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Dear Friends in Christ,

It is really fun doing this newsletter when there are as many joyful things to report as there are this week. In addition to the articles below, here are a few items of interest:

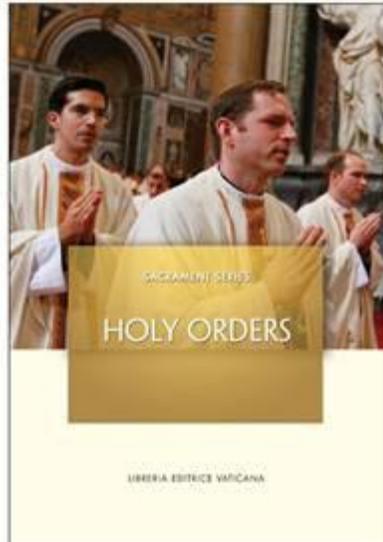
- USCCB has a [new series of booklets](#) about the sacraments. You likely will recognize some of the men on the cover of the Holy Orders book...

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- Fr Simon Devereux LC [offers a nice reflection for Lent](#), even after snowshoeing up a mountain.
- There is a wonderful new Facebook page called [Beauty of the Faith](#). Kudos to RC consecrated woman Melicia Antonio for this initiative.
- Rumor has it that openings remain for the Father/Son retreat at Cheshire on March 15. Interested? Contact Br Samuel Chow LC schow@legionaries.org
- What does it look like when Legionaries, Conquest Boys and dads take a walk for vocations through San Francisco? [Check it out.](#)
- Br Eric Wandrey LC has a terrific blog you might want to explore: [God-Lights](#).

Finally, I do a monthly communications webinar that some of you might find helpful. This month it will be at 4 p.m. Central on March 26. Subject: New technology and old ideas...can the two get along? What can social media learn from a cup of coffee? Tune in to

learn why your Tweets might not be changing the world – and what you can do about it. [REGISTRATION](#)

God Bless....Jim

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Then and now

Daire Ryan talks about the history of Regnum Christi



Daire Ryan is a consecrated woman of Regnum Christi. She was born in Dublin, Ireland, the youngest of a family of six children. She grew up with a strong desire to serve other people. In 1978, Daire consecrated her life to God and the Church in the Regnum Christi Movement. She holds studies in Theology, Philosophy and Humanities and has spent the last twenty years serving in the United States as a Spiritual Guide for the consecrated women as well as many women in the Chicago area, and at both "Everest" and "Eastlake" Academies. She recently took time from her busy schedule to answer some

questions about the history of the Movement – to which her personal history is intimately bound.

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I Have Called You Friends

Retreat for 5th & 6th Grade Girls



February 6-8, 2015, girls from all over Houston shared a weekend of making new friends, learning about true friendship, and connecting to Christ through fun games and activities in a Challenge/ECyD-powered retreat. There were 62 fifth and sixth grade participants, 12 high school leaders, and 3 moms present, along with Regnum Christi consecrated women Fabiola Zellek, Julian Frommling, Rachel Peach, and Liz Cunningham.

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The Art of Being a Woman

Former Mission Corps member launches project to help women truly live their femininity



What does it mean to be an artist? Consider the following words from St. John Paul the Great, in excerpts from his Letter to Artists:

The human (craftswoman) mirrors the image of God as Creator...(she) accomplishes this task...in shaping the wondrous “material” of (her) own humanity and then exercising creative dominion over the universe...

The divine Artist passes on to the human artist a spark of His own surpassing wisdom, calling (her) to share in His creative power...As Genesis has it, all men and women are entrusted with the task of crafting their own life: in a certain sense, they are to make of it a work of art, a masterpiece...

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Overbrook Academy will move to Mater Ecclesiae College site

Greenville campus to remain vital part of Regnum Christi spiritual family, beautiful asset for community



“We’re grateful for the community’s support and believe this is a wonderful opportunity for our school,” said Overbrook Director Barbara Mariscal. “The location and facilities at Mater Ecclesiae are ideal for our program and we believe this will be a great benefit to our students and their families.”

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Pope Francis, the Joy of the Gospel, and Touch Football with the Homeless

By Dave Sloan



Once a month our Love and Serve ministry meets at Hurt Park in downtown Atlanta to distribute coats, blankets, shoes, socks, gloves, water and such to the fifty or so homeless folks who gather there. We gather, pray and go out to practice a ministry of presence, listening to people, smiling with them, sharing with them and praying with them. There are usually some folks sleeping under trees and in the grass. There’s a fair amount of garbage about and, in the faces and the voices of those who line up to receive our goods, a fair amount of desperation. We try to be kind,

and to keep things positive, but it isn't easy. Hurt Park can be a pretty gloomy place.

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Ready to roll -- in Haiti

By Marial Corona



Today was our last day of mission. We all got up and were enthused to go be with the children one last time in the Children's Home before our flights left this afternoon (at least for most of the group). We spent a long morning at the Children's Home and it was quite beautiful because it was our moment to just love the kids until the end.

Many sought out their "favorite" kids to give them a little extra loving before we had to say good-bye. And we stayed a little longer than we normally have this week in order to "say our goodbyes".

Then we returned to the Guesthouse to finish packing and end with Mass before hopping on “The Frog” (the green truck that transported us nearly everywhere this week) and off to the airport for our flights.

Thank you all for participating with us through your prayers! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Prayer Tips

By Fr Simon Devereux LC



"A person who is grateful cannot be discouraged at the same time." - Dr. Tom Haggai

Last Friday my friend, Dr. Haggai, came to the seminary to speak to businessmen and women. I share with you his simple but powerful tips on prayer:

- Start your prayer by giving thanks for 4 things.
- Finish your prayer by saying, "Lord, today help me to do something great!"

Do that every day and you'll be as happy and energetic as my friend Dr. Tom!

Almost Drowned

By Fr Simon Devereux LC



“He who trusts himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things.” -- Alphonsus Liguori

This New Zealand woman escaped drowning thanks to these policemen who smashed her back window. Jesus too has pulled us from the sinking wreckage of our wayward past...

Today give thanks to God for His great mercy and show that mercy to those who have offended you.

(Thanks to Fr. Gregory for the photo and reflection.)

Your uniqueness

By Fr Michael Sliney LC



"Every one on this earth should believe, amid whatever madness or moral failure, that his life and temperament have some object on the earth. Every one on the earth should believe that he has something to give to the world which cannot otherwise be given." G.K. Chesterton

While shopping with my mom last summer at Target, one of the sales reps on the floor went out of his way to help us find a particular product and he also had a tremendous sense of humor. Shortly afterwards, he did the same with the next customer. I walked up to him and thanked him for going the extra mile and he responded, "Well Reverend, most people coming into this store have a whole set of family and personal issues that can be tough. If I can just make them smile, then I am doing my part..."

Part of a team

By Fr Michael Sliney LC



“When you find yourself wanting to turn your children, or pupils, or even your neighbors, into people exactly like yourself, remember that God probably never meant them to be that. You and they are different organs, intended to do different things.” -- CS Lewis

Looking back on my High School soccer days, our team did so well because everyone played their role and their position with intensity. Our defensive line was an impenetrable wall, our midfielders controlled the ball up and down the field, and our forwards were always looking for the best pass and best shot on goal. This is a microcosm of life in a family, in a business, in a religious community...we all need to use our strengths not so much to highlight ourselves but to look for the good of the team, without trying to be everything or change everyone.

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