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Visit our Lord often!

Regnum Christi Live – September 1, 2014
By Fr Michael Sliney LC



"He loves, He hopes, He waits. If He came down on our altars on certain days only, some sinner, on being moved to repentance, might have to look for Him, and not finding Him, might have to wait. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep him waiting one instant." -- St. Julian Peter Eymard

There are far too many empty Catholic Churches! Christ is there 24/7, waiting and hoping for anyone, especially sinners or fallen away Catholics, to walk through the doors! He is waiting and hoping to pour out his love into so many tired and weak hearts! Visit Our Lord! Encourage your friends to visit Our Lord. Bring a little consolation to his heart and allow his love to penetrate yours!

Becoming Doctors of Souls

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In Cheshire, Connecticut, Legion of Christ novices make their first temporary vows, and seminarians

renew their vows

After witnessing the Mass of Religious Professions for 12 Legion of Christ novices this past weekend, Fr. Simon Devereux LC reminisced about his own entering the seminary in 1997, and the words of physician friend to his own mother.

“What a waste. Simon could have made a good doctor.”

In response, one of the newly professed novices, Br. Diego Flores said to Fr. Simon, “You are a doctor. A doctor of souls.”

On Saturday, August 30, 2014, 12 novices made their first temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience at St. Bridget’s parish in Cheshire, Connecticut. Another eight Legionary seminarians renewed their temporary vows for 2 more years.

Fr. Jeff Romans, the new pastor of St. Bridget’s, joined Fr. John Connor, Territorial Director of North America, and many other Legion and diocesan priests to concelebrate the Mass. He took the opportunity to thank the Legion of Christ priests for their support of his



Br. Diego Flores LC and his family.



Br. Christopher Cashen LC and his parents.

parish during the recent sickness and death of the previous pastor, Fr. Bob Ricciardi, and the transition period.

Br. Diego said his first reaction after making his vows was, "Gratitude for this great gift God has given me."

Br. Christopher Cashen said receiving the call from God is "really going to make you happy if you are generous."

"I'm kind of speechless," said Fr. David Daly, the new rector for the Cheshire seminary. He said he believes God has given testimony through these young men as "a sign" that He is "absolute." Echoing the words of Fr. John's homily, Fr. David said their vows to give up "many good things...give a window into the goods of Heaven."

Approximately 300 family and friends joined in the Mass celebration and the reception that followed.

"To find their calling is such a blessing," said Lourdes Flores, Br. Diego's mother.

Br. Diego's father Oscar said of his son, "I look up to him now."

Following are the names of the 12 novices and where they are from:

Br. Thomas Mernagh, Akron, Ohio

Br. Anthony Dinh-Le, Bronx, New York

Br. Christopher Cashen, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Br. Daniel Visser, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Br. Nathaniel Gregor, Columbus, Ohio

Br. Peter Kang, Seoul, South Korea

Br. Ben Richard, Sulphur, Louisiana

Br. Andrew Lane, Christiana, Delaware

Br. Paul Maleski, Saint Marys, Kansas



Br. Jeremiah Murphy LC and his family.

Br. Diego Flores, Atlanta, Georgia
Br. Joseph Ory, LaPlace, Louisiana
Br. Jeremiah Murphy, Little Rock, Arkansas

Making a new home in the Holy Land

Regnum Christi Live – September 2, 2014
By Jennifer Ristine



Life as a consecrated woman is one of obedience and availability to serve in whatever way we are asked. I never imagined being asked to go to the Holy Land. As a matter of fact I never even set my hopes on going for a visit or accompanying a group on a pilgrimage. And now here I am, making my home in the place where Jesus walked, taught, preached, healed, redeemed us! It reminds me of a last conversation I had with my Mother before she passed away. She said she had lived in many places that she loved, but her real home was heaven, the real Promised Land.

While the news speaks of war, and truly it does exist in the Gaza strip, Jerusalem and the surrounding areas have been very peaceful. (I hope that convinces you to come and visit despite the news 😊)

I arrived to the Notre Dame Center which belongs to the Vatican, but where the Legionaries of Christ priests and consecrated women of Regnum

Christi are serving, helping with the pilgrims and some other aspects of the center. From the rooftop you can see all of Jerusalem and beyond.

Looking towards the east, where the sun rises, I can see the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus bore the weight of our sins to the point of sweating blood. I was reminded of Christ who is referred to as the dawn. In him we have a new start, a new life thanks to his Paschal mystery.

I remembered the proximity of this place to where I am living now when I read this morning's Mass readings:

Ezekiel 43 "This is where my throne shall be, this is where I will set the soles of my feet, here I will dwell among the children of Israel forever." And the Psalm "Justice and peace shall kiss."

Here in the "Promised Land of the Chosen People", Jesus embraced the justice demanded for the payment of our sins, which liberates us and brings us peace that only God can give. Yet, it is still a land of much division and animosity between peoples, perhaps a sign of the division that dwells in the human heart. But God promised Ezekiel that he would set up his throne here and dwell among the children of Israel forever. And so he does, through the redemptive sacrifice of Christ on the Cross.

Here I am in the Holy Land where Christ made possible the deepest peace we can experience - the grace of redemption, which is the outpouring of his love and mercy. Yet, every day in the Eucharist we encounter that saving grace and his redemptive blood poured upon our souls. In the encounter between our sinfulness and God's outpouring of redemptive grace, justice and peace kiss. God comes to dwell within us, setting up, so to speak, his throne within us. He comes to reign, to be the King in my life.

For this reason, I rejoice in the faith God has given me and invite you to do the same!

Words Can't Describe the Beauty

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A volunteer shares her experience at Captivenia Girls' Camp 2014

Following is a testimony from Cierra Campbell, a member of the leadership team at Camp [Captivenia](#) 2014, held in July just outside of Calgary in Alberta, Canada. This year's camp had about 125 participants, including volunteer mothers, team members and campers.



Camp Captivenia 2014...the adventure continues.

It seemed like a bizarre, crazy thing to do to move to Canada for the summer, all the way from South Carolina, not knowing anyone or what to expect from this all-girls, medieval camp. But it turned out to be quite life-changing, and it has been my joy to be a part of the 2014 Captivenia team.

Captivenia draws girls from all different places of the world to be joined together to grow in virtue and faith and learn what it means to be a true princess of God.

There are no words to describe the beauty of this camp. This year's theme was "Boundless Joy, Hearts Wide Open," and I had my heart "wide open" to receive whatever God had planned. Little did I know, He had a whole adventure waiting for me!

At the camp, I was impressed by the beauty of everyone there. I met so

many talented young ladies on the team, who welcomed me with open arms and love. I felt I could be myself without anyone there to judge me. For the first time, I could be who God wanted me to be.

As I worked on the team, I felt a strong family connection among us. We were bound with an unbreakable friendship. There was never a moment when someone was left out or didn't want to help.



Captivenia campers with some new "friends."

The mothers' group at the camp made a huge impact with their constant intercession for the team members, saying a novena to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. Every night after a long day's work, the team members would go back to their "chambers" to rest, only to find a beautiful bible verse on their beds to brighten their day with wisdom.

And when the young girls arrived, I could see God's love manifested in their friendships with each other. They worked together, doing daily activities such as leather making, horseback riding, painting rocks down by the river and sharing their faith through daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration.

The leadership of the "Belleseera" (counselors ages 13-16)) who led the "Maidens" (ages 9-12) surprised me. Their confidence and desire to be leaders and lights for Christ was awe inspiring,



Theatrics at Camp Captivenia.



not only to me, but to the young girls who wished to one day be one of them.

The theatrics part of the camp also was beautifully done. Each scene was phenomenal. I think one of the important messages the girls took with them was: “In the midst of evil, God conquers all.”

I encourage interested young girls to come to Camp Captivenia, and take a small, crazy jump into the adventure God has planned for you. You never know what awaits in this beautiful land!

For more information, please visit www.captivenia.ca.

The point of no return

Regnum Christi Live – September 3, 2014

By Jim Fair



I spent a couple years working in London, more than a decade ago. And there were many blessings in my job and learning a new culture.

It was during that time that I developed what I call the “Fair Scale for Determining Cultural Degeneration.” A simple and politically incorrect scale it is:

The degeneration of any modern culture is demonstrated by the direct proportion of the society’s young people displaying excessive tattoos and body piercings.

At the time I was working in London, I spent about half my time in London and half in Chicago. Walking about each city (as I had to do going to various offices) I quickly perceived that the typical young person in London had nearly three times as many tattoos and body piercings as the young person in Chicago. (Yes, I have scientifically corrected the data to reflect the fact that young people in London at the time tended to reveal more of

their physical selves in public than young people in Chicago. I also corrected for the higher number of people in London who appeared to have immigrated from a third-world place where tattoos were an ancient rite, along with various foreign objects stuck through various body parts.)



I had not thought about my future-famous scale until last week while sitting on a plane going from Atlanta to Chicago. Most of my fellow travelers were, well, a bit young than I am. The young woman sitting beside me seemed pleasant enough and was reasonably dressed. But she had piercings in all of her visible sensory organs and appendages, along with a menagerie of tattoos running up and down her arms. A young woman across the aisle was similarly adorned.

As I glanced about the plane, I realized that most of the folks under the feared age of 30 were, well, pretty thoroughly inked. Most were wired beyond anything approaching “normal.” And, no, this wasn’t a charter flight to the national body art convention, assuming there must be some such event.

So...I think this is really strange and indicates that our society is fading fast from reality to something that isn’t quite right. We’ve caught up to where London was a decade ago – perhaps they are still a decade of degeneration ahead of us, although I fear to think what that must look like.

In Chicago, having a school of mackerel swimming up your legs or a bottle cap embedded in your ear lobe is getting to be “normal.” But it isn’t normal to me and it never will be. I’m willing to give patriotic folks a little flag or symbol to show their loyalty. Members of the various armed forces can justify an emblem. And women are entitled to a hole or two per ear lobe for earrings that are less than a quarter the size of the hula hoop.

But before you have a tattoo of Justin Bieber on your forehead or have a Mount Blanc fountain pen stuck through your eyebrow, kneel down, say a pray and wait until the urge goes away.

A Little Like the Garden of Eden

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Video features Legion of Christ seminarians working on their new garden

One is nearer God’s heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth. (Dorothy Frances Gurney)

Perhaps the words of this poem explain why the Legion of Christ seminarians in Cheshire, Connecticut, are working so hard on *their* new garden.

While reflecting on his work, Br. Christopher Daniels said, “It’s almost like the Garden of Eden, being remade with Christ on the cross. And here in the trench, we are participating in that redemptive suffering building for the salvation of souls.”



Br. Dain Scherber of Minnesota gives his thoughts in the "New Beginnings" video.



If you would like to hear more of their testimonies and see the fruits of their hard work, watch their video, "New Beginnings," on YouTube. In the video, the seminarians also discuss their call to life as a Legionary. Click [here](#) to watch and listen.

Down Power

Regnum Christi Live – September 5, 2014

By Fr Simon Devereux LC



Rene from CT radio, Tim, Rob from ESPN, and Br. David (who smiles even when asleep!)

"Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it." Bl. Teresa of Calcutta

Do you know how many men with Down Syndrome own a restaurant in the US? One! And that man is Tim Harris of Albuquerque, NM whom Br. David Lorenzo and I had the honor of meeting at Bozzuto's annual Dreamride fundraiser for Special Olympics. Tim quipped that he had more medals than Michael Phelps! Surely, he also has a record for hugs given, some 60,000 at last count, including one for the President last month.

Tim's restaurant is fittingly named Tim's Place and is managed by his close friend Ryan. Ryan could not think of a better place to work as he sees Tim

dance into work every morning and gives him a hug while asking how he is doing.

Sometimes I feel pity for those with disabilities, but I am learning that they are God's gift to us. What makes our society great is how we look after the most vulnerable.

Thanks to Mike and Jayne Bozzuto for leading the way here in Connecticut.

Getting the Right Kind of Attention

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News program in Cincinnati highlights Pure Fashion

“Dressing immodestly gets you attention, but not the attention you want.”

These are the words of a young woman from the Cincinnati, Ohio, area talking about the benefits of dressing modestly, which is the focus of the [Pure Fashion](#) program.



The Regnum Christi apostolate was spotlighted recently on a local news program, “Family 411.” WKRC Channel 12 in Cincinnati broadcast the news segment on August 28, 2014, about the program for teenage girls and young adult women, overseen locally by the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi who work in the Cincinnati area.

You can see the news broadcast at the following link:

<http://www.local12.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/tonight-at-600-dressing-teen-girls-16800.shtml>

“We have 30 girls participating in this year’s program,” said Pure Fashion Chairwoman for Northern Kentucky, Renee Widmyer. She

said 15 girls are from Northern Kentucky and 15 from Cincinnati, including students from Catholic and public schools and homeschooling programs.

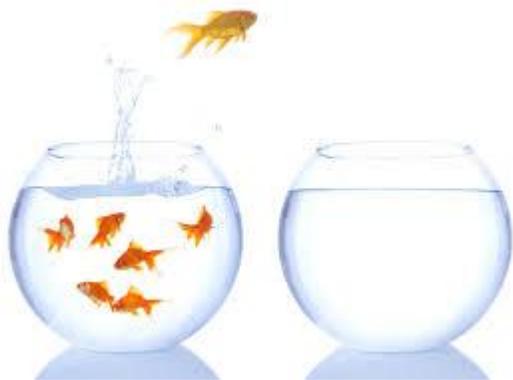
“I really am excited about meeting the young ladies this week who have applied for the program,” she said. “It’s a blessing to know that through this program, all of us will make better choices for ourselves and our community, which will have an impact on how others view dignity, modesty, and true beauty.”

Renee said the local Pure Fashion program was planned by a committee of 10 women who “worked hard for a year to get the events planned and the program promoted.”

The first get-together for the Pure Fashion program participants will be this Sunday, September 7, with a monthly formation “event” taking place every month until the Fashion Show, set for April 19, 2015.

The fishbowl of God!

Regnum Christi Live – September 4, 2014
By Fr Michael Sliney LC



"In him, in bodily form, lives divinity in all its fulness and in him you too find fulfillment, in the one who is head of every sovereignty and ruling force." Colossians 2: 9,10

Most people try to find fulfillment in the fish bowl of this world: money, fame, relationships, power, and prestige. You need to make a jump into the

fishbowl of God to find true fulfillment! We were made by him and for him and there is absolutely nothing in this world that can satisfy the human heart!

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