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**The latest statistics about membership in the Legion of Christ is available on our [website](#).**

**Worldwide, the Legion has 944 priests, and on the website you can see the distribution of Legionaries around the world and see the trends over the years.**

**I also want to put in a plug for a wonderful new book, "Blessed Jose: Boy Cristero Martyr," by Fr Kevin McKenzie LC. He says it was written with 10-14-year-olds in mind, but some of us who are little older also enjoyed it. [Check it out for print or Kindle](#).**

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## Locality Building

Detroit Regnum Christi members gather for “Winter Blast”



This was the message transmitted to members of Regnum Christi who gathered for a “Winter Blast” locality conference in Clarkston, Michigan, on February 7, 2015.

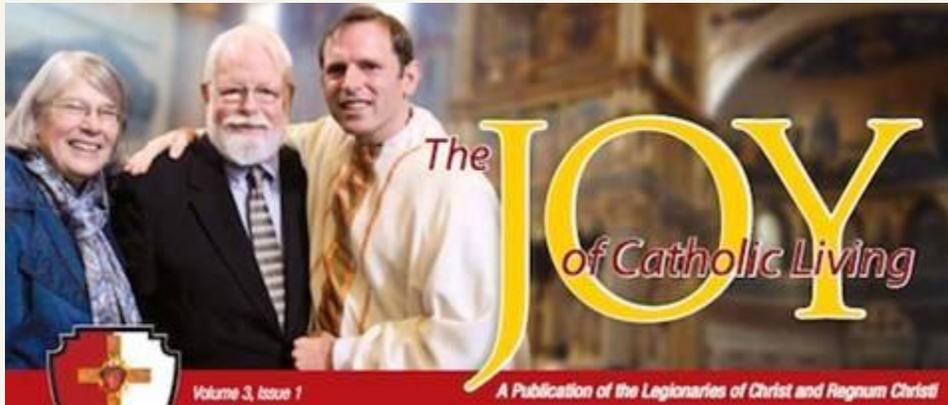
North American Territorial Director Fr. John Connor LC opened the meeting attended by more than 60 members of the RC family gathered for a skills winter meeting at the Dea

Lake Conference center.

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## The JOY of Catholic Living

Enjoy the first issue of 2015!



The latest issue of JOY of Catholic Living magazine is now in the mail and on this website.

Check out the latest edition [here](#). Following is an overview of the headlines:

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## Legion of Christ to unite apostolic schools

Single facility will provide top formation and academics



Fr John Connor LC, director of the North American Territory, announced the move in a letter to all Legionaries in the territory.

“ICAS has been an important part of our territory for more than three decades,” Fr Connor wrote. “More than 700 students have attended the school – more than 70 going on to ordination as priests...The school will always be a part of our heritage; its contribution to who we are today will not be lost.”

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## **Journey Through Lent with RC Spirituality!**

Resources that can aid you and your spiritual companions in continual "formation of the heart" this Lent



Lent is a special time in the liturgical year that challenges us to grow in Christian maturity. As members of the universal Church, we receive guidance and words of wisdom from Pope Francis and his predecessor Pope Benedict.

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## Angel for the Day Mission

Mission to Houston Children Allows Young Adults to be Angels for a Day



“Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.” –Blessed Mother Teresa

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## Touching Jesus

By Donna Garrett



“Who Touched Me?” Jesus asked. Every day we go through our daily lives coming in physical contact with dozens of people. Most are just strangers taking up space we must maneuver through or around to get to where we are going or complete the task we have on our mind at the moment. Only one person in that crowd we read about in the Gospel reached out with intentionality to touch Jesus. Everyone else was focused on the next destination, the home of Jerusa. Only one simple woman dared to personally

encounter our Lord on the journey.

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## Think of the beauty that still remains..

By Fr Michael Sliney LC



*"I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains." -- Anne Frank*

Last year, during our mission trip to a poor village in El Salvador, an elderly women gave the following testimony. "Fr. Michael, it has been a difficult year for me. My husband died, I was beat up by a gang and all the food in my little shop was stolen...and as a result of the blows to my head, I was lying semi-conscious on the ground for 2 days until someone discovered me. But, at the same time, I am so grateful to God. I am still alive and I still have my Catholic Faith!"

## Time with the sick

By Fr Simon Devereux LC



*"Time spent with the sick is holy time." -- Pope Francis*

As a priest I am often at the hospital or nursing home. Spending time with these sick and elderly people has become the highlight of my day. Their faith inspires me, and they give me good advice. I also get them to pray for the seminarians and my priesthood. Their prayers are powerful.

Feb. 11th is World Day of the Sick. Invest some time with a sick person this week; you will be greatly blest.

## Modern Day Job

By **Julian Frommling**



In times of sorrow and pain, the last thing someone might want to do is sing praises to God; however, last week I witnessed a modern-day “the Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the Lord”. One of the high school girls in our Challenge Club lost her mom to a three-year battle with lung cancer. I went to the wake and was so impressed by the faith of all present, especially the two daughters, one who is 16 years old, and the other who is 22, and the husband. But what was even more impressive was the next day at the funeral all three of them got up after the mass and sang “How Great Thou Art.” Not only did they not blame God for the loss but they sang praise to him and continually expressed their gratitude for the time they did have with their mother or wife and celebrated the beautiful life she lived. I always liked the story of Job because of his faith, but I never witnessed anything like it. But when I heard “How Great Thou Art” I saw that this attitude of faith is not just a nice story but it is a reality that can be lived!

## Lunch with von Balthasar

By Fr Joseph Brickner LC



Sunday lunch conversation in a Legionary community is to expect the unexpected. Hence this commentary on a vigorous little essay by von Balthasar on vocation. Since he is clearly one of the most important theologians of the 20th century and was a good friend of Joseph Ratzinger the essay speaks for itself. Near the end of the text von Balthasar gives three succinct points for reflection. In 2015 language:

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