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From David's Desk



"So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor.12:10)

Don't get me wrong, it is a privilege to be alive today in the richest and freest country the world has ever seen. But let's be real: while our country affords a lot of blessings, it also allows, even encourages, a lot of evils that we, as faithful Catholics, have to resist, and as we do, our weaknesses are exposed, the insults, hardships, and persecutions come our way, and it can be very upsetting and exhausting.

Do you ever get tired of fighting evil? Do you ever get tired of being misunderstood, or insulted, or even persecuted "for the sake of Christ"? I know I do. I just want everyone to be good and to get along, to go to Church, to get married in Church, and raise good families in Church, but it doesn't look like it's ever going to happen. Church attendance seems to be falling, while sex outside of marriage, cohabitation, divorce and remarriage seem more and more common. Even though Roe v Wade was overturned, people continue to fight for the right to kill children, and if that weren't

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From Fr. Jim's Desk



Blessed are you Lord Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, you are the Lord and King of the universe. You invite us into your life of grace by the power of your Holy Spirit.

What a blessing you are in my life as you live Christ in your everyday life, making Him visible in all you say and do.

We begin the new season of spring time and the month of April, and move from the forty days of the Lenten Season and Holy Week into the Fifty Day of the Easter Season. The forty days are a reminder of our ashen character as we journey with Jesus through the Way of the Cross, death and burial, into the Fifty Days of Resurrection. In Jesus, the 'dust that we are' is given new Life and new possibilities, new hopes and new dreams.

I came upon an April poem by Fr. Andrew Costello CSSR, published in *Markings* in 1990 by The Thomas More Association. (All rights reserved) It is entitled, "April Mirror"

April scenes of budding and bursting flowers, Easter moments, fresh starts, new beginnings.

And this spring I stand here on the edge of a field of new possibilities. And yet a winter mirror of my sins stares me in my face.

Lord, I see the Judas in me and all the times I have betrayed you, and then going out all alone and every time hanging myself in shame.

Lord, I see the Simon Peter in me who keeps denying you, 3 times, 70 times 7 times, Rarely in words, so many times in deeds, and I never stop to hear the rooster crow.

Lord, I keep seeing the Pontius Pilot in me, washing my hands over and over again of responsibilities at work and at home, and not being able to wash away the reality that this is what I am really doing every time: guilty, guilty, guilty, over and over and over again.

Lord of Resurrection, Lord of Spring, Breaker of mirrors, help me to start looking and seeing a new me in me (and You in me) in this new springtime in my life. (Andrew Costello)

During these fifty days the Church calls us into the season of "Mystagogy" which means an unfolding of the Mystery of who we are now in the Risen Christ Jesus and how we are to live in these mysteries. The Latin word for 'mystery' is Sacrament. We are called to BE living Sacraments of Christ's presence in the world around us,

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729 WHITE ST., TOLEDO, OH
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From David's Desk (cont. from front page)

bad enough now the acceptance of the latest insanity that men can be women and women can be men seems to be on the rise.

However good or bad the surrounding culture is, I probably need to take St. Paul's advice more to heart, so that I can be more "content with...(my weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities) because when I suffer "for the sake of Christ" and I am shown to be weak, "then I am strong" because my strength comes from Him, and not from me. The battle belongs to the Lord.

What evils are you fighting? What personal sin, or family sin, or community sin is wearing you out? Have you allowed your weakness to shine out, or are you like me, trying all too often to be strong on your own?

The MCCR Board recently added the tagline "Holy Spirit Empowerment" to our logo and name.

The Oxford dictionary defines Empowerment this way:

- authority or power given to someone to do something.



- the process of becoming stronger and more confident, especially in controlling one's life and claiming one's rights.

After baptizing this definition a bit, I've come up with this:

Holy Spirit Empowerment

- Authority or power given to people baptized in the Holy Spirit to do something God wants done
- The process of becoming stronger and more confident in the Holy Spirit, especially by living in the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control and claiming one's rights as a child of God.

Like a drained or dead battery, I constantly need a recharge. The hardships and insults and persecutions really get to me, but thank God for the Holy Spirit, who comes to re empower us! The battles never stop. Sin never stops. The world, the flesh, and the devil never stop. The hardships, the insults, the persecutions...never stop, and if that was the end of the story, we would all eventually be stopped, because none of us is that good or that powerful. But thanks be to God, that the Holy spirit doesn't stop, and that the Holy Spirit and His power is even greater than all these sins! "Whenever I am weak, then I am strong." Come Holy Spirit! Allow us to embrace our weaknesses, and call on you! God Bless, David Ordorica

From Fr Jim's Desk (cont. from front page)

especially family, friends, fellow workers etc.

This year, and for the next several years we are focusing on the

Eucharistic Revival.

- Revival · restoration to life, consciousness, vigor, strength, etc. · restoration to use, acceptance, or currency: the revival of old customs. · a new production ...
- The awakening or quickening of God's people to their true nature and purpose. Revival literally means "come back to life." An ER doctor might perform a revival of someone whose heart has stopped. We usually use it to mean "returned to ...
- The act or an instance of reviving or the state of being revived ; an instance of returning to life or consciousness; restoration of vigor or vitality

This year is the **Year of the Diocese**. On the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) on June 11, the focus turns to the parish observances. [This will be a wonderful opportunity for us in the Charismatic Renewal to lead in your parishes.] The third year will be a national celebration, like a Eucharistic Congress to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Why do we Need it? Why Now? Because the Church needs healing. And the World needs the Church!

Scandal, division, disease, doubt. The Church has withstood each of these throughout our very human history. But today we confront all of them, all at once. Our response in this moment is pivotal.

In the midst of these roaring waves, Jesus is present, reminding us that he is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world.

How will He do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the United States to this divine invitation.

I invite all who are reading this article to share it with others and to get involved with the Revival Process, in the Diocese and especially in

the parish. After all, we are in the Spirit-filled Movement of the Holy Spirit of Jesus and so we have much to offer the Church.

I would like to close with the new Diocesan PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: Soon we will be praying this at every Mass.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promises to remain with us always and who is ever present to us in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Reawaken our belief in His presence in the Eucharist and deepen our understanding of, love for and living out of this great Mystery May this Sacrament of his sacrificial love be for us the sign of unity and the bond of charity.

Nourish through our worthy reception of the Body and Blood of your Son, so that we may enjoy communion with you and with one another. Make us living witnesses of your love and mercy throughout our local church.

Send us forth as faithful missionary disciples, strengthened by the grace of the Eucharist to proclaim the Gospel, so all may know that the Living Bread Jesus gives us is His Flesh for the life of the world.. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I encourage you to check out www.toledodiocese.org/eucharist and/or www.eucharisticrevival.org, The national web site. Also much can be found on FORMED, Augustine Institute, Ascension Press and Bishop Barren's Word On Fire. And there is always the Catholic Catechism. Wow! There is so much to choose from. What a blessing.

One more thing. There is a movement underway to try to change the Constitution of the State of Ohio to permit abortion at any time for any reason, like Michigan and Kentucky have already done. This misguided group need over 400,000 signatures to place their proposed amendment on the November ballot, by July 5. Please help STOP this initiative in its tracks by persuading everyone you know NOT to sign the petition. Contact Catholic Charities for up to date information in this critical area. rschuster@toledodiocese.org.

May each of you be blessed in the Lord Jesus and always BE a blessing to all you serve.

Fr Jim

Coming Events 2023

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St. Michael's Ridge		Fr. Melwin Dsouza Fr. James Brown Fr. Kevin Moebius	
5480 Moser Rd, Defiance, OH 43512			
TUESDAY	MAY 9	7:00 - 8:30 pm	
OLPH, Toledo		Fr. Manoj Mammen Fr. James Brown Fr. Kevin Moebius	
2255 Central Grove, Toledo, OH 43614			
WEDNESDAY	APR. 19	Dinner 5:30, NoH TIME: 6:30 - 8:00 pm	
Holy Trinity, Assumption		Fr. Michael Dandurand Fr. James Brown Fr. Kevin Moebius	
2649 US Highway 20, Swanton, OH 43558			
Dinner 5:30-6:20 Holy Family Room			
TUESDAY	JUNE 20	7:00 - 8:30 pm	
St Mary, Sandusky		Fr. Monte Hoyles Fr. James Brown Fr. Kevin Moebius	
429 Central Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870			

APR. 29 Magnificat Breakfast

Our Lady of the Lake Chapter
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1023 Main St., Huron, OH 44839
Speaker: Pat Oedy-Murray
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link: <https://huronmagnificat.weebly.com/next-magnificat-meal.html>



Diocese of Toledo Charismatic Prayer Meetings

Call contacts with any questions			
MONDAY:			
St. Peter's	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Toledo, SS. Peter/Paul	7:00 p.m.
Huron - Women's Prayer & Scripture Meeting		Candy Cordova Hispanic	(419) 377-8053
Diane Dudenhofer	(419) 602-0627	FRIDAY:	
Port Clinton	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Defiance St. Mary Hispanic (EVERY Fri.)	6:00 p.m.
Joan Nunnery	(440) 390-0054	Fela Trevino	(419) 784-4508
TUESDAY:		SATURDAY:	
Norwalk, St. Paul's	6:30 p.m.	Fremont, St. Jos. Hispanic	7:00 p.m.
Bev Reichert	(419) 706-0464	Raul Gonzales	(419) 332-9252
Ottawa Areawide (SS Peter & Paul in chapel)	7:30 p.m.	AREA CONTACTS:	
Sharon Rump	(419) 523-3137	Findlay, St. Michael	
Emmaus Community (1st, 3rd & 5th Tues.)	1:30 p.m.	Barb & Ron Kuhlman	(419) 365-5545
Epiphany of the Lord, St. Thomas Aquinas chapel		Fremont	
(other Tues. 1:00: New Leaven at David Ordorica's home)		Judy Good	(419) 366-1025
David Bland	(419) 322-8282	Lima, St. Gerard	
THURSDAY:		Jerry & Sharon Laurent	(419) 331-1763
Defiance, Beacon of Love	7:00 p.m.	St. Richards, Swanton	
St John (Basement: Sts Mark & Matthew room)		Judy Cole	(419) 367-8385
Paul Boff	(419) 782-7227		



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