

We Must Decrease Article By: Jessica Mendez

Remember the scripture passage in John 3:30 when John the Baptist states, "He must increase, but I must decrease."? This past month the Lord has given me the opportunity to come to a slight understanding of the meaning of this statement.

We are currently expecting our ninth child here on earth. In the last week of June, I began having a lot of contractions, so the doctor decided that it would be in the baby's best interest for me to go on bed rest. I frantically began to worry about everything that needed to be done to prepare for the baby and maintain our household. Nevertheless, I was obedient to the doctor and my husband and did as I was told, but I went into a mini depression because I was overtaken by self-pity, realizing that I had absolutely no control over what was happening to my body or over anything else that was going on with my life.

After I was done pouting, I suddenly realized that my children had stepped up to help. They were getting their chores done, my daughters were prepping meals, and the house was the cleanest it has ever been! Once I stopped focusing on everything that I couldn't do, I was able to see everything that could be done if I stepped out of the way. I had to decrease so that those around me could increase. I realized I have the behavior of a control addict, and because of this my kids couldn't be the blessing that God called them to be. I was constantly re-doing what they did because they wouldn't do it my way. Self-pity would then set in because, "Why am I the only one who does everything?" Well, I had scared off the help. I had discouraged my kids from helping at all because I had been so controlling and not allowed them to learn.

Has your need for control caused others to withhold the blessing God has for you? Have you "roused them to love", or to feelings of resentment and inadequacy causing others to feel that anything they do will never be enough? I am so grateful that God knows how to make us surrender, even if it isn't in the most convenient way.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us reflect on the behaviors that have not allowed us to see the blessings around us. What are the areas in your life that you need to decrease so the Jesus can increase in you? Please join us this month as we celebrate the 30 year anniversary of the Queen of Mercy. I pray that you would see this invitation as one from Mama wanting to have all her children home. As always, I thank you for taking time to read these words. I leave you with a prayer and a private meditation.

"May the Blessed Mother, Queen of Mercy cover you in her mantle and reveal those behaviors that have led others astray." Amen.

"My Ambassadors, I have called you to another level of mercy. Do not forget that you are to be my examples of mercy. You are to be that smile of love when you do not feel like loving. You are to ask for forgiveness, to be those Ambassadors to bring others to God. How can you bring reconciliation between God and those that need to know God if you stand in place of needing to be right. Not only will you drive away mmrelationships from you but also from God. My children ... you have been equipped with graces, graces that others have not even thought of. My children, ... You are truly, truly blessed."

RAFFLE!

The Raffle Drawing for the Chapel Center has been extended to **Sunday, September 2**, so there's still time to enter! Proceeds benefit our building fund for the new chapel center and temporary chapel (while the new building is built).



Tickets are \$20 each.

Contact Howard Huntzinger 806-831-3176 or Kathy Gloria 806-445-1440 to purchase your ticket today!

The Prizes are:

- **1 year of free retreats at AFM Ministries**
- **1,000 Gift Card**
- **Yeti Cooler**
- **Char-Broil Outdoor Grill**
- **Last Supper Statue**



The youngest Constancio, Jacob, starting his mission as an Ambassador stuffing the newsletters!

ATTENTION: PET LOVERS!



We at AFM love pets just as much as you do, but we ask that you leave your beloved pets in the care of someone you trust and do not bring your pets with you when you attend retreats. Please be considerate of other retreatants and of your pets, and make arrangements for their care elsewhere while you are here in Shallowater. Thank you!

Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat

"And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."
Luke 3:35



Come and Experience Love!

7 Days That Will Change Your Life!

August 5-12, 2018

**7 days of Empowerment, Prayer, Instruction, and Training
Plus 2 Days of Putting it into Practice.**

Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat

Registration includes boarding, food, and retreat materials for this 7 day retreat August 5-12. Also included: Sleeping accommodations for the Feast of the Assumption Celebration August 13-15. Retreat Cost: \$1000.00 per person. Call Howard at 806-831-3176 for more information or to register.

Celebrate with us August 14 - 15, 2018

(Tuesday and Wednesday)



The 30th Anniversary of the Queen of Mercy Prayers! Praise! Food ! Talks by Mary Constanio!

Come share and enjoy a day filled with prayers, blessings, food, and praise.

Food will be served between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. August 14 *Food is generously provided by His Disciples Ministry, Houston (Love offerings are appreciated)*

Feast of the Assumption Celebration

This is not a retreat, but a full celebration of our Blessed Mother's Feast Day Share fellowship, receive personal prayer, and enjoy the beautiful grounds at AFM Ministries in Shallowater. On the actual day of the Feast, August 15, come early to prepare to say the rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother's Feast Day.

Whatever you decide, be ready for a miracle, and be ready to love. Come with an open heart ready to be filled by our Mother and our Lord. We look forward to your visit with us. For more detailed information, visit our website: www.flameofmercy.com.

AMAZON.COM KINDLE AND THE AMBASSADOR GIFT SHOP

QUEEN OF MERCY INSPIRATIONS DAY BY DAY:

TAKEN FROM THE QUEEN OF MERCY MEDITATIONS



You are invited to discover an extraordinary collection of inspirational quotes from the Queen of Mercy writings. You are presented with an opportunity to see the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the understanding and personal revelations of Mary Constancio and Mike Slate and to feel the love of the Mother of God as the mother of all God's children. This book contains 366 days of beautiful reflections: each day is a powerful dose of wisdom and inspiration as you are guided to into the love and mercy that flows from God Almighty . 392 Pages



HOWARD A. HUNTZINGER Jr.

NOT BY BREAD ALONE: KETO-LICIOUS! EATING YOUR WAY TO HEALTH



Carolyn Huntzinger, author of the ketogenic diet cookbook *Not By Bread Alone*, began experimenting with foods to bring healing to her household, especially her husband, who has diabetes, and is excited to share the dramatic positive results from her family to yours.



CAROLYN HUNTZINGER

Discover the good news that God can use what you eat to help your body heal, and you can enjoy every bite! Her recipes are simple, fast and easy. Also, in these pages are tips, resources, and Bible passages to help you on your personal journey to wellness. 60 Pages

>>>> **Introductory sale: This book is currently on sale for 20% off.** <<<<

Chapel Progress Update



As you can see, we have been hard at work constructing the new dining hall and building with the temporary chapel, which will be our chapel while the new chapel center is being built. Thanks be to God for his provision for supplies to accomplish this commission, and blessings and thanks to all those who are helping in any way!

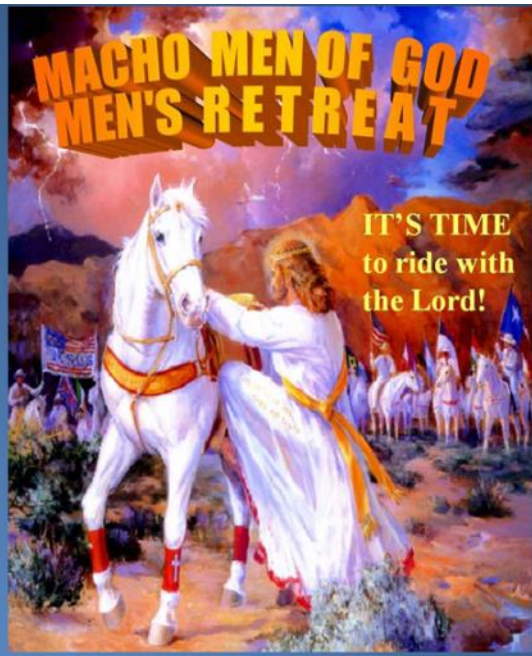
Please continue your prayers, as well as your financial support! It is greatly appreciated! May God protect those Working and give us fair Weather to complete this Awesome task!



84th Men's Retreat

Aug. 31-Sept 2, 2018

- How to walk as a man of God
- Why prayers are not answered
- You and your family being set free of fear
- Understanding the plan God has for my life
 - What Pleases God
 - Becoming a Son of Mercy!
 - Overcoming Addictions



**Join us
For a weekend
that will
change your life!**

Handmaids of Mercy Retreat

Sept. 14-16, 2018

Possible Topics Include:

- The Power of Being a Woman
- Healing from Addictions
- Equal but not the Same!
- The Blessed Mother as our Role Model
- What Have You Passed Down to Your Children
- The Power of a Praying Wife
- The Love of God for Women—He Loves You and Has a Purpose for You!
- The Power of a Wife to Bring Salvation to Your Husband and Children




Featured Speakers Include:

						
Mary Constancio	Jessica Mendez	Brenda Garcia	Corina Constancio	Carolyn Huntzinger	Kathy Gloria	Grace Moren


Diffusing Satan's Power Retreat

October 5-7, 2018



Possible Topics Include:

- The Empowerment of the Holy Spirit that will Teach You:
 - How to Use Sacramentals: Holy Salt, Holy Water, Candles
 - Recognizing and Diffusing Illusions
 - How to Get Demonic Forces Out of Your Home
 - Are Curses Real or Not?
 - Can Demons Travel through the Bloodline of Your Generations?
 - Sickness: Is it from God, or from the Devil?
 - How is Satan Stealing Your Finances?
 - How does the Devil Steal Your Husband, Wife, Children?
 - Knowing Whether to Leave or Stay & Fight when Faced with the Presence of Satanic Powers



Romans 16:19-20 (NABRE)
For while your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, I want you to be wise as to what is good, and simple as to what is evil; then the God of peace will quickly crush Satan under your feet.

The cost of this retreat is \$175.00 per person. Pay full registration by October 3 and receive \$25 discount!

To learn How to Diffuse Satan's power in your life start by coming to this retreat!

	The Ambassadors' Retreat Schedule - 2018	Register today online: <i>www.flameofmercy.com,</i> <i>or call Carolyn @ 806.773.5147</i>	Full Registration	Early Registration
☀	Triumph of the Immaculate Heart Retreat August 5-12, 2018		<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Plans
	Contact Howard to arrange a Payment Plan for this Retreat at 806-831-3176			
☀	Feast of the Assumption Celebration August 14-15, 2018		<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> # of nights
	<i>Limited Accommodation Available</i> Bed Reservation is \$35/person/night			
☀	Macho Man Retreat August 31-September 2, 2018		<input type="checkbox"/> \$175.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00
	Pay in full by Aug. 29 and the Registration fee is only \$150.00 (save \$25.00)			
☀	Handmaids of Mercy Retreat September 14-16, 2018		<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175.00
	Pay in full by Sept. 12 and the Registration fee is only \$175.00 (save \$25.00)			
☀	Diffusing Satan's Power Retreat October 5-7, 2018		<input type="checkbox"/> \$175.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00
	Pay in full by Oct. 3 and the Registration fee is only \$150.00 (save \$25.00)			

The Ambassadors of the Flame of Mercy

P.O. Box 1707
 6927 Hwy 84,
 Shallowater, Texas 79363
 Email: Admin@flameofmercy.com

Weekday Hours
 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CDT
 Phone: 806-832-4243 or 806-773-5147

Website: www.flameofmercy.com

Ambassadors of the Flame of Mercy, Inc. is a 501(C) (3) non-profit, tax-exempt Christian organization. Copyright ©

