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*Eucharistic Renewal Events*  
*Tool Kit*

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Dear Lay Apostle,

Direction for Our Times thanks you for your interest in hosting a Eucharistic Renewal event at your parish!

The mission of Direction for Our Times is first and foremost to spread the good news contained in the messages given to Anne, a lay apostle. Eucharistic Renewal Events have proven to be highly effective in achieving our mission by reaching out to lay apostles as well as to many others who attend with a very limited exposure to the Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King.

Since Anne could not possibly travel to all the events where there is an interest in the apostolate, we are relying on dedicated lay apostles to plan and implement local Eucharistic events. With great joy, we can see that this is happening, and has resulted in Eucharistic Renewal Events being held more and more often in different parts of the world. Graces are flowing as a result.

This tool kit has been developed by a dedicated lay apostle, Pam Robertson, to assist lay apostles in the planning and implementation of a local Eucharistic Renewal Event. In the following pages, we hope you will find most of what you will need to organize an event, including action plans, checklists, templates of advertising methods, and much more.

Throughout the entire process, we urge you to always remain in obedience to the Church, and to secure the permission of the parish pastor. Also, please read the article about evangelizing written by Anne, a lay apostle. We think it will give you the true spirit and purpose for the adventure you are about to begin. Those who have gone before you have spoken of the great joy they experienced when they served Jesus in this way.

We support you and thank you for answering God's call to help spread His mission and rescue souls.

Your fellow lay apostles at Direction for Our Times  
Justice, Illinois

## WHO CAN BE A LAY APOSTLE?

You can. All you have to do is say "yes" to God's invitation to serve Him. Nothing you've done in your past life matters. All that matters is your willingness to serve.

Lay apostles are key players in God's plan to reclaim His world. Our mission is to allow Jesus to flow through us into the world, bringing His light to souls who live in darkness.

**"From now on, I will think of you as My apostles."** Jesus, Volume Ten

## WHAT DOES A LAY APOSTLE DO?

A lay apostle walks closely with Jesus throughout each day. The first goal is the personal movement toward unity with Jesus. In other words, we concentrate first on our own holiness and the perfection of our own souls. We do this through our vocation as mothers, fathers, priests, religious, single people, daughters, sons, sisters and brothers. We serve Jesus through service to others.

We learn to love Jesus through loving others. We become united to Jesus by treating others with His love and gentleness. We bring kindness back to the world by behaving as though we lived in the heavenly Kingdom. We know about the love of Christ. We must live that knowledge.

Some souls pray a great deal, but do not love. This is not unity to Christ. This is unity to prayer. But the goal of prayer is unity with Christ. Christ is love. Prayer brings us to love, to softer hearts, to forgiveness and patient service to others. Lay apostles seek to live this message of love and kindness.

Some apostles will be called to spread the Volumes. Some apostles will be called to support the mission in prayer. Some are called to suffer in obscurity, with only Jesus as the witness to their soul's constant progress. Everyone will be called. Everyone is chosen to serve.

**"Do not ask if you are called to serve. Assume you are called to serve. The fruits of this mission are magnificent and will increase daily. Serve, My beloved apostles, serve."** Jesus, May 24, 2005

## AN INVITATION FROM JESUS

A powerful way to bring the apostolate to a large number of people is to host a Eucharistic Renewal event, either for a few hours or for a full day. Eucharistic Renewal events normally include praying the Rosary, watching a DVD of a talk given by Anne, a lay apostle, and participating in the celebration of Mass and/or Eucharistic Adoration. There may also be guest speakers to talk on any number of subjects related to the apostolate, as well as opportunities for the sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This type of grassroots effort has already helped to spread the mission around the world. Jesus will do all of the work. His Spirit will open the hearts of those who are called to serve. You'll find most people hungry for God's love.

Jesus has promised that all lay apostles who welcome others to the rescue mission will be placed in His Sacred Heart, and they and their loved ones will be defended and protected.

## Evangelizing as Lay Apostles

*Taken from a talk given by Anne, a lay apostle*

### **JESUS HAS REVEALED HIMSELF TO US AS RETURNING KING**

Just as He prepares each one of us in our souls to meet Him, He also prepares the world. When will Jesus return? When is He coming back to us as King? We do not know. The early apostles did not know.

The Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King is one of many apostolates charged with evangelizing for Heaven during this time. Now there are some who will argue, probably with accuracy, that we evangelize in a difficult time and that the comparative affluence in the west has made the soil hard and unfavorable for the sowers. That is all the more reason why we have to be so faithful to our Catholic call to evangelize.

Consider two types of evangelization: direct and indirect. Indirect evangelization is the kind of evangelization where you are called to serve quietly in your home, perhaps caring for your family or perhaps suffering and carrying a cross of illness. A more direct evangelization is when you are called to be out in the world preaching the Gospel message.

Now, we are complimentary groups, both types, both necessary, both equally important, both beloved by Christ. And we definitely rely on each other.

In my life, as most likely in your life, there are times when I am called to be an indirect evangelist, as when I am sick or serving in my home, and there are times when I am called to be a more direct evangelist, as when I am working for Christ in the world. Either way, the Lord provides opportunities for sanctification. We will become holy working in both ways.

I know many lay apostles are working very hard with great dedication to spread this apostolate and we are a family as we answer the call which unites us. We are working very hard for Jesus. Jesus is so grateful. We must continue to work hard and we must work with a spirit of zeal for spreading this Gospel message. But there is something else in addition to zeal that we need and that is a spirit of detachment.

### **A Big Feast**

It will be helpful for us in our evangelization work if we think of the words from Heaven as a big feast. We have all eaten and been nourished and blessed from this feast and we offer this with confidence and great joy to other people.

Some accept this feast, others reject it. Regardless, our job is to offer it. It is the Lord's job to prepare the souls of those to whom we offer it. It is the Lord's job, also, to bless those souls.

Evangelization is not easy. It was not easy work in the beginning of the Church and it is not easy work now. I do not think evangelization will ever be easy work. If we attempt to evangelize one hundred people, we may get positive responses from only a few. Those few might experience a burst of joy. They hear the Spirit, acknowledge God's presence and rejoice with us. This is wonderful for us because we feel we have helped a brother or sister to gain comfort and clarity. We feel good about the fact that we have helped to spread God's Gospel message.

With regard to those few, isn't it often the case that many accept these words and rejoice with us for a time and then go back into their life as though they never heard this message? That is how it appears to us. That's okay. Do not think that your work has not been fruitful when this happens because those people have been fed. They have experienced this and they will come back to this when they need it. Even if there appears to be no lasting change in them and we are led to wonder if our efforts were effective at all, they have been fed.

Maybe in the hundred people, of those few that responded positively, maybe just one stands beside us to help us spread this particular message.

Jesus has called us into this apostolate in different ways, it is true, but we each have a separate role. Our role could be big. And our role could be very small. This is up to Jesus. Our job is to listen; Jesus can do wonderful things with one person.

In the June 1, 2009 Monthly Message Jesus says, ***"I need you to continue on in your service to Me. I need you to remember that you are called to live differently, that your life which might not be proceeding exactly as you planned is proceeding exactly as I planned. Can you accept this? Can you remind yourself that you have allowed your Savior to navigate your earthly journey? Can you rejoice in the path that I have marked out for you even if it includes suffering?"***

My friends, when we are tempted to discouragement, we must ask ourselves this question: Has our participation in this apostolate helped us? Think about this individually. Have we benefited spiritually? Has it increased our understanding of Jesus and Mary? Of Heaven's presence in our life? If the answer is yes, then we have to acknowledge this and we have to thank Heaven. And we have to say to Heaven, "Truly this is a good place for me and I have benefited." We have to detach from what God does with our service and from what God does with our commitment.

## **Standing at a Well**

We must think of ourselves as people standing at a well. In this well is pure, clean, heavenly water. We draw it from the well and we hand it out to others. We know that this water has quenched our thirst and hydrated us. And we know that it will hydrate others. Some walk on past us, rejecting what we offer. We accept this in peace. There may be many reasons why they do not want to drink from this well at this time, but perhaps at another time they will return.

Others stop, accept a drink from us, and then continue on in their journey. This is fine. They have been hydrated and have provided us with holy fellowship.

Sometimes, as I said, a person remains to stand with us and also to hand out water from this well. They become our holy companions in the work of the spreading of the apostolate. They suffer, as we suffer. They grow tired, as we grow tired. But they come to know Christ in the way that we know Christ and because of that they begin to speak the same language that we speak. We understand each other. And in this understanding, there is joy, great joy. Don't forget this, my friends. We have great joy in each other in this apostolate. Many in this world never experience this joy in the people around them. This is a great gift.

Many never experience the compassionate love that we are given for God's children in darkness. Many of you can testify to the fact that your heart hurts for the people who are separated from God and from God's grace. This is a gift. This is becoming Christ-like. This is a part of our sanctification, a sign of our sanctification. So, we must not take this for granted, because this is a foretaste of Heaven. This is how it is in Heaven. Hearts are filled with love, no judging, only compassion. And if our service and our experience in this apostolate have given this to us, well then we have to be grateful, don't we? We have to help others to experience the same thing.

These are a few things that we want to remember when we are working in evangelization.

Each conversion is different. Every person's conversion experience is unique, just like every one of us is unique. Do not expect everyone to react to the works in this apostolate as you reacted.

The drama and sanctification of the conversion of each person takes place in the privacy of the soul. Unseen by others, only God can ignite the divine in His good time. Be patient and let God work.

There sometimes can be a temptation to say, "I am an apostle, this is how I look, therefore all apostles should look like me." This is a temptation, my friends, because it will most certainly end in judgment. If you look at someone and say, "How could they be a serving apostle? They don't look the way I look," that is a temptation to judge how apostles should look. Not every apostle should look like every other apostle.

## **"I am with you"**

The Body of Christ is made up of many people at various levels of holiness who proceed toward Christ from different places, on different paths. Our destination is what we have in common. Our destination is permanent union with Jesus Christ in Heaven. Not all apostles look the same, nor approach Heaven in the same way and we say, in fact, that no two apostles are alike and it is for this reason, my friends, that Jesus has allowed many wells in His Church. We can never make a claim that ours is the only well offering living waters because this is simply not true.

As a new well in God's Church we expect others to be cautious. I was cautious when the Lord started this apostolate. You were cautious when someone first handed you a Volume. We must expect others to be cautious and respect their caution. Do not take it personally because it is not personal. It is a good thing to observe prudence in others.

I think God, like any good parent, is sending specific food for this specific time and the specific struggles that we are experiencing. And if we look back in the history of the Church we will see that He has always done this. God has always sent specific help for a specific time. God is very actively involved. The biggest message in this apostolate is from Jesus, “I am with you.” God doesn’t observe from a distance and hope that we get on okay. God is well used to have to actively intercede in history and help us along.

Now we try to think of the Volumes and the booklets as so many drinks of water. This water is intended for those who are dying of thirst, of course, meaning those who are away from the Church. But it is also intended for those who are already serving in the Church or for those in the Church who have become lukewarm.

This mission does not seek to pull anyone away from their current service. Rather it meets them and ministers to them where they are. And, please God, strengthen them on the journey that God has willed for them in their life.

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## Monthly Message

August 1, 2010

Jesus

Be at peace in your work, dear apostles. Neither hurry, nor delay. Do not pause in your service to Heaven, wherever that service has taken you. We move at a steady pace if we are together. If you are working without Me, you may find yourself either hurrying or delaying. I do not hurry and I do not delay. Test yourself today. Determine your pace. If it is steady and you are calm, all is well. If your pace is hurried, and you are not calm, perhaps you have forgotten that it is My work you are doing, and not your own. If you have stopped working for Heaven, because you are sad, frustrated or discouraged, then that is a sign that you need Me to renew you and restore your confidence in our togetherness. I speak to you of abandonment and I ask you to regard the outcome of your service as irrelevant in that you are not in control of the fruits of your day. Most days, you will not see the fruits. Most days, you will not be able to understand the fruits. This is because My beloved friends have a limited understanding of Heaven's power and Heaven's patience. If Heaven has a goal to accomplish, Heaven begins preparing early. Much of your service, My dear apostles, will be that of sowing seeds for future conversions. Dearest apostles, so close to Me, can you accept this? Will you trust Me? Many people contribute to the construction of a building on earth. Think of all that happens before the building is erected. All of the materials must be created and fashioned and then assembled and there must be a plan. The people producing the materials may never see the building that is erected through their cooperation. It is this way with the Kingdom of God. There are many hands at work in this world assembling materials for the construction of the edifice that the Father has willed for His Church on earth at this time. You are my diligent workers who cheerfully stand forward to serve the King. I thank you, dear friends. I urge you to trust, to patience and to lively participation in this plan, wherever I have placed you. Rejoice! Show others the happiness that comes with knowing you are loved and protected.

## Eucharistic Renewal Action Plan

### ➤ **Step 1 – Local Pastor Support**

First things first. Begin by introducing your pastor to the mission. Call the Direction for Our Times office (708) 496-9300 to order a Clergy Packet specifically designed for this purpose. Once you receive it, make an appointment with your pastor and briefly introduce the mission, your lay apostle prayer group, and your hopes to spread the mission in your parish. If he has any questions that could be answered by the Chaplain of the Apostolate, the DFOT office could facilitate that communication. . Ask for a second meeting in the near future, allowing him ample time to digest the material. Maybe he would even be interested in dropping in on your next lay apostle group meeting, especially if there is cake!

### ➤ **Step 2 – Explore Your Options**

Once you have the green light, call the Direction for Our Times office again and we can begin to assist you. We may have access to resources in your area that you may not be aware of. This is a time of initial planning, to start moving the process forward. Schedule another meeting with your pastor to nail down the specifics. The Checklist will be invaluable in this process. You can discuss the schedule for the day, the number of volunteers you will be working with, and samples of publicity tools such as posters and bulletin announcements. When scheduling the event, try to give yourself a few months time, and be alert for potential conflicts such as parish, school, administrative, or sport events, as well as holidays and holydays. If you are interested in having Direction for Our Times staff take part in the event, try to give us as much notice as possible.

### ➤ **Step 3 – Assemble Your Team**

The Eucharistic Renewal Event checklist was designed to help you determine the number of team members and type of talent you will need. Tap into established parish groups such as Knights of Columbus, ministries, youth and prayer groups, for additional volunteers.

### ➤ **Step 4 – Build Awareness and Support**

Try to promote the event with other groups: parish, school, administrative, religious education, liturgy, music and prayer groups. Introduce the mission and invite them to your event. Also welcome new members or volunteers by sharing some “Heaven Speaks” booklets, Volumes or Monthly Messages with them. Let Jesus do the work He does best! Make arrangements for the announcement to run in your bulletin and the bulletins in neighboring parishes for several weeks preceding your event. Hang posters, with approval, in schools, religious stores, parish centers, parish offices, Adoration chapels, and churches.

### ➤ **Step 5 – Dress Rehearsal**

Not really, but arrive a few hours early, test the equipment, set up the free will offerings, refreshments, book sales, say a prayer and enjoy the event!

## Eucharistic Renewal Event Checklist

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>Action Needed</b>
<b>ROSARY</b> Leader Microphone			
<b>MASS</b> Altar Set-Up Picture of JCTRK (opt.) Celebrant Eucharistic Ministers Prayer Petitions Readings Gifts Musician(s)/Songs Singer(s)			
<b>ADORATION</b> Celebrant Reader/CD/Meditation Musician(s)/Songs Singer(s)			
<b>WELCOMING</b> Emcee Greeters (Beg. of day) Programs (?) Information Table			
<b>SPEAKERS</b> Lay Apos. Introduction Microphone			

<b>DVD OF ANNE</b> Screen DVD Player Sound Speakers			
<b>PUBLICITY</b> Posters Catholic Schools Catholic Churches Catholic Bookstores Adoration Chapels Knights of Columbus School Administration Prayer Groups Religious Education Radio/Newspapers Email Blast from DFOT Website from DFOT			
<b>CHURCH PROMOTION</b> Bulletin Announcements Pulpit Announcements HS booklets- Invitation /weekend prior			
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b> Table(s) Amount Beverages Food Items Paper products Condiments Equipment Set-up			

Serving Clean up/Trash cans			
<b>BOOK SALES</b> Name Tags Set up Table/Chairs Money Box Sales Team Clean up			
<b>SCHEDULE</b> Date Time Full day/Half day Location Schedule for the Event Contact Information			
<b>PARKING</b> Attendants			
<b>EXPENSES</b> Good Will Basket(s) Budget			
<b>FILMING OF EVENT</b>			
<b>TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS</b> Outside Speakers DFOT Staff			
<b>GUEST ACCOMMODATION</b> Outside Speakers DFOT Staff			
<b>YOUTH EVENT</b>			
<b>CONFESSSIONS</b>			

## MORE HELP

**ROSARY-** Because Jesus has asked us to pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary as part of our Spiritual Guidelines, we usually pray these particular mysteries, regardless of the day of the week the event is held.

**MASS-** If the celebrant of the Mass is familiar with the Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King, the homily would be a good time to speak about the Five Spiritual Guidelines of the apostolate.

The following guidelines have been developed to help set a standard for the type of music appropriate for the mass:

### **Guidelines for Music**

Musician typically performs a song before we start the event to signal that we are going to begin. Some parishes like to have music during the 30 minutes before the event begins, as attendees assemble. Then, after the Rosary is prayed, and depending on your schedule (going right to speaker, or setting up screen for DVD) you might want a song or two while everyone is getting seated.

#### **Mass**

During Mass we like to sing congregational songs that are in the hymnals in the pews, or if hymnals are not available, common songs that most will know.

Suggested songs include:

Abba Father by Carey Landry  
 Amazing Grace  
 Ave Maria  
 Blest are They by David Haas  
 Christ be Our Light by Bernadette Farrell  
 Deep Within by David Haas  
 Eye Has Not Seen by Marty Haugen  
 Gather Us In by Marty Haugen  
 Glory and Praise to Our God by Dan Schutte  
 Hosea by Weston Priory, Gregory Norbet  
 How Great Thou Art  
 I Will Be With You by James Moore  
 Lead Me, Lord by John Becker  
 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace  
 Mass of Creation or the Mass of Light  
 One Bread, One Body by John Foley  
 Open My Eyes by Jesse Manisbusan  
 Return to God by Marty Haugen  
 See Ye First by Karen Lafferty  
 Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord by Marty Haugen  
 We Are Called by David Haas  
 We Are Many Parts by Marty Haugen

**ADORATION** - It is important that the attendees have a good portion of quiet time during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We suggest a cycle of silence, readings from the Volumes, and possibly music.. We strive to offer a full hour of Adoration, though depending on circumstances, this might be shortened to 45 minutes. Below is a sample schedule for Adoration:

### **Part One**

Opening Song while Blessed Sacrament is being exposed:

*O Sacrament Most Holy* x3 (sung)

### **Part Two**

After a brief period of silence, the following cycle of reflection, silence and music:

1st message from Volume Two

5 minutes of silence

*Here I am Lord* (sung)

5 minutes of silence

2nd message from Volume Two

5 minutes of silence

*Be Not Afraid* (sung)

3rd message from Volume Two

5 minutes of silence

*You are Mine* (sung)

5 minutes of silence

### **Part Three**

Priest will process through the aisles of the church with the Blessed Sacrament, stopping often to let people look closely at Jesus.

### **Part Four**

Exposition is concluded with Benediction and the singing of the *Tantum Ergo*. Following the Divine Praises, we suggest the following prayer:

*May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved, with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.*

**WELCOMING** - Programs are optional, but they can be helpful to include the schedule, songs, location of local prayer groups, etc. If you would like to have a program for the day, this would be a good thing to give your greeters at the door, as a way of welcoming people to the event.

Program templates used at other Eucharistic events are available from Direction for Our Times staff.

We also like to have an information table set up where people can stop by and peruse material. Direction for Our Times will provide the ‘free’ material for this table, including the Introduction Brochure and Newsletter, the most recent newsletter, the most recent Monthly Message, prayer cards, holy cards, etc. Someone who is familiar with the mission should be at the table to answer questions. Also, there should be sign-up sheets for people who would like to receive the Monthly Message (either email or postal mail), and forms for purchasing a subscription to the newsletter.

It would be wonderful to have a participant from a prayer group in the parish pass out information cards with contact information (time, location and person to call) for the local monthly prayer group.

**SPEAKERS** - There should, at the very least, be a brief (15 minute) introduction to the mission, before the DVD is played. A sample of the short introduction is included on page 22-23.

Usually the introduction is longer, about 45 minutes, and covers the history of how the mission began, as well as the developments that have occurred, and the spiritual fruits of the mission. An updated copy of this longer talk is available from the Direction for Our Times office.

At full-day events, speakers present talks on a variety of topics related to the mission. If you are interested, Direction for Our Times may be able to help you identify speakers for your event.

**ANNE’S DVD** - We recommend you use Talk One from “Moving into Holiness,” the DVD which was recorded in June of 2010. In this talk, Anne gives a brief introduction of herself, helping those who are new to this mission understand how the locutions began. The remainder of the talk is a great synopsis of many of the concepts Heaven is giving through the messages. The talk is 45 minutes long.

The size of the screen and the quality of the sound speakers will have a lot to do with how well the DVD is received. Please keep in mind the size of the space (big church/small chapel/ high-ceilinged hall???) and the number of people expected when planning for the viewing of the DVD.

**PUBLICITY**- There is nothing as important as publicity (other than prayer), in terms of sharing this experience with as many people as possible.

The earlier you can get us the information about the event, the better. Direction for Our Times will put the information on our website, as well as send an email blast that will go out to all of the people on our email list.

We have templates for posters available, or you can be creative and use your own.

**CHURCH PROMOTION** - A very effective way to share this mission with your parishioners is making use of your parish communication tools. We suggest putting announcements to “save the date” in your bulletin as soon as you know that the event is approved. Then put bulletin announcements with more details 3, 2 and 1 week(s) prior to the event.



Another idea which has proved successful is promotion of the event at all the Masses the weekend before. The pastor (or anyone supportive of the mission) could speak briefly (2-3 minutes - no longer) after Communion about the apostolate and the upcoming Eucharistic Renewal Event. An invitation from the pastor is always helpful.

Lay apostles from nearby parishes can come to the Masses and hand out free “Heaven Speaks” booklets (provided by Direction for Our Times) to parishioners as they leave the church. Then, even if people are not able to come to the event, they have some words from Heaven in their possession. If you live in a less populated area where there are no nearby lay apostles to support you, a table can be set up in the back of church.

**REFRESHMENTS** - Refreshments are optional, depending on the length of the day and the support you have available. For both volunteer staff and people attending, a refreshment break is always appreciated.

If you are holding a full-day event (e.g. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.), you will need to consider how to provide a lunch. If you are in an area where there are plenty of fast food options, giving participants an hour to get their own meals could be acceptable. Although easier, there is then no opportunity for attendees to sit down together and share their stories or their reaction to the day.

Most organizers either 1). cater food from a local restaurant, 2). Provide a simple meal put together by parish volunteers (i.e. sandwiches/snack/drink), or 3). ask a parish organization such as the Knight of Columbus to provide the meal.

**BOOK SALES--** You have two options: asking a local Catholic bookstore to attend the event or selling the books yourselves.

Local Catholic bookstore - The advantage of this choice is that the bookstore will handle all the sales, as well as providing the attendees a place where they can go locally to purchase additional books in the future.

Sell the books yourselves - If there is no bookstore available or interested, selling materials yourself is another choice. Please keep in mind that we would need about 3 weeks notice to order the books for shipment to your event. We normally ask that any books ordered not be returned, so keep the inventory as ‘close to the bone’ as possible. We suggest offering a ‘foundational’ supply of books: Volumes, “Heaven Speaks” Booklets (with display case), *Climbing the Mountain* and maybe Anne’s latest book, and a copy of the DVD shown at the event. Resource catalogues showing all of our products should also be made available.

Direction for Our Times will provide a price list, and the appropriate state sales tax will need to be applied.

**SCHEDULE** - Finalizing the schedule as soon as possible will help in a variety of ways, most especially publicity, but also in determining how much other planning needs to be done.

The length and time of the event will be your first consideration: successful Eucharistic events have been held in the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening and for a full day. Pick which is best for your parish and your parishioners, and the rest of the details will fall into place.

Please remember to call Direction for Our Times as soon as the schedule is set, so that we can begin to assist with publicity and other details.

**PARKING** - Parking may or may not be a consideration, depending on where your parish is located and the size of the lot. If a large crowd is expected, you may want to consider finding people to help

as parking attendants. (This is generally only necessary for the largest of events when Anne is the speaker).

If parking is limited, you may want to include this information in your advertising, so that people can be encouraged to car-pool or use public transportation.

**EXPENSES** - We encourage you to talk with your pastor about how to best handle the expenses that are incurred as a result of a Eucharistic Renewal Event. Some parishes have a fund set aside to provide their parishioners spiritual programs. Others have found that local benefactors are willing to underwrite some or all of the expenses. Fundraisers can also be held in advance of the event to help with the costs.

The amount of money that it takes to put on an event varies tremendously, depending on the size and nature of the event. Bringing in outside speakers, large screens, professional musicians, printing professional programs, and providing lunches all cost money. Once you decide what type of event you want, you can get an approximate idea of cost.

Speak to your pastor to see if he is open to passing around a basket for a good will offering on the day of the event. This will certainly help pay at least a portion of the costs.

It is the policy of Direction for Our Times never to charge admission to participants who are gathered in a church to celebrate sacraments or to watch a DVD of Anne, a lay apostle.

Feel free to call the Direction for Our Times office with any questions you may have regarding financing the Eucharistic Renewal Event.

**FILMING OF THE EVENT**- You are very welcome to film the event at your parish if you would like to distribute DVDs to those who were unable to attend.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS** - If you ask anyone coming from outside the local area to take part in the event (i.e. speakers, musicians), you may want to help them with travel arrangements. Remember that this may include picking them up from an airport as well as driving them back to the airport.

Travel expenses may be a major portion of the cost of the event.

**GUEST ACCOMODATIONS** - For most events, an overnight stay for out of town speakers is almost a necessity. You could consider asking the pastor if a visiting priest can stay at the rectory, or asking if any parishioners might be willing to have a speaker at their home.

Some speakers may need to be put up in a hotel for health or personal reasons.

**YOUTH EVENT**- Re-Charge, the Youth Division of Direction for Our Times, sometimes offers a youth event in conjunction with a Eucharistic Day of Renewal. These are usually scheduled for the Friday before a Saturday Eucharistic Day, and include a Catholic Rock Band, a faith testimony with music and video support, Eucharistic Adoration, and free food. They are very well attended and seem to touch young people in a profound way.

If you are interested in pairing your Eucharistic event with a Youth event, please contact our Youth Director, Nora McCarthy, at the Direction for Our Times office and we will help make the arrangements.

\*Please note that the Youth events can also be held on their own schedule, on a separate day and time.

**Penance** - We always encourage trying to make the Sacrament of Penance available at a Eucharistic event, depending on schedule and availability of priests. It is preferable to schedule the sacrament during breaks and the Holy Hour and not during talks.

**FIRST AID** - Some thought should be given how to handle any kind of medical emergency.

# **EUCCHARISTIC EVENING OF RENEWAL**

**At St Raphael Church  
2200 Modaff Road, Naperville Illinois**

**Saturday January 12, 2010  
Following the 5:00pm Mass**



**4:45PM Rosary**

**5:00 PM Parish Mass**

**6:15 PM Introduction to the Apostolate by (who? )**

**6:30 PM Video presentation of *Anne, a lay apostle***

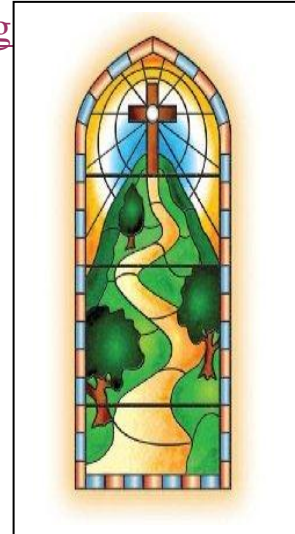
**7:15 Eucharistic Adoration**

**8:15 PM Refreshments**

## EDR Bulletin Ideas

### #1 Lay Apostles of Jesus Christ The Returning King

Throughout history, God has communicated with His people in a very real way. In the beginning, these words were documented in Scripture. Over the last two thousand years, God has continued to communicate with chosen souls here on earth with information relevant to the time in which they live. These writings are evidence of a loving God wanting to draw His children back to Himself. These types of divine messages are gifts to a people who in many cases have lost direction or are feeling distant and afraid. These messages bring love and peace in very real way that will gently calm the soul. Come and find out what the Volumes recorded by Anne, a lay apostle have to say to you. Direction for Our Times is pleased to invite all parishioners to a Eucharistic Evening of Renewal featuring a DVD of Anne, a lay apostle at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, Illinois on Saturday, June 12, 2010 following the 5pm mass.



### #2 A New Movement in the Catholic Church

Are you looking for direction in your life? Do you know what God expects from you? There is a new movement in the Catholic Church called the Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King which is helping people around the world answer these important questions.

The movement began in 2003 when Anne, a wife and mother, was asked by our Lord to start a spiritual journal. Through a process called interior locution, she has recorded messages from Heaven, which reveal a path to personal holiness that focuses on unity with Jesus Christ. Anne remains in complete obedience to her bishop, who has given his permission for the publication of the messages.

A *Eucharistic Evening of Renewal* will be held in St. Daniel's Church on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Representatives of this new apostolate will come to St. Daniel's to share with us about this movement, as well as to present a DVD of Anne, a lay apostle.

Where:	St. Daniel the Prophet Church, 5337 S. Natoma, Chicago, IL 60638
When:	Saturday, August 28 <sup>th</sup>
Time:	5:00 p.m. Parish Mass
	6:15 p.m. Introduction to the Apostolate
	6:30 p.m. Video presentation of Anne's latest talk
	7:15 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
	8:15 p.m. Refreshments

There is no registration or cost. Consider bringing a friend!

### #3 Looking for Peace and Healing?

Come and learn how God is speaking to us, giving us specific direction for these times. A Eucharistic Day of Renewal will be held at ..... from ..... to ..... Through participation in prayer, listening to informative speakers, and opportunities for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confession, you will be refreshed and find peace. Don't miss this opportunity to experience peace and healing.

## **Lay Apostolate Introduction**

### **Speech Templates**

**Welcome! Thank Fr. \_\_\_\_\_ for a beautiful Mass**

**We especially thank him for opening his parish to host this event, which we believe is a beautiful gift to everyone who is here this evening.**

**Anne often says that we just don't just come to these events. We are assembled by Heaven. Some of us have come from many miles away to attend. Some are blessed to call St. ----- your home parish. No matter. There is a reason why you are here tonight, and there is something very special that Jesus wants you to experience. There is a gift that He wants to give you.**

**We will spend a few minutes giving a very brief introduction to the mission and a better understanding of what the Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King is all about. Then we will watch a DVD of Anne, in which she will introduce how these messages from Heaven first started, and what Jesus, our Blessed Mother and many saints are saying to us. It will be the same talk she would have given if she were here in person.**

**Of course we would love to have been able to have Anne here. But she would be the first one to tell you that it is not her presence that is important, but that the messages of this new apostolate get spread. And the best gift of all will be the graces we receive later this evening, during the hour of Eucharistic Adoration. The Holy Hour is the time when you "pick up the gift" Jesus has for you.**

**We invite you to enjoy some refreshments at the end of the evening, which are being provided by \_\_\_\_\_ women from the parish. This might be the perfect time to ask any questions you have about the lay apostolate of the DFOT staff members who are here tonight. We(they) are wearing name tags to help you identify us(them.)**

**So let us begin! Anne, a lay apostle is a wife and mother of six, who is originally from the Chicago area, and currently living in Ireland with her family. In 2003, our Lord asked Anne to start recording the messages He was giving her. Through a process which the Catholic Church identifies as Interior Locution, Anne recorded ten small books entitled the Volumes and twenty small booklets called the "Heaven Speaks" series. The messages reveal a path to personal holiness that focuses on unity with Jesus. People who read these messages comment again and again ... "It feels like Jesus is talking directly to me!" Well, He is!! The messages are full of love, encouragement, and very clear guidance in how Jesus wants us to live our lives during these particular times.**

**For those who might be skeptical, we can take comfort in the fact that at every step along the way, the messages are reviewed by Anne's bishop, Bishop Leo O'Reilly of the Kilmore Diocese in Ireland. Nothing is published without his permission. In fact, Bishop O'Reilly has assigned a**

priest from his diocese, Fr. Darragh Connolly, to work as full-time chaplain for this apostolate. In addition, all of the writings have been sent to the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome.

Since 2003, the messages have been spread throughout the world. Most often, the books are read by one person, and they simply feel a strong desire to share the messages with their family members and friends. Sometimes, it is events such as the one we are holding this evening where people learn more about the apostolate. The result is that in the last 7 years when the messages were first published, the apostolate has reached all corners of the world, including China and the Philippines. We now have 381 prayer groups in the United States in almost every state, and 129 prayer groups representing 17 countries throughout the world. The messages have been translated into 15 different languages, often by men and women who do the translation work as their gift back to Jesus because of all they have received as a result of reading the works. The messages are being used in family retreats, prison ministry, marriage retreats, addiction centers. Over and over, we receive testimonies of how the messages are changing lives and bringing souls back to a very real relationship with Christ.

Lay apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King make a commitment to living a holy life their highest priority. The second priority is to spread the Good News to others.

**What does it mean to be a lay apostle?**

By virtue of our Baptism, we are all called to be apostles for Christ. In this apostolate, Jesus is calling us to a rescue mission for souls. He is asking us to open the hearts of those around us by loving them with His love and sharing these messages.

The non-profit organization Direction for Our Times was formed to spread the rescue mission and disseminate the messages around the world. We do this by making the writings available for free downloading on our website, in every language for which we have a translation. The only revenue source we have for all of our programs is the sale of the writings and the generous donations from lay apostles such as you.

We will have baskets at the exits. Please consider making a free will offering as you leave here this evening. Please be as generous as you can, so we can continue to spread this mission even further throughout the world.

Welcome!

I am Joe Smith, a parishioner here at St Raphaels for the past 23 years. My children went to school here. Two of them got married here and one grandchild was baptized here. I am also a lay apostle, and have been one for the past 3 years.

How many of you are worried about something or someone? Yes, go ahead and raise your hands. I too have had worries. I used to worry about my children away at college, all the things they could get into, I used to worry about my father living alone, his health, my friend with cancer, my cousin who stopped going to church, a friend with addictions and a friend who lost his job. But, I've noticed I don't worry any more. I've learned in the past 3 years being a lay apostle to pray instead of worry and to trust in God's will. It is a much more peaceful existence. And I want that peace for all of you. So I am so grateful that our pastor Father Jim has allowed you all this opportunity to become familiar with the lay apostle mission and hope you will all take home some of the books that will be available in the back of church after the talk and Adoration, familiarize yourselves with the Lord's teachings and I welcome all to join our parish

lay apostle group. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm at my house. So without further ado we will play the DVD introducing the mission, have Adoration and then refreshments.

## Lay Apostle Agreement



### Lay Apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King

We seek to be united to Jesus in our daily work, and through our vocations, in order to obtain graces for the conversion of sinners. We pledge our allegiance to God the Father. Through our cooperation with the Holy Spirit, we will allow Jesus to flow through us into the world, bringing His light. We do this in union with Mary, our Blessed Mother, with the Communion of Saints, with all of God's holy angels, and with our fellow lay apostles in the world.

As Lay Apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King, we agree to adopt the following spiritual practices, as best we can.

1. Allegiance Prayer, along with the Morning Offering and a brief prayer for the Holy Father.
2. One hour of Eucharistic Adoration each week.
3. Participation in a monthly lay apostle prayer group, which includes the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, and the reading of the Monthly Message.
4. Monthly Confession.
5. Further, we will follow the example of Jesus Christ, as set out in Holy Scripture, treating all others with His patience and kindness.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Eucharistic Renewal Event Evaluation Form

Contact Person Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date of Eucharistic Renewal Event \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you recommend that date? Yes No, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
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Time started \_\_\_\_\_ Time done \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you recommend these times? Yes No, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
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Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you recommend this location? Yes No, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
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Approximate Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Volunteers? \_\_\_\_\_  
Was this adequate? Yes No, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
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Suggestions for other Eucharistic Renewal Events  
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LETTERS FROM BISHOP LEO O'REILLY OF DIOCESE OF KILMORE,  
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### To Whom It May Concern:

**Direction For Our Times (DFOT)** is a religious movement founded by "Anne", a lay apostle from our diocese, who wishes to remain anonymous. The movement is in its infancy and does not as yet enjoy canonical status. I have asked a priest of the diocese, Fr. Connolly, to assist in the work of the movement and to ensure that in all its works and publications it remains firmly within the teaching and practice of the Catholic Church.

I have known "Anne", the founder of the movement, for several years. She is a Catholic in good standing in the diocese, a wife and mother of small children, and a woman of deep spirituality. From the beginning she has always been anxious that everything connected with the movement be subject to the authority of the Church. She has submitted all her writings to me and will not publish anything without my permission. She has submitted her writings to the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith and I have done so as well.

In so far as I am able to judge she is orthodox in her writings and teachings. Her spirituality and the spiritual path that she proposes to those who wish to accept it are in conformity with the teachings of the Church and of the great spiritual writers of the past and present.

*Leo O'Reilly*

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To Whom It May Concern:

I offer an update on the present status of Anne, a lay apostle and Direction for Our Times.

I initially granted permission for the distribution of the messages and written materials of Anne. This position remains unchanged. The writings and materials may continue to be distributed. As pointed out in my letter on the DFOT website, the permission to distribute the messages does not imply a final judgment on whether they are authentic private revelation. A final judgment on that question must await the outcome of an official Church inquiry into these matters.

Following Church protocol, I set up a diocesan commission over a year ago to inquire into the writings of Anne and to evaluate her reports of receiving messages from heaven. That work of evaluation is continuing and the outcome of it will be made public in due course.

I hope this statement is helpful in the clarification of these matters.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



Leo O'Reilly  
Bishop of Kilmore.

