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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we approach Christmas, I'm struck by the many blessings in my life: faith, family, friends and a mission. These are among the beautiful gifts enhanced by Regnum Christi.

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The News of the Week will be taking a break until the first week in January. May you have a Blessed Christmas and Holy New Year.

God Bless,

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“Called to be Witnesses of Mercy” – Cardinal Beniamino

Stella ordains 44 Legionaries of Christ Priests



Rome, December 12, 2015 — Cardinal Beniamino Stella, Prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy, ordained 44 Legionaries of Christ priests in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome. There were close to 3,000 persons present, including friends and family of the newly ordained priests. In his homily, Cardinal Stella said the 44 new Legionary priests are “a gift for the Church and humanity,” and therefore there are “many reasons to rejoice today.”

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Daughter of the King Retreat in Houston



From December 4-6th, twenty-nine girls from all across Houston participated in an ECyD retreat themed: “Daughter of a King.” This 7 & 8th grade retreat took place at Holy Rosary Church, and was attended by girls representing seven of Houston’s Challenge clubs.

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Challenge Lovable Me Retreat in Kansas



Challenge girls from the Midwest just got together from November 20th – 22nd, 2015 to spend the weekend together on the “Lovable Me” retreat in Williamsburg, KS at the Prairie Star Ranch. The Young Women’s Regnum Christi team from Benedictine College planned the beautiful weekend for the girls and served as the 12 team leaders during the weekend. Over 60 girls attended the retreat, where the goal was to give the girls an experience of Christ, true friendship. There were 8 volunteers and 2 consecrated women (Katelyn Moroney and Melanie Pilon) who

helped worked to help each and every girl to recognize themselves as loveable in the eyes of God, others and themselves.

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Lessons from the Hospital

By Victoria O'Donnell



Every other week I get the opportunity to accompany Patricia Bannon as she distributes communion in a hospital in Madrid. The whole process is very simple but impacting especially in light of the Jubilee Year of Mercy that we are beginning. Here are some things that stand out to me:

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Every sin...

By Fr Michael Sliney LC



“Every sin is the distortion of an energy breathed into us...” — CS Lewis

Every time I go to Confession, my focus is on telling Christ that I am heart-fully sorry for messing up his plan. I chose myself over him, impatience over kindness...not allowing him to effectively love through me in the way that he wanted. He is so merciful and so forgiving...and he never tires of forgiving us!

Power of Imagination

By Rachel Peach



There were probably 15 or 20 of them: smiling, squiggling, four year olds. It was their turn to visit Jesus, exposed in the monstrance for First Friday adoration at Northwoods Catholic School.

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By The Way: Jesus Speaks French...An Advent Reflection

By Ashley Osmera



So the other day I ran into Jesus; and he was speaking French...

I suppose that statement needs some major clarification, but first I want to ask a question: Have you ever gone into a situation with a certain set of expectations, only to find your expectations totally blown away or turned upside down? I know I have. A few weeks ago I had one of those moments...which ties back to my first statement.

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