



# Men of the Sacred Hearts

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# Men of the Sacred Hearts

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*Contributed by David Tay*

# GOING WITHOUT THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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March 23, 2020, was the last time I received our Lord in the Eucharist. Today is the sixth week that I have gone without His body and blood.

Had you asked me last year what going without the Eucharist for six weeks would be like, I probably would have said impossible. Strangely, viewing daily Livestream Mass is feeding me spiritual food for the journey we are on. Somehow, while I miss receiving Him in Holy communion, I am not longing for Him because I know He is always with me.

I know when we break the bread, He is sharing Himself with us. He does not give us a loaf of bread, but He shares His body with us to strengthen us. Maybe going to daily Mass for 11 years has built up a reserve that gives me the strength to carry on.

What I do miss the most about not being able to enter my parish is the fellowship with mostly the morning Mass gang. Jesus taught the apostles that worshiping together would bring them closer to Him. I can feel closer to Jesus in the company of the morning Mass attendees more than if I'm just at home or in the car. There is strength in numbers, I guess.

According to our governor, we have till May 28 until we can gather again for Holy Communion.







*(Standing Left to Right) David Tay, Derick Grembi, Kerry Schaeffner, Walter Grence, Joe Bauer; (Sitting from Left to Right) James Nihem, Father Marko (Chaplin), Ray Kettel; (Not Pictured) Mike Carr and Richard Herbert*

## *Men of the Sacred Hearts*

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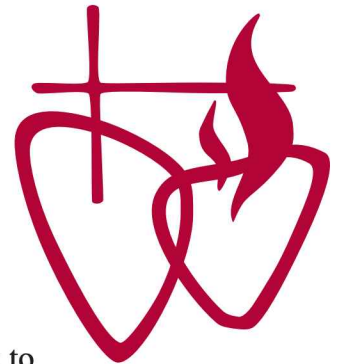
Jan 13, 2020: Vision 2020 Meeting with Board of Directors to continue from 2019 our commitment to refine and improve how we reach young families. We invited Keri Ann Tarrant to address our meeting and committed to a 33 Days to Morning Glory program for the directors. We discussed many options that need more time to develop.

Jan 17, 2020: Chesterton Academy of Detroit Letter of Understanding for the high school teens to be invited to join the Chesterton Men of the Sacred Heart Honor Society. Peter Ohotnicky (Headmaster) is excited to run this pilot program at the newest Chesterton Academy (30 currently open in USA).

Feb 3, 2020: Our 2019 Yearbook was mailed to 2000 homes and organizations. We increased the publication from 1500 to 2000 to meet demand based on last years mailing. The book contained a center pull out section for the John LoVasco Memorial.

Feb 12, 2020: Reached agreement with the Sacred Heart Enthronement Network (SHEN) to support with a \$250 monthly donation that is being matched

by the Columbus Oh Sacred Heart group. Columbus and Detroit set up the SHEN to promote home enthronement to areas not covered by Detroit and Columbus.



March 6, 2020: Reached out to the Newman Connection offering free college dorm or home room Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus packages containing the color image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, program to follow with self or friends, and introduction letter. Then Covid 19 hit.

April-May, worked on a Parish based Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus program where families sign up to come to a celebration of the Enthronement at church, Father blesses the images of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart, salt to bless their homes, the Consecration prayers are recited by each family who then get their photo taken by the Men of the Sacred Hearts who will mail them the 8X10" photo to the family who was given the matching frame at the church ceremony.

We launched this program at Holy Family in Memphis and St. Augustine in Richmond, Michigan on November 22, the Feast of Christ the King. We had 43 families sign up from both parishes. We then offered the 3ft statue of Our Lady of Fatima to be delivered for two weeks, and 9 families signed up for this added feature.

June, after a lengthy discussion, the Board made the decision to not renew the 6200 Chicago Road office lease, move the Executive Director to a home-based office with supplies being housed at U-Haul in Rochester. The Office Manager will do the books and send out notices for prayers as before from her home. This move will save more than \$15,000 per year. The move was complete by the end of July, but it took till the end of September to iron out the bumps.

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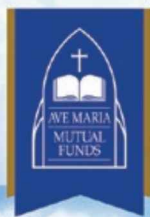


August-December, while home enthronements to the Sacred Heart slowed to a death march due to teams not wanting to venture out, the Executive Director began collecting statues of Our Lady of Fatima from the teams and offered to drop Her off at homes requesting the statue to visit for two weeks. As of November 1, 2020; there were 23 statues that were being circulated to homes in the metro Detroit area. Our friends who had medical, physical or hardships requested the statue for comfort and to focus their petitions to Jesus. The statues are delivered and picked up by the Executive Director who also provides some of the families with the Home Enthronement Ceremonial Book if requested.

When picking up the statue, most of the people have filled out prayer petition for us to pray for them. What used to take months to fill, our prayer box now needs to be emptied monthly. On First Friday, the Executive Director takes the box to St. Andrews where Fr. Craig Marion blesses the prayers in the box and leaves it on the Altar, then during Adoration, each prayer is taken out and prayed for. Then the prayers are put into a coffee can and burned.



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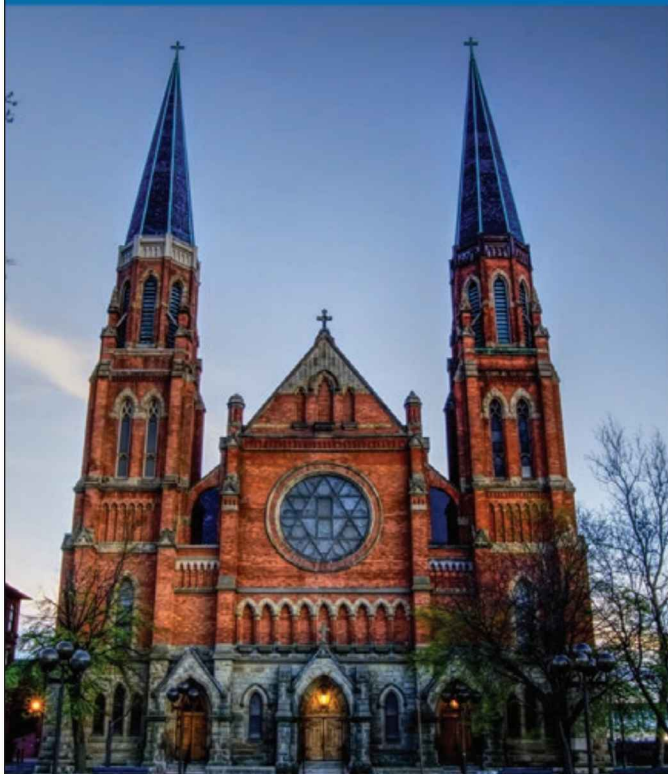
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We are 118 volunteers as of December 26, 2020. In the past 12 months, we have lost 13% to retirement or passing away. Join us in celebrating the wonderful members still working at bringing the enthronement to the Sacred Hearts to homes.

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First, He details how the simple bread and wine will become his body and blood for our salvation. Pity the poor disciples who have traveled with Jesus for three years and witnessed His miracles and His wisdom. I can assume they wanted to believe He could change the bread and wine into His Body and Blood, but what was that part again about salvation? No wonder they had to go into hiding for 40 days until Pentecost!

Then Jesus, the Son of God, submits Himself to the humility of being arrested by the Jews, scourged at a pillar, tortured and spat upon, marched through the

city carrying His cross, and finally nailed to a cross and left to die. I think of how He could have turned the Jew's who arrested Him into mice or stopped the beating and the crucifixion at any time. What was the driving force that propelled Him to submit to that treatment?

The plan was that Jesus would take the suffering required to gain forgiveness for your sins and mine. Someone had to pay, and Jesus stood up and took the pain and suffered for the sins you and I commit daily. The only way we get to heaven is through Jesus. No Jesus, no Heaven.

It may help to consider that poor Jesus relives the memory of His Passion daily. Today, what did you do that results in the nail driven into Jesus's body? Thinking about that helps me try harder tomorrow to be a better person.



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# CHESTERTON MEN OF THE SACRED HEARTS HONOR SOCIETY

Chesterton Academy of Detroit and Men of the Sacred Hearts have partnered to create a magnificent program for the young men who will attend Chesterton Academy of Detroit. Chesterton Men of the Sacred Hearts Honor Society will be an opportunity for male students to grow in virtue, prepare for Catholic manhood, lead spiritually in the school, and participate in the home enthronement ministry of Men of the Sacred Hearts.

For more than 50 years, the Men of the Sacred Hearts in southeast Michigan have been promoting evangelization through the consecration of homes, businesses, and parishes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. With 24 teams and 122 members across the state, the Men of the Sacred Hearts now book enthronements for homes, businesses, and schools up to a year in advance.

Developing a program for Chesterton Academy of Detroit with Men of the Sacred Hearts grew out of a home enthronement of the school's founders, David,

and Alejandra Miller. After sharing the story of founding the classical high school, the idea for a club and character development program came to life. "The most beautiful part of all of this is we were simply having our home enthroned, and we — the men and ourselves — felt this was a grace from Our Lady to bring us together," Alejandra Miller said.

The program will have several components. First, male leaders in the school, fathers, Men of the Sacred Hearts, priests, and other male role models will lead a weekly lesson with boys about growing in Catholic manhood. Examples would be: leading the family spiritually, discerning one's vocation, responsibility, and chivalry. Young men who demonstrate the desire to be a spiritual leader by implementing the lessons, living their Catholic faith, serving at Holy Mass with reverence, or dedicating themselves to sacred music, will be invited into the Chesterton Men of the Sacred Hearts Honor Society (CMSHHS). Gentlemen who accept will be inducted in a special ceremony and given a Sacred Heart pin for their jacket lapel. "We intend to make this a high honor and coveted distinction for the young men in our school," said Headmaster Peter Ohotnicky. "There is no fixed quota of how many or what percent of the male students can be in the Chesterton Men of the Sacred Hearts Honor Society, but we want all our young men to inspire to be part of this group." Those in the Honor Society will then have the opportunity to learn and then participate in the home enthronement ministry, starting with their own schoolmates' homes.

"We would like to see every family who becomes part of the Chesterton Academy community have their home enthroned to the Sacred Hearts," said David Tay, Executive Director of Men of the Sacred Hearts. "We anticipate that Chesterton Men of the Sacred Hearts Honor Society will be a great means of evangelization for Catholic families, schools, and businesses in our area. We are eager to involve these young men in our work. It will also set a foundation for these students to grow into Catholic men who will be leaders of the faith for the rest of their lives."



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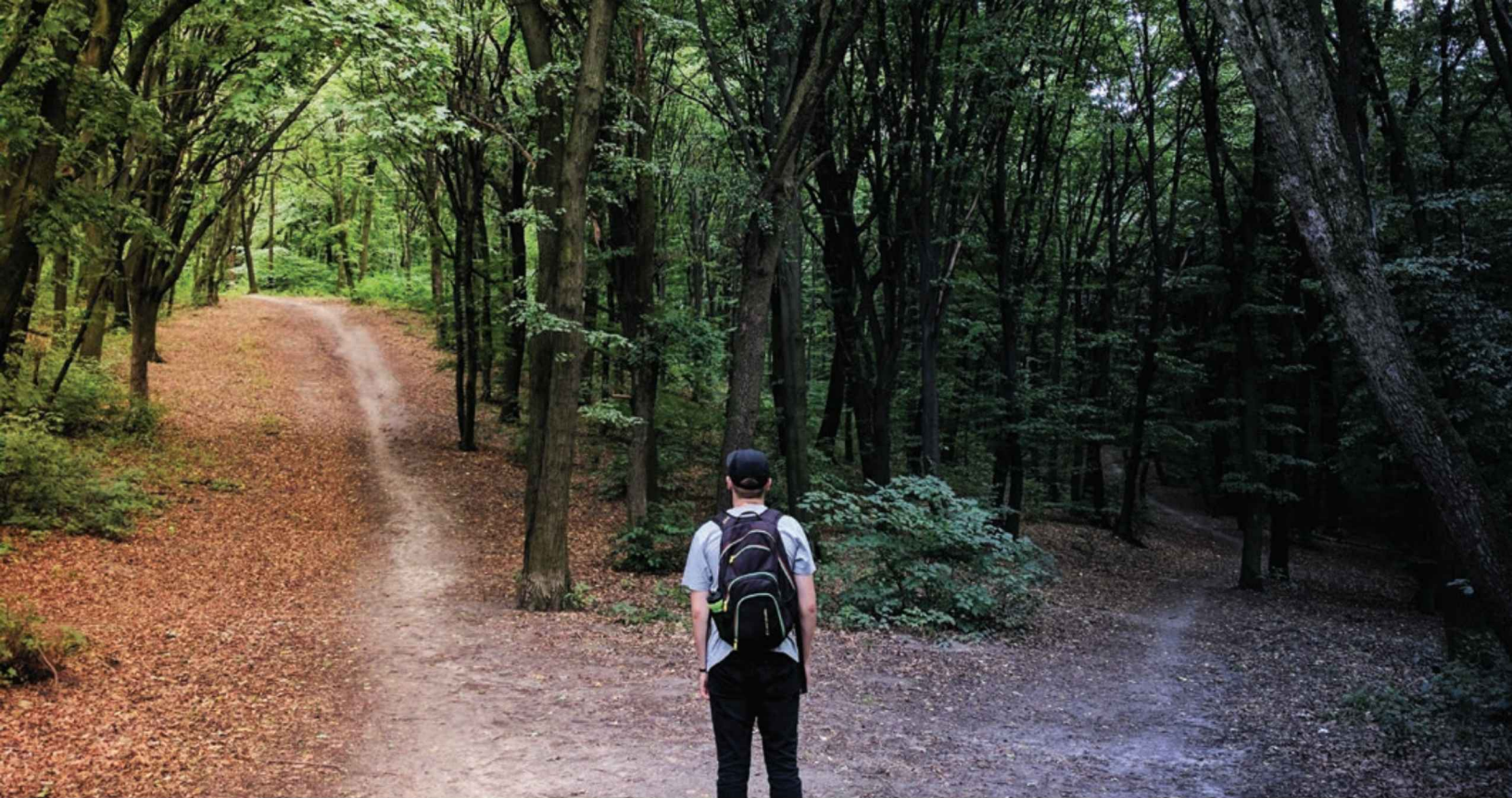


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## CHOICES

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In the 1990s, I was flying around North America to the point that I had accumulated an impressive Frequent Flyer account on Northwest Airlines. On vacation to France with family, we flew First Class on a large 747.

Checking in was done at the Club. No lines here. We strolled down to the gate to board the aircraft first, ahead of the many who would be flying cattle car class. Going into the First Class front door, the flight attendant greeted us with a glass of champagne and, upon sitting down, had some yummy snacks put before us on a china serving dish. My 16-year-old daughter was eating this treatment up.

Of course, dinner was served and was very good. An excellent selection of wine and the dessert cart was impressive, complete with after-dinner drinks.

On my way to the restroom, I peeked behind the curtain to see what life was like in cattle car class. I knew what it was like because I had flown a billion miles in cattle car class to earn this upgrade. You know it was miserable, sitting on top of one another

with knees at your chin. The full flight showed people quite uncomfortable and cranky toddlers, and kids were doing most of the complaining.

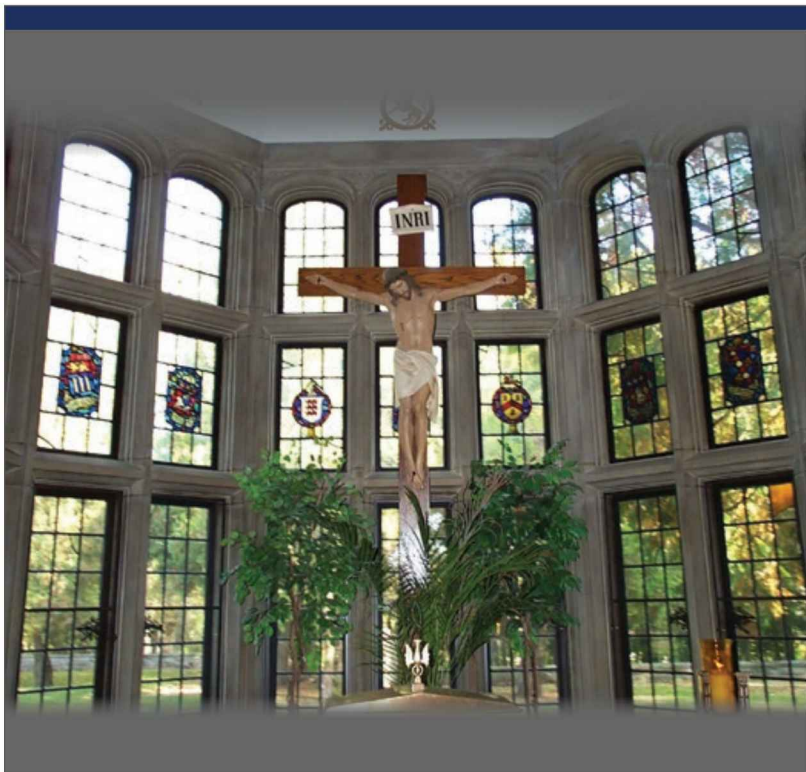
I thought to myself that I had a choice in flying, why would I choose cattle car class?

Today, Fr. Joe gave a homily about what your conversation would be like with Jesus if he just pulled you out of life and sat you down in front of Him. Comfortable and pleasing, or somewhat uncomfortable? Or maybe downright frightening! The message was making the changes to your life now while you have the chance to turn things around.

I thought about that First-Class flight to France. I suffered a billion miles in cattle car class to upgrade to First Class.

Then I thought about our life here on Earth. We all have choices we make every day. Some of us choose well, and some of us choose poorly, and some of us can do both on the same day in the same hour. The point is we have choices. And we have the time to correct the terrible ones.





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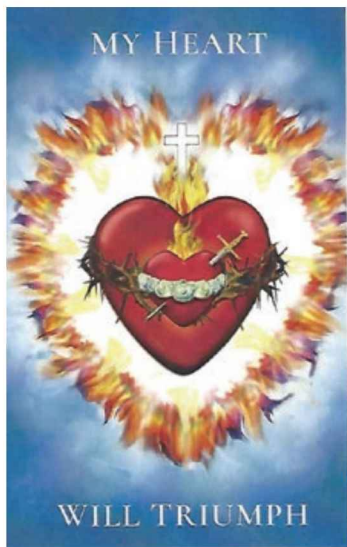




## LOCAL MAN OF THE SACRED HEARTS TAKES IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Father Colin Fricke was recruited by Kerry Schaeffner when Kerry was visiting the home for the family home enthronement. Doing what our founder John LoVasco always said, Kerry invited Colin to join his team for the next home visit, and Colin said yes.

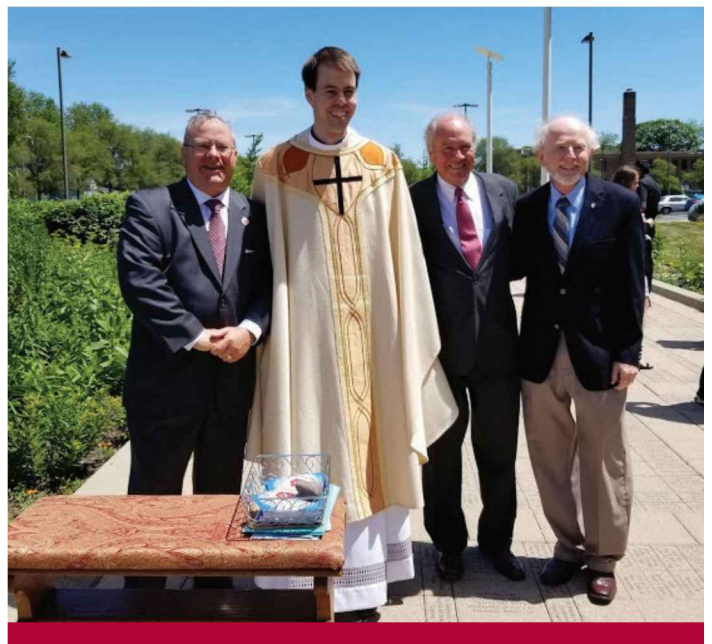
On a sunny, cool June 13, 2020, Deacon Colin became Father Colin at the Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit.



Due to the Coronavirus, each family member of the Ordained Priest had a personal ceremony with the Archbishop and accompanying priests.

Father Colin thanked the Men of the Sacred Hearts in his address after the ceremony for the formation he received from praying in the home with families. It was an

honor for the Men of the Sacred Hearts to be acknowledged by Colin on this special day.



*David Tay with newly Ordained Fr. Colin Fricke, Kerry Schaeffner and Ray Kettle*

Fr. Colin represents the fruits of you and me inviting young men to join us in Enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus in homes. Can you even imagine how Jesus felt when young Colin said yes to joining the Men of the Sacred Hearts? I can imagine Jesus telling His Father that “We have one in the queue.

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## Fr. Joe's Jottings

Today is the **Feast of Divine Mercy**—an official Church devotion based on the revelations given by Jesus in the 1930s to a Polish nun, St. Faustina Kowalska. The numerous messages and visions she received highlight the Lord's immense willingness to forgive sinners—and the terrible consequences of rejecting Divine Mercy, and thus subjecting oneself to Divine Justice.

The many mystical experiences Sr. Faustina had included visits to Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory. As she describes in her *Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul*, "Today I was led by an Angel to the chasms of Hell. It is a place of great torture; how awesomely large and extensive it is! The kinds of torture I saw: the first torture that constitutes Hell is loss of God; the second is perpetual remorse of conscience; the third is that one's condition will never change; the fourth is the fire that will penetrate the soul without destroying it—a terrible suffering, since it is a purely spiritual fire, lit by God's anger; the fifth torture is continual darkness and a terrible suffocating smell, and, despite the darkness, the devils and the souls of the damned see each other and all the evil, both others and their own; the sixth torture is the constant company of Satan; the seventh torture is horrible despair, hatred of God, vile words, curses and blasphemies. . . . Each soul undergoes terrible and indescribable sufferings, related to the manner in which it has sinned" (*Diary*, #741).

In regard to Purgatory, the saint writes, "I saw my Guardian Angel, who ordered me to follow him. In a moment I was in a misty place of fire in which there was a great crowd of suffering souls. They were praying fervently, but to no avail, for themselves; only we can come to their aid [by our prayers and sacrifices, offered on their behalf]. . . . My Guardian Angel did not leave me for an instant. I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God. I saw Our Lady visiting the souls in Purgatory. The souls call her 'The Star of the Sea.' She brings them refreshment. . . . We went out of that place of suffering. [I heard the Lord say] 'My Mercy does not want this, but Justice demands it.' Since that time, I am in closer communion with the suffering souls" (*Diary*, #20).

St. Faustina also writes, "Today I was in Heaven, in spirit, and I saw its *inconceivable beauties and the happiness that awaits us after death*. I saw how all creatures give ceaseless praise and glory to God. I saw how great is happiness in God, which spreads to all creatures, making them happy; and then all the glory and praise which springs from this happiness returns to its source, and they enter into the depths of God" (*Diary*, #779).

"Souls are penetrated by His divinity and pass from brightness to brightness, an unchanging light, but never monotonous, always new though never changing. O Holy Trinity, make Yourself known to souls!" (*Diary*, #592).

Describing a vision related to our eternal destiny, St. Faustina writes, "One day, I saw two roads. One was broad, covered with sand and flowers, full of joy, music and all sorts of pleasures. People walked along it, dancing and enjoying themselves. They reached the end without realizing it. And at the end of the road there was a horrible precipice; that is, the abyss of Hell. The souls fell blindly into it; as they walked, so they fell. And their number was so great that it was impossible to count them. And I saw the other road, or rather, a path, for it was narrow and strewn with thorns and rocks; and the people who walked along it had tears in their eyes, and all kinds of suffering befell them. Some fell down upon the rocks, but stood up immediately and went on. At the end of the road there was a magnificent garden filled with all sorts of happiness, and all these souls entered there. At the very first instant they forgot all their sufferings" (*Diary*, #153).

This vision, of course, is reminiscent of Jesus' words, "Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction" (Mt. 7:13). As Our Lord told the saint, "I do not want to punish an aching mankind, but desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart" (*Diary*, #1588). It is entirely possible—if not likely—that our world is now undergoing a chastisement or cleansing, in which the Lord is inviting humanity to repent of its many sins and seek His Mercy. Also, we as individuals are reminded not only that our moral decisions have eternal consequences, but that our current sufferings are known to God, and can be a preparation for eternal joy and glory.

When God is ignored by His children, He uses every possible means—including suffering—to get their attention, begging them to repent and urging them to choose life (cf. Dt. 30:15-20). Today's Feast of Divine Mercy is a promise that those whose lives are rooted in the love of God have nothing to fear, and everything to gain.

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A pastor was depressed because he had just been beaten rather badly in a round of golf by one of his parishioners, a man some thirty years older than him. Trying to console him, the parishioner said, "Cheer up, Father; you'll win in the end. You'll be burying me some day." "Even then," the priest responded, "it will be your hole."

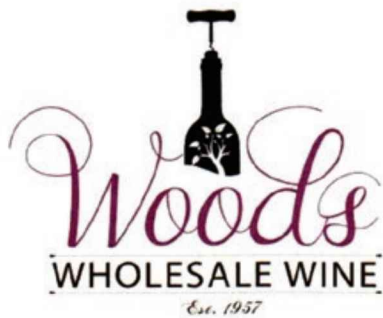
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### Thought for the Day:

Jesus shows His hands and His side [to the Apostles, as described in today's Gospel—John 20:19-31]. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity.

--St. John Paul II





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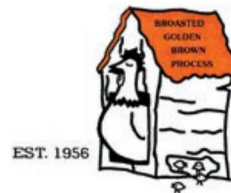
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## GOOD AND BAD OBSESSIONS

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Lent 2020; so, I'm giving up some TV and different foods that I love. Somehow, I think Jesus is not too impressed with my efforts this year. Not much effort offered, and most likely not much Grace received on my part.

I went to Ss. Cyril and Methodius for 9:00 AM Holy Mass and was able to slip into Reconciliation before Mass began. I got Fr. Jorge, and for my penance, he suggested that I find something that I like to do and give it up. Fr. Libor said the Homily, and he mentioned something about being in a bad habit of doing something that pulls you away from Jesus. Then it hit me as I was holding my smartphone. I have become obsessed with this 3 x 6 inch electronic gizmo that connects me with the world, friends, and family. I was checking the news, stocks, sports, email and texts several times an hour.


As a result, being alone with myself (and God) took a

distant back seat to my little electronic "buddy." It was putting a wedge between me and a friendly telephone conversation with family or friends. Texting was quicker and "cooler." I even found saying my rosary in the morning on the way to work could be interrupted by anyone and anything coming over the "buddy."

Now some of my older friends would ask why not just go back to a flip phone? Because the smartphone's calendar connects to Google Maps, and I use Google Maps about ten times a week to find addresses for the Men of the Sacred Hearts. I'm not willing to go back to printed maps again as looking at a paper map is very distracting while driving.

I need to put the phone down, stop texting, and checking on the latest news. Hopefully, I can break a distraction habit. What is the obsession that is taking you away from God?

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## HEY BOB!

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He would come through the door of The Men of the Sacred Hearts several times per week with a smile on his face and checking that I was not on the phone would announce, “Hi Dave!” For eight years I got to know Bob and his incredible collection of baseball cards and just about every adventure Bob experienced obtaining these rare and valuable cards.

Bob was the driver and delivery person for Office Express. He had worked for Mike Carr since he was 18 years old. Bob was overweight and had hypertension as well as being a borderline diabetic. He was not the picture of good health and was always in need of a haircut and shave. But then, that was Bob.

Mike Carr advised me Thursday, April 2 at 3:09 PM that Bob had died a few hours ago of a heart attack. Bob? The driver Bob? I’m in a state of full stop. Bob is dead? No...it can’t be true. Now Bob was not my buddy or a guy I hung out with. But Bob was always happy to see me (at least it seemed that way) and we (Barb and I) always enjoyed his happiness on

catching us up on the adventures of Bob.

Less than a day later, I’m still remembering Bob. I’m praying for him as it is Frist Friday. I’m thinking about how there can be no big funeral for Bob because we are in lock down with the pandemic of the Coronavirus. Bob’s father died a short time ago, and I think he lived with his mom. Yesterday at 9:53AM Bob was delivering Office Express orders. It was warm and sunny. Today, at 9:53AM Bob is in Heaven (I pray).

It gave me pause for thought about how fast things can change. Today, I was supposed to be in Ohio playing golf with my golf nut buddies. We were planning on the spring 2020 birthday’s in our family along with who was going to host Easter this year. SNAP, that all changed in a Executive Order about quarantining us in Michigan. And in a blink of the eye, Bob died. A casual acquaintance of mine, but suddenly I’m moved at how much a casual friendship can impact my life. No more “Hey Bob!”

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# HOLY FAMILY & ST. AUGUSTINE SUCCESS!

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Before the Covid-19 lockdown happened in March 2020, the Men of the Sacred Hearts were visiting homes by appointment and helping families Enthronement the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the family and home.

We had 29 teams and 118 volunteers that were active in making appointments and helping our neighbors increase their prayer life. Today, November 13, 2020, as I write this article, we have 15 teams with 55 volunteers working in some capacity. Home Enthronement revenue from donations dropped 63% through November.

In May-October, we were able to resume some regular schedules and began visiting homes in person, by conference call, or by Zoom. Donations that had dried up began to flow again, until October when the Covid ramped up.

My team experienced two of our youngest members stricken with Covid-19 and in quarantine. With that news, most of the remaining team wisely opted out of home visits for the time being. We suspended the

program until further notice on November 12, 2020.

I notified the homes we had appointments for face-to-face visits that we were resuming the earlier practice of bringing our Lady's statue to the porch to have the family wipe down it and then bring it into the home. All excepted this practice.

Back to Holy Family in Memphis and St. Augustine in Richmond, Michigan. I advised my board that we had a crisis situation and needed another way to get families to continue inviting Jesus into their home. At this point, I should add that for the past 7 years; we have been experimenting with how to cope with a lack of young volunteers and a volunteer force that was aging and retiring.

Jim Nihem from our board came up with an idea of including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jim and I hammered out a program based on the Pastor leading Adoration and Enthronement, including a Holy Mass. We each had one Pastor that we thought would be interested, and my choice of Fr. Phil Ching of Holy Family and St. Augustine was "all in."

However, Father made some changes to the program to fit his community. Due to timing, we had to drop Adoration and have the ceremony after the 9 AM Holy Mass at St. Augustine and the 10:30 AM Holy Mass at Holy Family. A few more back and forths to polish the 16-page ceremony book, and we were ready to present it to his flock.

I did the 2-minute pitch after each of the 6 Masses on Nov 6 and 7. The photo above is my sign-up table at St. Augustine.

We were offering the families who signed up a family named personalized ceremony book to keep. Salt for Father to bless the home's doors and rooms. An image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary to Enthronement and a professional photo taken by our own Joe Bauer of JB Studios of the family with Father during the blessing of the image, salt, and ceremony book.

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# HOW MY 2020 LENT CHANGED ME

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I became addicted. It did not happen all at once, but inch by inch. The habit I once scorned became my every free minute obsession. I even dragged my wife into this bad habit.

I watched family, friends, and strangers satisfy themselves with this habit, and slowly, I became attracted to it. Like a magnet held under thick plastic at first, I felt the pull. Then when the plastic is replaced by cardboard, the force becomes more robust and more forceful. Remove the cardboard, and the magnet is at full strength.

My appeal to this bad habit was watching business friends navigate their schedule on the new smartphone while I was lugging a calendar along with me. Changing appointment times or locations required erasing and re-recording the recent changes while my friends accomplished this with a few finger strokes. Really?

OH. OH! And when the appointment for a home enthronement was up, you clicked on the address, and it mapped out your route. Holy Cow! No more paper maps. Then I hot wired (Bluetooth) to my Ford, and I was in heaven. I began to protect the smartphone with my life as my life was on the smartphone.

Recording new appointments were just as easy using voice to text apps. The appointment was recorded with the correct spelling and just saying “Shrine of the Little Flower” resulted in the full name, address and even the phone number if you wanted it. Shazam!

I had to get this thing I criticized and mocked just a few months ago. It came the next day by Fed X, and it was almost fully charged, so I could begin using it that very day. While I struggled with the transfer of the contacts and phone numbers, I was saved by the “chat” who walked me through it. It couldn’t be easier.

Then I added Pandora, music that I liked delivered in a station format like a radio. Soon I opted for the commercial-free option for a pittance of \$4.99 a month, billed conveniently to my Verizon account. The data plan added more \$\$\$\$ to the Verizon account. My

\$40 a month flip phone morphed into the \$75 a month plan, but I was happy with my new toy.

Did you know you could play Euchre with other people or the computer on the smartphone? Even chess. Before I knew it, I was watching News and Sports on the damn thing.

I found myself reaching for the smartphone when I was not doing something with my two hands. I had become everyone else, addicted to the phone, and the necessity to answer texts immediately. To review the Newsfeed for the latest atrocity, President Trump did an hour ago. What was the new weather alert? Anyone put a recent Twitter message up that could interest me. I thought I was holier than thou by not succumbing to Facebook (in reality, I honestly did not understand why I wanted to see Suzie’s birthday pictures).

When Lent was days away, I made the deal. No more smartphone unless it was to find a home or confirm an appointment. I put the damn thing down.

Ash Wednesday was the hardest as I kept pulling it out of my pocket and putting it back again.

Thursday was just as bad, and now I was in full withdrawal. Friday was focused on not thinking about all the news I was missing or weather alerts. Saturday was more manageable as my team was scheduled for two homes. We went to Holy Mass that afternoon, built a big fire, and had a steak for dinner, and now it was getting easier.

Sunday, I could eat, do and celebrate as I wanted. But as I picked up the damn phone to check the news, I lost interest. I did not check Twitter or my text account. I pickup up the Holy Bible and read Scripture. At 11:30 AM, I looked up from Genesis and thought that I was honestly happier than I had been with that damn phone in my hand.

Like a drug addict or an alcoholic, I began to feel free from my addiction. Now I can see where I was wasting time on a thing that was taking me away from God.

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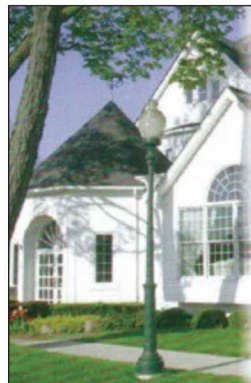
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## OEX BUSINESS RE-ENTHRONEMENT

Mike Carr organized the re-enthronement of Office Express on January 31, 2020. Mike is on the Board of Directors for the Men of the Sacred Hearts and wanted to use this opportunity to encourage other business's to Enthrone the Sacred Heart of Jesus in their establishments. The ceremony concluded with a lunch and fellowship.

## QUESTIONS

- Did you come and visit me during the Darkness of the coronavirus?
- Did you watch a live streamed Mass on Sunday? What about during the week when you were off work?
- Did you say a rosary for those suffering?
- Did you think someone else could use toilet paper when you bought all the paper on the shelf at Costco for yourself?
- Did you offer to help someone who was isolated and not able to shop?
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# PASTOR LED FAMILY HOME ENTHRONEMENT

On November 22, 2020, Fr. Phil Ching, Pastor of Holy Family in Memphis and St. Augustine in Richmond, Michigan, launched the new Men of the Sacred Hearts program on Christ the King Feast Day.

David Tay made the presentation on Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th at Holy Masses at both parishes. Families that were interested signed up for the event.

The reason for the sign up was that each family would receive the ceremonial book in their name. So, the Smith family would receive their ceremonial book titled "Smith Family Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus" as a keepsake.

The family also had their photo taken with Father holding their blessed image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Men of the Sacred Hearts developed the picture and mailed the color 8"x10" photo to the family to insert in a matching frame provided in the family packet.

When Tay presented the program to Fr. Phil, there was a discussion on how many would volunteer for this new devotion. Tay said five would be a home run. Fr. Phil said 30. We had 43 people sign up, which showed a hunger for more Jesus in the home. On Sunday, November 22, 38 families showed up for the ceremony. Three had to miss due to work assignments.

Most of the families sent a note about how meaningful the ceremony was. There are now plans to expand the program to other parishes. Two have already signed up for the program to launch in January 2021.

Fr. Phil kneeling in front of the altar while reciting the Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus prayer at Holy Family.

Fr. John leading the ceremony at St. Augustine with families.



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## THE FIRST ZOOM HOME ENTHRONEMENT

April 25, 2020, at 10 AM EST. Rich and Tonya with their five children, ages 14 to 4.

The Coronavirus and Stay Home Executive Order from Governor Whitmer on March 23, 2020, brought the Men of the Sacred Hearts Home Enthronement visits to a screeching halt. Families closed their doors to outsiders, including their family members.

My team was scheduled to return to a young family looking forward to finishing the Sacred Heart of Jesus Enthronement on March 28. I spoke to the young mother who told me that they were afraid of us coming into their home. We agreed that I would come to their open garage (it was raining) and pick up our statue of Blessed Mother. The statue was on a table near the garage door. I waved to the mom and dad behind the door and wiped down the statue with a Clorox wipe.

I then took the statue to Rich and Tonya's home and again put the statue on their porch with books. It was a re-enthronement, so they did not need an image.

They were going to do the Preparation Ceremony that morning, without us.

My team then scheduled a rosary using zoom for the next Saturday. Most of us got on, but a few needed some telephone help on where the mic and video buttons were. Then we scheduled the second rosary for Holy Thursday, and that went well. Full of confidence, we planned April 25 for the Enthronement Ceremony with Rich and Tonya, who had been zooming with friends and family, so they were comfortable with the technology.

To be sure, being with the family is much better than doing a video ceremony, but in these difficult times, this worked well. If anything, the Intercessory Prayers were even more intense and meaningful.

The future, as I am writing this article on April 27, is murky at best. Zoom may be a thing of the past or the new way we are doing enthronements in January 2021 as you read this.





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## THE GIFT

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Robert was cold because he was wet, and the temperature was hovering around 30 degrees. He had staked out a spot at 8 Mile and the service drive for I-75 South. Traffic was light, and the begging for money was even lighter. A week before Thanksgiving and people in new fancy cars were not looking at the line of panhandlers lining the streets in both directions that day.

Last night, he found an abandoned business with a sheltered front door to huddle up in with newspapers and cardboard to keep warm and dry but failed at both. The wind was blowing the sleet on an angle into the covered entryway. He switched from feet to head, and as a result, he did not sleep well. Breakfast was a half cup of coffee from somewhere that someone threw out the window of their car. He hurried to get it before someone else did. The coffee had cream, no sugar, and was still warm. The lipstick

on the cup felt comforting on his cold, chapped lips as well.

Robert had entered Jorge's Dinner on 8 Mile to see if Jorge was feeling generous that day. Jorge was busy cooking eggs and bacon for a customer as he looked over his shoulder and said: "Not today, beat it." Robert backed respectfully out of the diner and took up the spot reserved for BAM (Bad Ass Man), but BAM was not on today.

Robert looked behind the weeds and found someone's sign consisting of wet cardboard with black marker proclaiming: "May God Bless your generosity!". In another life, Robert believed in God and even went to Holy Mass on most weekends. Today, he felt like God had forgotten about him and the other down and outs.

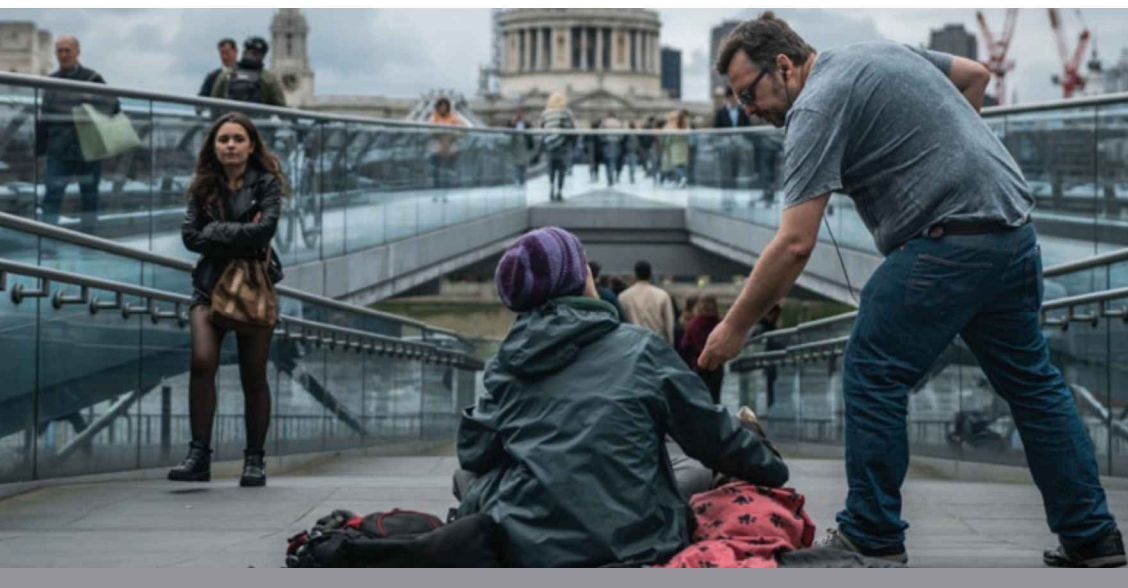
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A new Jag rolled to a stop for the light, and the occupant, a foreign-looking guy, mouthed, "Get a Job!" If only Robert could, but no one wants to hire an alcoholic with a shady past. What Robert needed was a chance to begin a new life. A life without the booze and pills that he began to experiment with when he was in Junior High.

More cars ignored his borrowed sign and kept their eyes straight ahead. He guessed if they looked at him, they might see themselves one day.

But then a newer Chevy SUV stopped at the corner. The light was green, so Robert was cautious. Teens would roll up, and when you run over, they would throw paint or hot coffee on you and speed away.

The window went down, and a middle-aged guy said: "Good afternoon, partner, how is it going?" Afternoon? When did that happen, Robert was thinking. "Not so good, sir." The man had a friendly, welcoming smile and held out his hand with something in it. Robert walked over and took it.



It was a Visa card. Robert thought, "JERK, how cruel you ass.....," but the guy began talking. "Take my Visa card and buy yourself one good meal, and I'll pick up the card from you tomorrow at the same time and place, here, OK?" Robert mumbled: "Sure, Thank you." And the Chevy took off.

"Thank you, God!" With a Visa card in his hand, he headed for Jorge's Dinner. He would get a meal, then walk over to the Meijers at 9 Mile and buy some new clothes. Then he would check into the Holiday Inn

across the street for a long bath and crash for the rest of the night without any booze. He had taken himself off the sauce primarily by not having any money to buy the crap with in the first place. No, he was done with any alcohol for the rest of his life.

Walking in Jorge's Diner, Jorge looked hard at him, and Robert flashed the Visa card. "Where did you steal that?"

"God gave it to me this afternoon, just a few minutes ago, honest Jorge!" Robert was looking directly into Jorge's eyes and held the hard look back from Jorge. "Let's see that card!" and Robert gave it to Jorge, stating that he would like the blue plate special that included a drink.

Jorge ran it through the credit card processing machine for \$10 and included a \$2 tip. Then he waited for the "Refused" light to shine. He got a green light. He called the company that handled the transactions, and they confirmed that the card was clean and had several thousand dollars of credit still

on it. Jorge then dished up the meatloaf and mashed potatoes, green beans, and a coffee for Robert.

Jorge told Robert to go to the bathroom and wash his face and hands from the street's filth. Robert complied, trusting Jorge to give back the card. As he washed his face, he looked at the black eye that was a shade of purple. He stared into his eyes and thought about the guy who gave him a Visa card. That guy

saw something in him that he did not see in himself. Did a street bum look trustworthy enough to give back a valid Visa card? That confused Robert as he mulled over what he was going to do.

Jorge's mid-morning traffic was gone, so Jorge sat down in the booth to watch Robert wolf down the all you can eat blue plate special. Jorge felt a little sorry for Robert as he watched a man who had not eaten for many days to consume the food. Without a word, he dished up another plate, brought it back to



Robert, who was mopping up the bits with bread, and went to work on the next dish, muttering, “All you can eat, right?”

Robert slowed down on the second helping, and Jorge asked what he would do next with the Visa card.

“The man said to buy a good meal....but really.....did he think that I was only going to buy one good meal and give back his Visa?” “Nobody is that stupid..... are they Jorge?”

“I was thinking about going over to Meijers and get some new clothes. Then checking into the Holiday Inn and take a long, long bath before slipping under the covers for a good sleep, not worrying about my butt getting kicked again like two nights ago when I was mugged and paid the price for not having anything worth stealing. Then tomorrow, I was going to rent a car and take off for California.”

Jorge looked at Robert as he leaned in towards him and said: “You were thinking about that?”

“The man gave me a Visa card and trusted that I was going back to that same spot tomorrow and give it back. What did that guy see in me that looks like shit on a stick Jorge? Why did he think he could trust that I would ONLY buy one meal and give him back his card?”

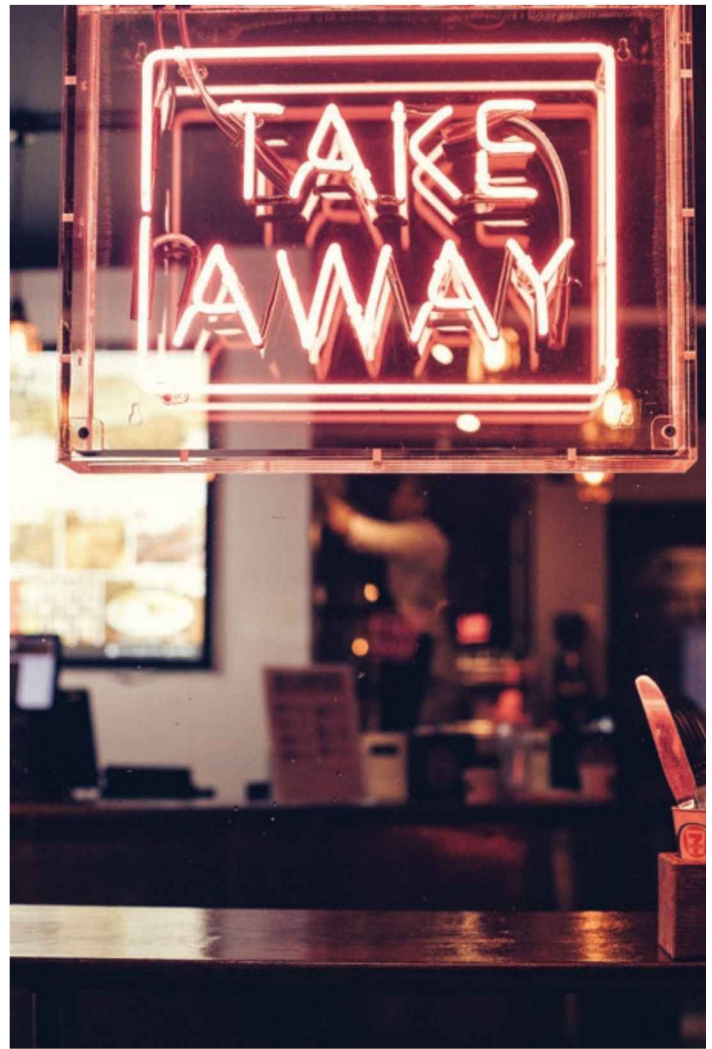
Jorge replied, “What are you really going to do, Robert?” Robert snapped his head up as that was the first time Jorge ever addressed him like another human being.

“I’m going to give the card back with \$12 on it that I charged for a good meal; that is what I’m going to do. And now you can call me stupid for not spending that night at the Holiday Inn.” Robert began to slide out of the booth to leave.

Jorge caught his arm and said: “Sit and finish your coffee. Want some apple pie?”

“Why are you nice to me now, Jorge? This morning you threw me out.” Robert was half in and half out of the booth, but Jorge gently tugged on his arm to sit him down and got the pie for him and the coffee pot to refill his cup.

“Robert, I thought you were like the other panhandlers out there. They would be in Chicago



partying on that card. But you are doing the honorable thing, and I’m sorry I was so down on you. My dishwasher did not show up today, and I assume that he is on another bender; I’m letting him go. The job is yours if you want it. I’ll cover your meals, and you can sleep in the storeroom for now until you get back on your feet.”

Robert looked at the Visa card in his hand, and a tear ran down his cheek as he shook his head yes.

The Chevy SUV came back as he said he would, and Robert gave the Visa card back to the man, saying, “Thank you. You don’t know how much that \$12 meal meant for my future.”

The man smiled and said: “Be kind to others who are truly in need, Robert, and you will always be taken care of.” The Chevy then sped away.

Robert wondered how that guy knew his name.



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No one sees the prayers but me, I open them up and read them so I can have our Hearts Lifted in Prayer team add the prayer petitions to their prayer list. The prayers then go back into the box. I ensure that the prayers are kept private by not using full names.

On October 2, 2020, I took the box with me for First Friday Holy Mass followed by Adoration for an hour. I asked our new St. Andrews Associate Pastor Fr. Craig if he could bless the box with prayers in them after telling him the details of the box, and he took it from me and placed it on the Alter before Mass.

Then, when Mass began, we put the Roman Missal on the box. The box is covered with vinyl to look like a brown leather book, you can see it in picture #1 at the base of the St. Andrew statue just to the left of the candle as well as with the Roman Missal on it in picture #2. Fr. Craig with the Prayer Box in front of Blessed Mother is picture #3.



During the Adoration hour, I took each prayer request out of the box, and held it while I prayed the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Our Father.

Then the prayer requests were burned outside so there fumes and ashes could again be raised to Heaven (picture #4).





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# THERE WAS A TIME

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It was 1960 in the Detroit suburbs. Goldwater and Johnson were campaigning for the President of the United States. It was an intense time, as neighbors held hard and fast beliefs on who would be the best person for the job.

The neighborhood children held the same beliefs as their parents, of course. So, when we debated the platforms of each candidate, we sounded like our parents. Vietnam was heating up, and the economy was faltering. Russia was Public Enemy #1. There was a lot on the table, and at that time in history, these were significant issues that each candidate wanted to handle differently.

But it was a time when people who had differing opinions politically could still be neighbors and be neighborly to each other. That went for the Junior High children as well; we would make our arguments walking (remember life before school buses?) to school in groups of 10 or more. Both sides would put forth that morning's current statement, then someone would ask if saw *The Flintstones* last night, and we all (boys and girls) would laugh at Fred's corny mistakes.

We all remained friends after Johnson won. The election was over. No hard feelings, no one talked about who cheated or lied. The world watched us calmly and orderly create the next four years of governing.

But then that changed, didn't it? Vietnam escalated into our ugliest day when America sent 68,000 young men and women to their early death for no reason whatsoever. We gained nothing, but the losses were deep and personal. If you died in the jungle, too bad. If you lived and came home, you were mentally scarred for the rest of your life.

Politically, the "hippies" began to control local, then state, and finally national political offices. Americans

were under attack from our family members who matured to voting age and a different idealism.

Today, there is hate where polite disagreement used to live. Try to stand up for the idea that marriage is between a man and a woman, a born male and born female, and you are labeled a hate monger. Don't step into the abortion issue unless you ready to be dragged through the gauntlet; it will separate families and friends forever.

Jesus, who was once the central focus in our lives, has been carted to the curb by the left. Don't try to peddle middle ages beliefs in your neighborhood, and you will be labeled as the "kooky religious zealot" by your neighbors.

One idea is that we need to keep our opinions and beliefs to ourselves. Another idea is to use the social activism



approach and take to the streets. Another is to pray more.

Today is April 24, 2020, and we just had the Governor of Michigan tack on two more weeks of shut-in to our lives. As you read this, are we better for that decision, or was it the nail in the coffin for our Michigan economy? I wish I had some hindsight today to comment on it.



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## TROUBLED

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I am a convert. But not the zealous kind, just an out of the closet convert. But as I walked the path learning about the rich and intertwined history of our Catholic Church, one thing continues to bother me.

Our Christian brothers in the Protestant Faith read the Bible as I do. They know that their “religion” did not exist before the Reformation (if you have not studied this time in our history, I encourage you to do so). Their Saints are the same as we acknowledge in the Catholic Church.

The Eucharist and the Transubstantiation are known but not believed. Any Protestant can Google Eucharist Miracles and find facts that Jesus becomes the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in that once wheat wafer. Yet, they stubbornly refuse to admit that some angry Catholic in the 1500s decided to go on a power ride and break away from the Catholic Church.

Now, to be honest, the Catholic Church before the Reformation needed some reform. Popes were selling titles of Bishops to non-Catholics and even fathering children. Luther wanted to correct these issues and ended up dividing his Holy Catholic Church. One division led to two, then to four, and it goes on today. Abandoned gas stations are now places of worship. A person goes online and gets a Divinity degree (or not) and opens a church.

There was a nurse who lived down the road from us. She decided that she wanted to be a “Reverend” and got the title. She began a church in her home. She did Baptisms. She lost interest in the Church and moved onto a farm in Indiana. I ask the question, from where did she receive her authority? My objective is not to belittle but to enlighten and bring them home to where their forefathers came from. They truly are the Prodigal Sons and Daughters. Stop fighting your lost battle. Come home to the waiting arms of Blessed Mother and Her Son.

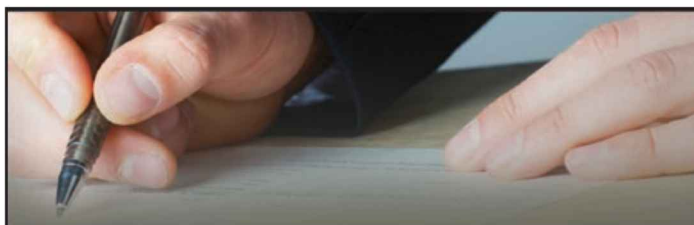
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In 2010, if someone told you that there are states that have outlawed religious assemblies of more than ten people, you would have thought the person was not in their right mind.

If, in 2015, the same deranged person told you that you would have to wear a mask to Mass, if you could get a reservation to attend, you would surely think this person was off their rocker.

If in 2019, the same person then told you that Portland, Chicago, and other large cities want to defund their police departments. This push to shut down our guys in blue came from a radical left-wing group called Black Lives Matter, you might have listened but would not believe it, or instead, you would not want to believe it.

In July of 2020, the America we once knew has changed. We now don't want to follow the news because we don't like to learn about what new level of insanity will be imposed upon us by our state and local leaders. Our Michigan governor, who, under the guise of protecting us, shut down bars in the upper region of lower Michigan.

She thought they were at a higher risk of getting and spreading the Covid 19 virus, but she also opened the casino's because she was sadly missing the tax revenue from those cash cows. There was data directly opposed to what the Governor said was a rapid spike, no spike, no increase in deaths or even hospitalization.

You also have been warned by members of the Federal Government could come after you for your radical and unethical stance on Pro-Life. Notes from the August 20th edition of the LOOP.

As attorney general of California, Kamala Harris prosecuted pro-life journalists from the Center for Medical Progress who investigated Planned Parenthood and its selling of aborted baby body parts, leading to a House investigation and hearing. Harris also used her power as attorney general to raid the home of one of the most prominent investigative journalists, David Daleiden.

In February 2021, while you are reading this, you can put in the new "unbelievable" news.

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# WE STOPPED GOING TO JESUS

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***“We stopped going to Jesus, so the Men of the Sacred Hearts must take Jesus to the people.”***

*“Let us spread devotion to the Sacred Heart at home and among others. Let us renew with great determination our offering to become apostles of the Sacred Heart, learning from the Heart of Jesus how to be meek and humble.” - St. Mother Teresa*

*“The Heart of Jesus is an open heart. Spend your time there.” - St. Mother Teresa*

***“Come be My light...they don’t know Me so they don’t want me. You come...carry Me to them.” The words of Jesus to Mother Teresa, 1946.***

There is no more urgent message for the world today than the earnest plea of the Heart of Jesus, a plea that mankind would respond to His love and return love for love. This message imbued in all of Sacred Scripture has been echoed down through the centuries to numerous saints, saints like St. Margaret Mary, St. Faustina, Fr. Mateo, and St. Teresa of Calcutta, along with so many others. My heartfelt gratitude to each of you, the *Men of Sacred Hearts* for the crucial role you play in fulfilling this burning desire of the Heart of Jesus. On March 25th of this year, the *Solemnity of the Annunciation*, we renewed together the Marian Consecration, asking the Blessed Mother to take this apostolate more deeply than ever before into the mystery of His Heart and to guide each of you toward the vision and mission that God wishes to accomplish through you. I cannot wait to see the great fruit and grace that will be evident in the upcoming weeks and months as you experience a new morning glory in this apostolate.

***“My little one, come...come, carry Me into the holes of the poor. Come be My light. I cannot go alone, they don’t know Me so they don’t want me. You come, go among them. Carry me with you into them. How I long to enter their ....dark unhappy homes.”***

The above quote is taken from the hidden journals of St. Teresa of Calcutta which were released after her death in 2002 at the time of her beatification. Why have we not heard of this message before? Mother

herself kept this guarded and hidden. She had written of this powerful vision and of the words of Jesus to her in her secret diary, but spoke of it to no one, not even to the closest of her Sisters. She lived this out in an evidential way with great force and faithfulness. These words led her to found the Missionaries of Charity to fulfill His cry of thirst and the deep desires of the Heart of Christ. Her reason for silence in this matter was also revealed in her journal. It appears that in her humility she was fearful that if others knew of these extraordinary visions that Jesus had given to her, that they would, “...think more of her and less of Jesus.” It was in fact her profound humility, which she drew from the Heart of Jesus, that caused her to keep silence in the midst of so incredible a gift.



Mother Teresa knew well that *Mary always leads us to Jesus*, and to a more profound union with Him. She was often heard to say that the role of Mary is “to bring us face to face with the love in the Heart of Christ Crucified.” Mother herself was set aflame with a desire to love Jesus and to make him loved from her earliest years. She had been taught by Jesuit Missionaries. The *Heart of Christ and his Thirst for Souls* was ever in the forefront of her mind and heart.

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The account of this hidden call of Christ can be found in a book compiled by the Missionaries of Charity, entitled “*Come, be My Light*,” by Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk.

Most significant for us is to remember that this call from Jesus to Mother to *Come be His light and to carry Him to the world* was not simply a call for Mother alone or even for her beloved Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity. This call, she herself knew was an essential one for the whole Church and for every believer. In a unique and particular way *this call belongs to the Men of the Sacred Hearts, who have been entrusted by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring Jesus into the dark holes and homes of so many who do not know Him*. It is crucial that we understand the present reality of our times. People are no longer going to Jesus, so *the love of Christ compels us* to go out to them.

We need to bring Jesus to them and into their homes. Even more may we pray that the fire of the Heart of

Christ would burn within us, filling us with His zeal, and sending us out in His Spirit. It is most urgent to bring Him at this time into a world that has forgotten Him. The world in which we live no longer recognizes Him and yet it is longing for Him, even some are dying because they do not know Him. ***The Men of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus are made for such a time as this! You have been commissioned to enthrone Him in homes and hearts, to reclaim the culture and family life for Christ and His Kingdom.***

May this long Lent of 2020 be the *decisive turning point in which we feel like never before the fire of this call to go out and bring Christ into the homes and hearts of all those we encounter. Like Mary and with Mary may we go in haste to fulfill this urgent plea of Jesus from the Cross, to make Him known and loved, reigniting the flame of His love on this earth by strengthening the weary, healing the broken, and making the world whole again with His love.*

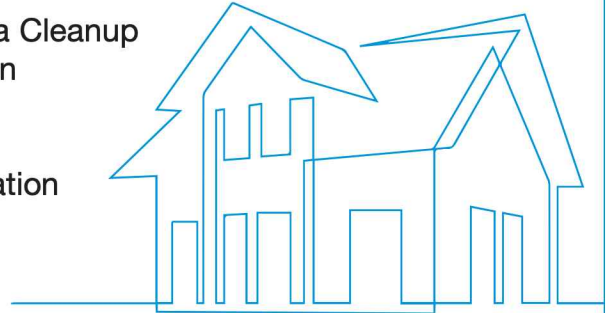




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The Chesterton Our Lady of Guadalupe school had a target of 20 students to open for the 2020-21 Academic year. The school enrolled 23 and capped the enrollment so they would not have to hire another teacher this year.

First period every day is Holy Mass at St. Francesco that is just one mile east of the school. Attendance is taken during this first period. The students are then carpooled to school.

The Chesterton model teaches in the classical Catholic tradition using Humanities, Fine Arts, Math, and Science, focusing on Faith. All subjects are

taught in the Socratic method (argumentative dialogue between individuals based on asking and answering questions to stimulate critical thinking).

On Tuesday, after lunch, the 23 students played 15 minutes of volleyball. 9th, 10th, and 11th graders (no 12th grade this year) combined boys and girls on each team and proceeded to punish the volleyball. The students were joined by Canon Michael Stein, the Rector of St. Joseph Shrine on Jay Street in Detroit, and the Chesterton school's Spiritual Director. Being young, he not only kept up but showed some excellent ball skills to the delight of his side of the net.

This Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be a yearly event hosted by the Chesterton Men of the Sacred Hearts Honor Society made up of young men chosen to be in the Society by their leadership and faith ability.







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August 18, 2020 was a sunny but cool day. The golf course was fabulous, we played the New Course, and if you know the Indianwood property, you know the New Course is long and hard. It took us six hours and we had maybe 15 minutes of waiting for greens to clear.

From the left is David Tay, Tom Furnari (on my Rochester Team), Kerry Schaeffner who is our Board President and an Alum (1963) of Austin, the original school and Mike (Long Ball) Carr who is also on our board. I put this team together to win big at the Austin Golf Outing, we ended up +1 over par.

But it was a fun day filled with many great shots by all of us, and some not so great shots made by all of us.



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