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Looking Beyond the Streaks

By Anne, a lay apostle

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A few years back I was in the hospital. There were very large windows along one side of the ward. One evening, I sat and I looked out this big beautiful window and watched the sun set. This was glorious. The sunset was so beautiful and it seemed that it went on and on. I was taking great comfort from this sunset. Someone approached me and looked out for the moment and said, "These windows are shockingly filthy." This was an accurate observation. Every window gets dirty and there were lots of streaks on the outside of this window from the weather. But it wasn't until I looked closely that I noticed these streaks.

I think this must be how Jesus views each one of us. I think Jesus looks at us and I think He looks right past the flaws and the weaknesses and the failures and I think that Jesus sees instead this beautiful drama that is taking place in the soul of each one of us, this fantastic, this steady, if slow, movement to holiness.

Jesus often talks about returning love for hostility. We understand that pure love is often treated by the world with cynicism and suspicion. We know that Jesus tells us to love one another. He doesn't say "Love one another and make sure they love you back." We can't control whether or not our love is returned any more than Jesus Christ can control whether or not we return His love. We can only be like Jesus and continue to love and continue to hope that others will accept our love.

We know that Jesus suffered terribly on the cross, even though He knew there was a plan and that His Passion was necessary to that plan. This is part of the reason that Jesus is so compassionate to each one of us in our fear and suffering. He understands because He also experienced fear and suffering in His humanity. As such, we want Jesus to be interested in our pain and we want to return that interest and be interested in His pain. Sometimes, the kindest thing we can do for another is to be interested in their pain.



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Mary, Queen
of Apostles*

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News of the Mission

Steve Logan, DFOT Vice President and Treasurer

Donations

We would like to thank all of you who support our mission with prayers, evangelization and monetary support. Please prayerfully discern whether you can assist the Lord's mission by making a donation, as it is a constant challenge to financially fund translations and printing.

Since Direction for Our Times in the United States is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization, all contributions are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. Additionally, Direction for Our Times – Ireland has received charitable status from the Revenue Commissioners in Ireland, so donations in Ireland are fully tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Translations

Check our website for an updated list of publications now available in Spanish, French and Chinese.

We are currently praying for assistance in distributing these works in the Spanish speaking communities in the United States and Mexico. If you are able to assist us please contact our office.

In the French speaking countries of Europe and Africa, Audio Video Media, a ministry of the Emmanuel Community is distributing the french Volumes.

We are nearing completion of printing Volume One in Polish. If you would like to help us distribute this work to the Polish speaking community near you please contact us.

We understand that translations are in progress in Lebanese and Vietnamese, and we ourselves have begun translations in the following languages: Polish, Lithuanian, Chinese, Dutch, Russian, Portuguese, and Slovak. Also, the monthly message is now available on the website in Spanish, French, Chinese, German and Dutch.

If you have been inspired to work on



Holy Trinity Abbey

As announced in the March newsletter, Direction for Our Times – Ireland signed a contract on January 24, 2008 to purchase Holy Trinity Abbey. Once the purchase is completed, it will be renamed Holy Trinity Centre for Prayer.

Direction for Our Times recently produced a three-part DVD focusing on the Holy Trinity Abbey. In the first part, Anne explains the spiritual graces available to pilgrims, the second part contains a lay apostle's testimony regarding the special graces he received as a result of his visit to the Abbey, and the third explains the overall project and fundraising effort. We have made this video available for viewing on our website at:

<http://www.directionfourtimes.com/HTAvideos.html>

If you prefer the DVD format, please contact one of our offices (see the contact information on page 12) to have a copy sent to you free of charge.

translating these works from English to your native language, please contact one of our offices so that we may assist you.

Audio Files now available on website

Since last June, Anne has participated in a lay apostle prayer group on the first Thursday of each month, at St. Anne's Church in Bailieborough, County Cavan, Ireland. The evening begins at 8:00 pm with a talk by Anne, followed by an hour of Eucharistic Adoration which includes the Rosary, reading of the Monthly Message and Anne's prayers of intercession during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

On the first Friday of each month, the day after this monthly prayer group meeting convenes, you will be able to hear the audio recording of the talk by visiting our website at:

<http://www.directionfourtimes.com/audio.html>

Video Files now available on website

We are also pleased to announce that online video viewing is now available on our website as well as other online video outlets such as YouTube.com and veoh.com.

The following offerings are currently available:

- 19 ten-minute segments in which Anne and Dr. Mark Miravalle discuss the messages from Volume Ten.
- Anne's video-taped talk as presented at the May 3, 2008 Eucharistic Day of Renewal in Uniontown, PA

To view these videos, please visit our website at:

www.directionfourtimes.com

Whispers from the Cross

By Anne, a lay apostle

Jesus spoke to St. John from the cross. He said, “Son, behold your mother.” He gave John the instruction John needed to serve. I believe that Jesus also speaks to each one of us. These whispers from the cross come directly into our hearts, instructing us and consoling us.

There is another kind of whisper that we experience and I want to talk about that for a moment. These other whispers come from hell and they communicate a different message.

“You’re not good enough.” “There’s no God and if there was, He wouldn’t want you in your condition.” “You are not important in the plan and your service doesn’t matter.”

Conversely, the enemy also tries to obstruct our holiness another way.

“You are holier than everybody.” “You are the best.” “Nobody is as holy as you.” “You are superior.”

This is even worse, of course, because if we believe that we are superior, we will turn people away from Jesus. If we communicate a message of “I’m more important,” what we are actually saying is, “You are not as important.” That is not the message that Christians are called to communicate and it is not the truth.

We must learn to distinguish between whispers from hell and whispers from heaven.

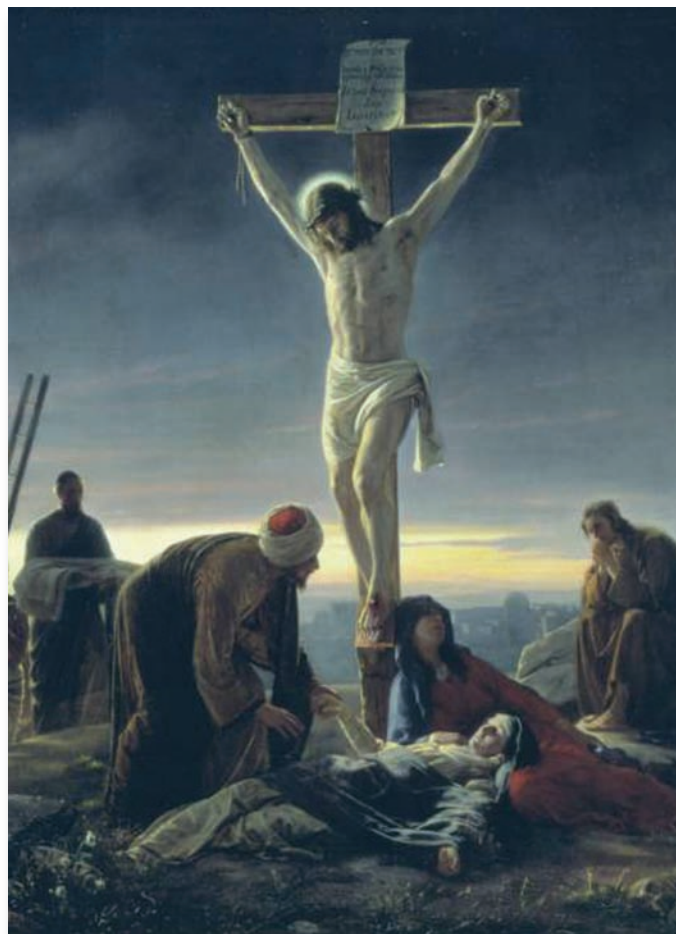
Now, what is the other thing that attacks our service in addition to the enemy’s whispers? Our distractions. The obvious things include greed, materialism, sexual sins, power and a desire for power, a constant need to be entertained, determination to hang on to past wounds, not to forgive those who have hurt us. Those are some distractions that can prevent us from complete service.

Now, as far as the whispers from heaven, what is the Lord saying to us? What is the Lord saying to us from the cross? He is saying: “Thank you.” “I’m grateful.” “I need you so much.” “You are making a difference.” “You are helping.” “I’m pleased with you.” “The world is benefiting from your decision to say ‘yes’ to Me, even if you don’t see another person all day long.”

Those are the whispers from Christ. We want to be tuned in to the whispers from heaven.

The benefits of being tuned in to Jesus are as follows.

We will love ourselves and others. We will be kinder. We will be tolerant. We will look at those around us and we will see the beauty of the drama that is taking place in their souls. We will not concentrate on their ‘streaks’. We will learn to forgive quickly. We will have a dignity that



nobody can take away from us. Jesus Christ was crucified, nearly naked on the Cross, and nobody could take away His dignity. We are citizens of heaven and we are entitled to similar dignity.

Another symptom that we are tuned in to heaven is that we will gain a greater and greater commitment to our Catholic Church which includes a commitment to the welfare and spread of the Church.

In our lives, we are involved in many relationships and Jesus has a plan for each relationship. When Jesus met His mother on the way to His death, I believe that He looked into her face and drew courage from her. I think that in her eyes He was reminded of the plan that included the salvation of all mankind. Surely, this convicted Him in His suffering and renewed His strength.

We need to be that for other apostles. When they encounter us, let them be reminded of these three things. One, there is a plan. Two, it has been ordained by heaven. And three, we each have a role to play.

Planting Seeds in Kentucky

By Crystal Sullivan

Fr. Jeff VonLehmen is a priest, not a farmer, but he's been busy planting some very special seeds for the Lord. He is the pastor of St. Patrick's, a small country parish in Taylor Mill, Kentucky. The parish had spent years gathering the funds to build a new church, receiving donations from many people who were giving all they could – their time, their talents, their treasure, and their prayers. The result is a beautiful place of worship, with an Adoration Chapel that allows 24-hour access to Jesus in the Eucharist.

In 2006, Fr. Jeff was on retreat in Medjugorje when a stranger approached and gave him a copy of *Volume One, Thoughts on Spirituality*. He remembers feeling like a seed was being planted as he took the book from her hands. Sometime later, he started reading the book, and was immediately taken with the authenticity of the spiritual insights that were being revealed. As he read the remainder of the published Volumes and the books written by Anne, he realized the messages from heaven were speaking directly to his soul, bringing words to a truth which had been placed there by God at the moment of his conception, as it is in every person.

At first, Fr. Jeff brought the messages into his parish in small ways. He made sure the Heaven Speaks booklets were available in the church foyer and Adoration chapel. He shared the Volumes with others on his staff, including Jeanne Clephane, now the Coordinator of Religious Education, who was deeply moved by the heavenly messages and who felt strongly compelled to help bring the messages to the parish. Fr. Jeff began to quote the Volumes in his homilies. He used the "Path to Holiness" concept while giving retreats, preaching at the parish mission, in his discussions with parishioners and at the high school where he taught classes. Slowly but surely, his parishioners were becoming totally absorbed with the beauty and peacefulness of the messages. When he attended the Louisville Eucharistic Day of Renewal, he spoke with Anne and Fr. Darragh



St. Patrick Catholic Church in Taylor Mill, Kentucky.

Connolly, asking how he might possibly be able to bring the mission more fully into the parish. That willingness to serve God through this mission opened a floodgate of graces. The seeds, having been watered with his faithfulness, were now growing and pushing through the soil.

Shortly thereafter, two monthly lay apostle prayer groups were formed, one of which is actually a Holy Hour at which the messages are read, interspersed with prayer and silence. A book study on *Climbing the Mountain* was formed. Today, Volumes and Heaven Speaks booklets line the shelves of every pew in the church, creating a rainbow of messages for the parishioners to read. In his modesty, Fr. Jeff laughs that this gives the parishioners something to read during his homilies.

In the spring of 2007, while the bishop was at the parish for Confirmation, he spent some time in the Adoration chapel. When the bishop came out, he asked Fr. Jeff to take a walk with him, and spoke about making St. Patrick's a Shrine. In October of 2007, St. Patrick's was dedicated as a Shrine to Our Lady of Knock. As a way to bring the parish even closer to the mission, Direction for Our Times has asked the

artist of the original Jesus Christ the Returning King portrait to paint another original, which upon completion will be hung in St. Patrick's Adoration Chapel.

As a Shrine, there is a wonderful opportunity for the parish to host retreats, and those coming in pilgrimage will receive plenary indulgences. Recently, Bishop Foys allowed the former Abbot of Gethsemani and DFOT to have a Eucharistic Day retreat at St. Pat's. Bishop Foys graciously received one of the Heaven Speaks booklets.

With great excitement, Fr. Jeff and his staff are making plans to host a Youth Event on the evening of August 15th, 2008 and a Eucharistic Day of Renewal on August 16th, 2008. The Eucharistic Day of Renewal will be a mirror image of the one which will be held in Ireland on the same day. A special message will be recorded by Anne to speak to the pilgrims who attend the event in Kentucky. Those unable to travel to Ireland will be blessed to participate in the same prayers and sacramental opportunities as the pilgrims traveling to Holy Trinity Abbey. The seed, planted long ago by a stranger in Medjugorje, has blossomed into a bouquet of blessings.

Jesus Knows Sign Language

By Peter Strawn

Hello Anne,

Peace of Christ be with you and God bless you for all your hard works in Christ. I have been sharing the volumes with everyone I meet and my family since Late 2005. I saw you personally in San Bruno, Calif. I started a Lay apostle prayer group too.

Any way I wanted to share what happened the other day with my brother, Kirk Strawn. He has two children and a wife who happens to be deaf. My brother was over the other day and he saw the picture of Christ the Returning King, and, knowing sign language well, he said, "Oh, Jesus knows sign language!"

I don't know if you all knew this already but I was blown away when he said this.

Jesus' right hand is saying in sign language FINGERS form: Pinkie (I), Crossed fore finger and middle (REALLY), crossed fingers and thumb form the (Love) and the pinkie and thumb form the (You). (IRLY) I REALLY LOVE YOU.

That's it. Something really simple and beautiful for the deaf world too. Or for us who don't know sign language too well, I thought we could share this with every one. That's it. I wanted to share that with you just in case for some reason it was not brought to your attention yet.

I hope you have a glorious and joyful day serving our Lord. I pray for all the Lay Apostles and the Lord's works through us.

God Bless you, Anne. Thank you for your time.

In Christ,

Peter Strawn



Monthly Message

As given to Anne, a lay apostle

May 1, 2008

Jesus

Dear apostles, My heart is bursting with love for each one of you. Indeed, I cannot contain the love that I possess for all of mankind. Many reject My love. They are not open to accepting love directly from My heart. You, My beloved apostles serving in this time, do accept the love of the Savior. You rejoice in My love. You allow My love to transform you into carriers of heaven's healing plan for humanity. Because so many reject Me, I give in a ridiculously lavish way to those willing to accept Me. Many of God's children, living in the sadness of sin, will not admit that God could offer them

anything of value. They are closed to My love for them and they are closed to My plan for them. But these people will, nevertheless, accept kindness from you, God's apostles. They will accept good example from you, God's apostles. Ultimately, if My plan is successful, they will accept love from you. The love they find in your heart will belong to Me because I placed it there. When the people around you are loved by you, they experience Me. This works because you are connected to Me each day through your apostolic pledge and through your apostolic service. I have told you in the past that you bring light to a dark world. I want you to know, dear loyal apostles, that the light you bring is changing the world. We, those of us in heaven, see the light growing. Some of you begin unsteadily. You are not certain that you are called. My beloved one, I am speaking to you now. Listen to Me. You are called.

You belong in this family. I need your help. I do not ever want to be apart from you again. It hurts Me to be apart from you and it hurts you to be apart from Me. Only I love you perfectly. If you remain close to Me, I can continue to love you in such in a way that you will value yourself as heaven values you. You are not perfect. It is true. I accept this about you. If you believed you were perfect, My beloved friend, you would be no good to Me. Far better for every one of My goals that you believe you are flawed. Believe in My perfection and be willing, and together we will bring an unstoppable flow of love into the world. I rejoice in your love for Me, dear apostle. I want you to rejoice in My love for you. If you do this, you will show others an accurate example of the peace that comes from resting in the Savior. Rejoice in your heart. I am there and I love you.

Ready, Set, Evangelize!

By Crystal Sullivan

In May of 2005, Jesus said,

“Welcome each soul to the rescue mission. You may assure each lay apostle that just as they concern themselves with My interests, I will concern Myself with theirs This is truly heaven’s mission and I call every one of heaven’s children to assist Me. You will be well rewarded, My dear ones.”

You might read this and try to convince yourself that Jesus is not talking to you. “Who me?” you might be saying. “I have no special talent that Jesus can use.”

Nothing could be further from the truth. Jesus makes it perfectly clear that He is indeed talking to each lay apostle. We have the invitation, we have the promise of protection. Now all we need is the courage to begin. The best way is to spend time with Jesus in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider praying with *Volume Ten: Jesus Speaks to His Apostles*, and let Him speak to you directly. If there is one thing we should know it is that He keeps all of His promises, so we can trust that we will be given the means, the direction, and the courage to serve Him.

Some lay apostles will be called to serve quietly in their homes, bringing these messages to their children and other family members. Others hear Jesus asking them to serve the rescue mission in ways they would have never thought possible. For example, Karen in Vancouver, Canada, started serving in a street ministry, then felt compelled to share the Heaven Speaks About Addiction booklets with prostitutes and homeless women who live on the streets of the city.

When Virginia of Maryland serves as a Minister of Care, she gives Jesus Christ the Returning King holy cards to the sick and invites them to offer their suffering to Christ as a lay apostle.

Many dedicated lay apostles have asked their pastors to put up a display case of the booklets in the back of the church, so that their parishioners could have free access to any of the books they find most helpful.

A married couple, Victor and Catherine, from Ireland travel through England and Ireland speaking to parishes about the rescue mission and establishing prayer groups.

A lay apostle prayer group from northern Illinois came to the Direction for Our Times office to put stickers on booklets when a large rush order came through.

Another dedicated group of lay apostles calling themselves the ‘Saintly Climbers’ worked for months to develop a 12-week *Climbing the Mountain Study* which was used by over 100 people in their parish and is now available to parishes across the country.

A chaplain from a naval hospital ordered hundreds of booklets to distribute to the soldiers returning from Iraq, who are struggling with depression and stress.

Sisters Terri and Debbie from Arizona, used the Heaven Speaks to Young Adults booklets as a basis for a Confirmation Retreat they presented to the young adults of their parish.

One very loving and dedicated lay apostle, Denise from Pennsylvania, planned and organized a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Day of Renewal, attended by hundreds of adults and youth in her diocese.

Hundreds across the world have organized lay apostle prayer groups. Thousands have shared their books and DVDs with family members, friends and strangers, reaching out with love and generosity to share the good news they contain.

We can’t list all of the ways our lay apostles are serving in the world. We probably don’t even know about most of them. What we do know is that the Lord is so grateful to each and every one, whether they are serving in big ways or small ways. No matter our station in life, God is asking us to be active lay apostles. In John 21:16-17, Jesus asks Peter three times, “Do you love Me?” The frustrated Peter answers, “Yes, Lord, You know that I love You.” Then Jesus gives His final command, “Then feed My sheep.”

FOCUS on the Mission



In March 2008, FOCUS Worldwide Network went on location in Ireland to tape some extraordinary interviews with Anne, a lay apostle.

FOCUS filmed a series of short segments that feature Dr. Mark Miravalle of Franciscan University of Steubenville as he explores with Anne the richness of the messages in *Volume Ten: Jesus Speaks to His Apostles*.

Dr. Miravalle and Anne consider each of the 19 messages from Jesus individually. They spend 10 minutes on each message delving into the important nuances of this call to work for our Lord during this time.

FOCUS has produced these nineteen segments and is making them available for all lay apostles to view.

All nineteen 10-minute segments will be posted on the Direction for Our Times and FOCUS websites. They will also be posted on YouTube.

Please continue to check our websites as we continue to expand the reach of this mission through audio and video.

www.focustvonline.com and www.directionforourtimes.com

Monthly Message

As given to Anne, a lay apostle

April 1, 2008

Jesus

My dear apostles, I speak to you from My heart, the seat of love. I speak to you freely at this time to teach you about love. I desire that each of you accept My love, which includes the love of all of heaven. Those who are lukewarm and do not accept My love cannot help Me in My goal of renewal. Those who are concerned with establishing their kingdoms on earth will lose opportunities to seed the renewal each day. Those who postpone a full commitment to My goals will find that they are sadly disappointed later, when they realize how important their service was to Me. I rely on My apostles to be

passionate about service, seeking always to store up heavenly treasures in the souls of those around them. Truly, no kind word, no compassionate silence, no act of love is lost. Each of these is both used immediately and preserved eternally. I understand that you are tired at times. I understand that you become discouraged. I understand these things because in My humanity I experienced these things. I allow these feelings in My beloved apostles because their service to Me then becomes even more beneficial. Rest assured that you have been given all that you need in strength and courage for each day's service. There is no difficulty, from heaven's perspective, in an apostle serving in weariness. Most apostles served in weariness and the weariness that an apostle feels does not mean that the fire of the Spirit is at risk of being extinguished. Have no fear about this because I Myself tend to the presence of

the Spirit in your soul. This fire has been expertly banked so that it will burn for as long as it needs to burn. Some day you will be finished with your service on earth. The tasks that I need from you will be completed. This will be a joyful day for you. You will see all that you have accomplished for Me. Yes, weariness comes and goes, but love creates stamina that keeps the servant and the service steady. In the time to come I intend to increase the capacity for love in each apostle. This is necessary for heaven's goals and will enable My beloved ones to serve with even greater dedication and humility. I will teach you more and instruct you closely in the use of this gift as time passes. This heavenly concession will greatly increase the effectiveness of My presence in your soul. I am so grateful that you seek to remain close to Me. Rejoice, dear apostles. I am with you.

Now, if we study Jesus on the cross, and we must strive to do this, we can consider who was there for Jesus.

Who stayed with Jesus through His Passion? Who did He see when He looked down from the cross?

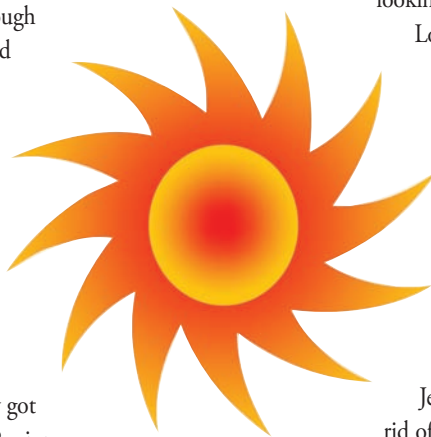
He saw His mother. And he saw, standing with His mother, St. John. Now if we think about St. John, we might say, "How impressive must John have been that he was privileged enough to stand near Jesus while the redemption of mankind was playing out." We might be tempted to believe that John was something extraordinary. And perhaps he was. But what I am saying is this. I believe that John had two primary qualifications. Number One: He showed up. He reported for duty that morning. Number Two: He stayed.

I do not know whether or not John knew what to expect that day but I imagine he could not have anticipated just how bad it would get. The day got uglier and uglier and eventually culminated in the Passion. And John stayed.

We, lay apostles, must strive to serve in the same way. How do we do this? Every morning we rise and we pledge our allegiance to God. Then, we attempt to remain with Jesus in service throughout the day. Our service begins in the morning and carries on through each day during which we want to be committed to the Lord's goals in each moment.

Let's imagine for a moment how Jesus felt on the cross. He must have been so perplexed by the level of hatred directed at Him. He must have suffered the most horrendous temptations to bitterness and despair. All of the friends He had loved so completely, all of the people He had healed ... where were they? Only John remained, standing with Mary,

His mother. What must He have felt? Is it possible that He said, looking down at John from the cross, "Look at John's sins. Look at his failures and weaknesses"? I don't think so.



I think He looked down at John and I think Jesus felt incredibly grateful that John had showed up and that John had stayed. In the same way, I think we need to remember that this is how Jesus views each one of us. Jesus looks at us and He does not concentrate on our sins, our weaknesses or our mistakes, these 'streaks' on our souls. I think Jesus feels grateful that we are there, reporting for service, and I think Jesus hopes that we'll stay. All that Jesus needs to get rid of these streaks is our repentance.

In our Church we have the Sacrament of Confession, which, consistent with our Lay Apostle pledge, we participate in monthly. This is how Jesus erases our streaks. When we go to Confession and the Lord sends these beautiful graces, I think He is so pleased to see us in this forgiven, peaceful state.

Monthly Message

As given to Anne, a lay apostle

March 1, 2008

Jesus

My dear friend, you will learn so much about love in heaven. You will look back at your time on earth and you will understand that many things that occurred to you were both exercises in love and opportunities to love. There is misunderstanding about love in the world but those who follow Me, My beloved apostles, seek to master love as I mastered love, in sacrifice. It is true that love creates joy. This is true. But when we take on love, it is also at times like taking on a burden which must then be carried. We should not decide for love and then, finding that love burdensome at times, set it down and walk away from it. This is not how it is done. On the contrary, if you

love as I loved, you will find at times that the weight of love is heavy. I experienced this on Calvary when I carried My love for you to My death. Did I make the right decision, to pay the ultimate price for love? Of course I did. What else would I do, given the wonderful creation that is you? In the same way, I want each of My apostles to expect their love for Me to be a burden to them at times. This is normal. I want each of My apostles to expect their love for others to be a burden to them at times. This is also normal. In love, there are times when the decision to love feels light, of course, and there seems to be no burden to it at all. Rejoice in these times. In love, there are other times when the burden causes you to question your commitment. Do not be afraid of these times. This questioning is necessary for your growth. I experienced this, too. I was tempted toward an easier way. When love is tried this way and triumphs, that love becomes firmer and less likely to be disappointed later. Welcome the

challenges to love, even while you decide for love. I will be with you in each situation, counselling you to humility and gentleness. View each challenge as a worthy exercise, allowed by heaven to teach you about eternity. See the opportunities to love all of those around you, particularly those whom you find it difficult to agree with at times. Please do not be alarmed when you are disappointed in love, when others fail you. This was also My experience and this will also benefit you because it will help you to learn forgiveness. I will bring you to greater holiness with each experience if you remember that I am with you and that I love you perfectly and completely. From the secure place that is My heart, you will go forward with self assurance, confident that you are cherished. This confidence will express itself in an increased ability to love those around you. Be at peace, dear apostles. My plan is such that you will learn to live like residents of heaven. All is well.

DIRECTION FOR OUR TIMES IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
a Eucharistic Day of Renewal to be held on the grounds of Holy Trinity Abbey in Kilnacrott,
Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan, Ireland:

Eucharistic Day of Renewal at Holy Trinity Abbey



DETAILS:

When: Saturday, August 16, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Gates open at 8:00 a.m.

Where: Holy Trinity Abbey
Kilnacrott, Ballyjamesduff, County Cavan, Ireland
Irish pilgrims, please bring a folding chair if possible.

Cost: There is NO CHARGE for this event.
All are welcome to attend.

The Eucharistic Day will include Mass, Talks, Rosary, Confessions, and Holy Hour with procession of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Scheduled speakers for the event include the following:

- Anne, a lay apostle
- Rev. Darragh Connolly, Anne's spiritual director
- Sr. Briege McKenna, O.S.C.
- Fr. Kevin Scallon, C.M.
- Dr. Mark Miravalle, Professor of Theology, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Other planning items for this Eucharistic Day of Renewal:

- We are requesting that those who are planning to attend this event complete a "let us know you are coming" form on our website to help us with our planning for the day. The form can be found at the following link:

<http://www.directionforourtimes.com/register3.html>

For more information about the event, including a list of hotels, directions to the Abbey, pilgrimage information, as well as general information about the Abbey, please visit the following webpage:

<http://www.directionforourtimes.com/event3.html>



Heaven Speaks to THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW JESUS

December 21, 2006

Jesus

I am Jesus. I am God. I am complete in Myself. I am present in your world and I am present in heaven. You see, I am omnipresent. Even if you wish to, you cannot remove yourself from My presence on earth. I created earth. You might say the earth belongs to Me. All on it are also My creation. You, dear beloved one, were created by Me. Do I say that you belong to Me? I say it in another way. I say, I want you to belong to Me. I want to possess your heart. Why do I use the word heart when truly it is your soul that I seek? I use the word heart because people characterize the heart as the place where people hold the love they possess. If you have love, people say you have it in your heart. The heart is known as the source of love and the receptacle of love, so I, Jesus, tell you that I want to possess your heart. When it is all simplified, as it should be, I am saying that I want you to love Me. I love you. There is no problem there. I love you today and I will

always love you. A difficulty we have is that you do not know Me. The only way for Me to teach you to love Me is for Me to reveal Myself to you, to allow you to know Me. For that reason I come to you today. I reveal Myself to you through these words and through the graces attached to them. If you read these words and sit in silence, you will begin to know Me. If you begin to know Me, truly, you will begin to love Me. Forget anything that tempts you to move away from these words and graces. Rest. Be with Me. Allow Me to teach you about Myself.

Jesus

In your world today, there are many claims of goodness. Some of these claims are true. Some of these claims are false. I, Jesus, am not present in lies. I do not rest in falseness. Truth has a pure feel to it and truth does not change. If you want to find truth, look back over time and see what claims of truth have persevered. What are the things that were true two thousand years ago? You will find them if you look to see what has persevered through the ages. Two thousand years ago, it was true that I came to bring salvation. Today, that is still true. I came then and I come today. I come for your salvation. I come so that you will be saved. I come so that where there is falseness, where you are being deceived, I will be present with My truth.

Two thousand years ago, there was evil in the world. Today, evil persists alongside good. Does this mean evil is good? Has truth changed? No. Just as truth never changes, so evil does not change. Evil simply changes its disguise. I, God, have not changed My character. When you first know someone, you know a few things about them. As you get to know someone better, you learn more.

Over time and with consistent interaction, you begin to know someone well and you can then say that you understand that person.

I want you to understand Me. I am truth. To know Me, Jesus, you will have to know what is true and what is false. I will teach you this but it is not something that I can teach you all at once. Truth, in its great depth, must be absorbed gradually. For this reason I invite you to keep company with Me. If you do, I will teach you all you need to know to distinguish between the truth in your world and the deceit in your world. I will teach you to separate good from evil at a glance. I am the great teacher, the Divine Teacher. With Me comes the light necessary for instant instruction on any given topic. You may say, "Give it to me all at once, God. If You are who You say, You can do that."

You are correct. I could do that, such is My power. But you, My friend, are not disposed to accept such an experience because My truth is all about love. Your little heart must be expanded first. We have to make room for all of this truth, which is filled with love. I want you to embark with Me on a journey. Walk with Me. Allow Me to draw you into your soul, into the mystical nature of yourself. Come to Me there so I can introduce you to the great truths about your family, the family of God. You will find such acceptance there. When you rest in My gaze in your soul, you will understand about love. You will, at the same time, understand about heaven, your ultimate home. I am calling to you now and I know that you hear Me. Come to Me. Stay with Me. Give Me the briefest chance to reveal Myself to you.

Jesus

As I draw you into the mystical nature of yourself, I draw you into My heart. My heart and your heart belong together. When you are with Me, you feel calm and accepted. You feel oneness with others because you experience community in your soul. If I am with each man as I am with you, then you are connected to each man through Me. Do you begin to understand the family of God? I love every man created. I have a good plan for every man created. This is My truth and, as you recall, I can never be where there is deceit. If I have a good agenda for every man created, and I have a good agenda for you, you are safe with Me and all mankind is safe with Me. If connected to Me, each person will serve his time on earth in mystical union with every other person and in mystical union with all of the saints in heaven. We are all connected. After this time of service, each man connected to Me comes home to Me and home to the family that loves him, awaits him, and welcomes him. There is no bad will on heaven's side. There is only acceptance and truth. I have such hope for you, My friend. All of your gifts originate in God and are an outgrowth of God's goodness. If you learn to understand Me, you will learn that I want to use your gifts to create harmony in your soul. When you use your gifts and energy for My purposes, you will benefit the whole world. It must be so because I have said it is so and I can speak only the truth. We are all connected. Would you like to benefit the world? Truly, you are capable of this and this is My plan for you. I have so much to give to you in terms of knowledge and wisdom. Teamed with Me, you will flourish and grow to heights you never dreamed possible. Rejoice. You are resting with God, the God of All. This God tells you today that you are loved and needed.

Jesus

Follow this path that springs up before you. Come to Me. Turn in My direction and I will reveal this path that I want you to take.

You will feel lightness in your spirit, a relief. You will feel calm. Inside there will quietly burst forth a bud of hope. This bud will blossom, have no fear. The hope you feel in your soul is nourished by the time you spend with Me, seeking truth. I will see to it all. I need the smallest, even the most tremulous willingness. You are hesitant to believe in Me. I know that. I understand everything that has gone before this moment in your life. Remember that I have all universal truth available to Me. In that respect, am I not a valuable person for you to know? Could you admit that I am possibly the most valuable person you could ever know? If you knew of someone on earth who had all truth about everything, who understood the purest facts and possessed the cleanest, most pristine vision of reality imaginable, would you not seek out this person's company? If you were wise, you would do so. If you were a man who desired truth, you would do so. If you were weary of lies and falseness, you would do so. My friend, if you seek truth, you must come with Me. If you seek acceptance, you must come to Me. If you want to be loved, you must rest in My heart because it is the only place where you will find the perfect security you crave. I am with you. I will never leave you. You could not escape My presence, even if you wanted to. You may as well get to know Me better so that you can decide whether you will reject Me or accept Me. This is the ultimate choice that will be yours. Just as you cannot escape My presence, you cannot escape this choice. It is yours. I want you to consider your options.

Jesus

My friend, this is between you and Me. By "this" I refer to both this conversation and your ultimate decision of whether to accept Me or reject Me. When you are asked to make an important decision on earth, you consider your options. You take time and weigh both sides. Perhaps you waver between one course and another. I want you to consider both sides of this decision. If you accept Me, you will have entry into the most loving and secure family of all. If you accept

Me, you will have security for the rest of your life in that I will lay out the course in front of you, guiding you, protecting you, and never leaving you. If you accept Me, you will come to heaven in triumph, bringing with you the great benefits that your cooperation secured for your family. You will walk in truth and in calm. Your life on earth will not suddenly become easy, but it will be filled with God's peace and God's grace.

If you reject Me, you will continue on, vulnerable to the deceit of My enemy. You will delude yourself at times, thinking that you are wise. Perhaps you will feel superior to many of your brothers and sisters, but I tell you today, in all of My truth, that the most humble one in heaven holds all of God's mysteries in his soul. You will not be privy to these mystical realities if you reject Me. How could you be if you did not want to be?

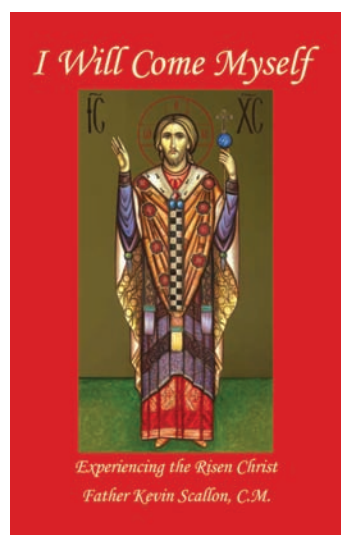
I conclude with one of the greatest truths of all and that is that I do not force My children to choose Me. I do not force humanity to work for heaven. If I did, we would not have a family, but a master and his slaves. No. This is not for Me and this is not for you. The heavenly kingdom would not be the heavenly kingdom if it were not filled with willing and beloved children. Everyone in heaven works for each other in great joy. Everyone in heaven works for our family members on earth in great hope. As you read these words, there is great hope in heaven that you will choose Me, Jesus Christ, and embark upon the journey to truth. It is here for you. I have truth and I have a course laid out for you that will bring you to this destination.

I love you. I will take care of you. Choose Me and I will begin to reveal Myself to you. You will know peace, My friend. You will know security. You will know joy for all eternity. This is your inheritance and I am your God. Allow nothing to divert you from the truth that I am Jesus Christ and I love you. I come today to announce Myself to you and to save you. Come. Trust Me. Be with Me. I will protect you.

I Will Come Myself

By Fr. Kevin Scallion, C.M.

A Book Review by Anne, a lay apostle



I recently read Father Kevin Scallion's new book, *I Will Come Myself*. My first observation is that he is a really funny man. My second observation is that Jesus flows freely through Father Kevin, easily ministering to the souls of those he encounters. We know this, of course, and we understand that Jesus flows through all of His priests and all of His apostles, but this book allows us to see what missionary work and working as a priest looks like up close. I immensely enjoyed the stories specific to the Sacraments. Look for the story about the group of Texas men in the lobby of the hotel in San Francisco.

In *I Will Come Myself*, we receive a beautiful illustration of the priesthood, allowing us to see the humanity of the man combined with the divinity of the Savior. This is a delightful representation of the reality that is Jesus present on earth, ministering to us through His priests.

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