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Peace and joy in Jesus! Thank you again for ALL you do for Jesus! Happy New Year!!
Please see below our latest newsletter,

“Vanishing Ecstasy, the Birth of Confidence.”

Well, the three Wise Men have come and gone after their initial ecstasy of finding God incarnate. So many times, we read or hear about saints, vocation candidates, and perhaps even ourselves wanting to recapture, recreate, or cling to a former extraordinary ecstatic personal experience of Christ. What the Wisemen **did** leave with (were armed with) was **confidence**.

Confidence in the minds of some people, even vocational candidates, can be viewed as the antithesis of humility. It is not. It is ultimately with “confidence” we are sealed. In confidence we, “do whatever He tells you”. It is with confidence that we finally can offer God at least a few acts of pure devotion if not perpetual. Not because we feel something, or anything, or nothing. Not just because we have earned it by sacrifice or suffering but, like Saint and Doctor Therese Lisieux, **just because we want to**. Nothing more. Nothing less.

We **want** to offer God a pure offering of our will. We simply want to, we decide to, we choose to. We have confidence in Christ beyond human comprehension. In this confidence we enter eternal life now. A life that acknowledges through confidence that God operates beyond our finite miniscule understanding. A state of life whereby virgins get pregnant with everlasting life, creatures overcome death, and the ordained fuel our souls with absolution and the body and blood of Christ. On our deathbeds it will be by confidence that we can truly enjoy “a happy death”.

Our gratitude is best summed up in the word “Eucharist” meaning “Thanksgiving”. As in the words of the mass, “Thank you for counting us worthy to stand in Your Presence and serve You”. For this we can be grateful that ecstasy has given way to confidence and living in this confidence we joyfully make reparation for all of mankind, past, present, and future.

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