students can board. Depending on the needs of students who join her program, she hires teachers to tutor them in various subjects, including Latin, Italian, Greek, English, Math, Physics, etc.

“I felt it in my heart,” said Chiara. “I made this program out of love.”

When asked how she was inspired to host this program, she said, “The thought just came to me, from the experience of the summer camp’s I use to do with the Legionaries of Christ. I just thought I would use the same format.”

Chiara discussed the idea with the Legion of Christ local coordinator for apostolate in Italy. Then she mulled it over for nearly two years. At first she was afraid to take on the project with all the risks, finding teachers and families have who believed in the idea and would send their children to her. She was worried about covering the costs, but God has taught her to have confidence in Him.

“Every year it is hard,” she said, adding she wouldn’t be able to keep the program going if God had not been helping her.

“When I start, the first thing I think about is the cross, because I believe that Christ is the real owner of this project,” she said.

Chiara’s program offers four-week sessions, two at the end of July, and two at the end of August. She organizes everything, including hiring all the

necessary teachers for each summer session in about two weeks, after she learns what her enrollment will be.

The cost of food and utilities is covered by the student fees. Much of the operations at the camp are actually handled by the students themselves, who are required to do chores and work during their summer program.

Students enroll from cities throughout the area, including Milan, Rome, Florence and Naples. Chiara hosts about 20 to 25 students each summer. While at the camp, the students don't just get help with their studies.

"One of the main objectives is that the student grows as a person," said Chiara. She enlists the help of the local Legionaries and Regnum Christi members to give her students spiritual guidance and human formation.

"The camp is a Regnum Christi apostolate, and it is the work of all of us together that makes it a success!" said Chiara. "Our program includes faith formation, prayers, Mass, spiritual direction."

Students also have presentations and reflections on topics relevant to them, like drugs, sexuality, etc.

"Everyone is accepted for who they are," said Chiara. "There is a spirit of friendship that makes them deeply happy. This is the reason why they like to come back. Several students have returned to continue to shore up their skills each year."

Chiara is happy with the results of her program so far. "I see it in the students' eyes," she said. "They are more serene."

Many of her students have gone on to become Mission Youth missionaries or Mission Corps volunteers. Chiara's 19-year-old daughter will serve this year as a Regnum Christi collaborator missionary in Mexico, and her son, age 18, helps in different ways with the education camp.

"It's something we started together, and it's a special occasion for the family to make apostolate together!" she said.

So far the parents and students have learned about her camp merely through word of mouth. Chiara has done no publicity. Those who live in the area can find out more information on her program by contacting her at [clucifero@arcol.org](mailto:clucifero@arcol.org), or going to the program's Facebook page [here](#).

## **Let God take us over...**

**Regnum Christi Live – September 26, 2014**

**By Fr Michael Sliney LC**



*“The more we let God take us over, the more truly ourselves we become – because He made us. He invented us. He invented all the different people that you and I were intended to be. . .It is when I turn to Christ, when I give up myself to His personality, that I first begin to have a real personality of my own.” CS Lewis*

When Michelangelo went to look for blocks of marble in major quarries, he would say; "Look, Moses is already in this block of marble, I need to bring him out!" This is what the Holy Spirit is trying to do to our soul everyday...to chisel out the image of Christ that is buried within, through his gentle inspirations and desires that he puts in our hearts. Daily prayer and a strong Sacramental life help to facilitate this process tremendously!

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