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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LAY APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST THE RETURNING KING

The Beauty of the Renewal

By Anne, a lay apostle

An excerpt from *Lessons in Love*

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Today the Lord brought me to another place in heaven, again, a place where I have been before. It was the waterfall. I sat alongside the stream with Jesus, where the water runs past, out from the pool. I understood that the Lord wanted me to enjoy myself so I watched as others, visible to me as lights unless I wanted to engage them, rejoiced in the water. I looked at the light flowing in and out of each drop of water. The water reflected the light and created a prism through which the light moved. I am at peace that there is no way to describe this and do it justice. It is part of God's active participation in all created things and these souls in heaven are experiencing the greatest wonder and joy in all of it. There was warmth in the sun, coolness in the water, and reverence in God's presence. It was all joyful. Jesus told me that He wanted to show me a glimpse of people on the earth before the renewal and after the renewal. Jesus then brought me back to the hillside and I looked at the earth.

I saw a woman on a bus. She looked disheartened. She gazed out the window, seeing nothing. She seemed sad and unloved. I knew she was married but I also knew that

there was no free exchange of love between this husband and wife. In front of her, inches from her eyes really, drops of rain rolled down the window. The sun was out and the light reflected through the drops of rain in a beautiful manner. It was the same as in the heavenly waterfall except for one difference. She could not see God's presence. She was not open to the experience of God's love in His created things. God loves this woman so much and she is a good woman who loves God but she does not understand His presence. One would really want to comfort her.

I next saw a man working in a place of construction. He also looked disheartened. He was standing next to a drain down which water flowed. The sun was shining and I saw the light glistening from points in the water. The water looked like diamonds shining and the movement of the light created the effect of diamonds all over, here, then there, always moving and shifting. It was like a joyful dance of light through water. This man felt a spark of childlike joy, an urge to laugh aloud and to splash at the water to see the change. What would the light do if he splashed it? How would the picture change? How would it be after a splash of movement? I saw a glimpse of God's heavenly joy in his eyes. For a moment he looked very happy and years younger. Then it left and he looked disheartened again but he

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Mary, Queen
of Apostles*



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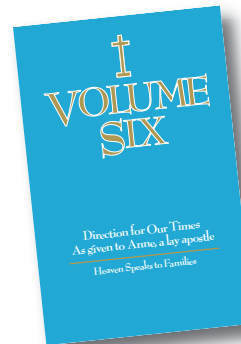
New Online Videos Available

We recently added some new videos to our website. Several were taped at Holy Trinity Abbey on May 8, 2009 as a continuation of the series in which Anne and Dr. Mark Miravalle spend 8 to 10 minutes discussing the messages contained in the Volumes. In the latest video installments, Anne and Dr. Miravalle discuss twelve of the messages in Volume Six: *Heaven Speaks to Families*.

Following is a synopsis of Part One and Part Two of Volume Six: **Heaven Speaks to Families:**

In Part One, Mary, described as an unknown saint but obviously an experienced and pious mother, speaks to mothers about their key role in the formation of their children. In Part Two, St. Joseph speaks to fathers, explaining the importance of their vocation as husbands and fathers.

The central theme of Volume Six is that we live in times when family members must draw



closer to one another, re-center their core values, and draw closer to God, in not just the biggest ways, but in the smallest. There is understanding and support for single parents seeking to shepherd their children safely through the troubles of this world.

"Holy households make fine people and that is what you must strive for." (Mary, an unknown saint, June 8, 2004)

In a special video segment taped on the same day, Anne and Dr. Miravalle spend approximately 40 minutes discussing the messages contained in the booklet, *Heaven Speaks to Those Who Suffer from Financial Need*. With so many people being affected by the recent economic downturn, these messages provide very timely and important insight into the response lay apostles should have in these circumstances.



Following is a synopsis of *Heaven Speaks to Those Who Suffer from Financial Need*:

In this booklet Jesus realigns our thinking on material goods. He very gently reminds us that He is with us in every situation and asks us to look fearlessly at our current financial situation. He asks us to ***“Consider exactly what your body needs to continue in service to Me.”*** He asks us to reconsider our needs and use less when possible. Jesus also addresses those living in poverty. He says, ***“In places where people are poor, I am there with My greatest graces.”*** St. Augustine joins Jesus in this booklet, inviting us to see the heavenly perspective of our current financial situation.

To view these videos, along with the many other videos we have available, please visit our website at:

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

New DVD Available

On Friday evening, February 13, 2009 Anne spoke at Sacred Heart Church in Palos Hills, Illinois. A DVD of this evening is now available for purchase and includes the following:

- Anne's talk.
- Nora McCarthy, Youth Coordinator of Re-Charge, interviewing Anne and Fr. Darragh Connolly regarding vocations and our discerning communities in Ireland.
- Lay apostle testimonies.

This DVD is available for purchase by calling our office or by visiting our website at:

<http://www.directionforourtimes.com/store/page1.html>

New Website Home Page



The recently revised home page on our website now reflects the worldwide reach of the mission. This new capability enables visitors to more easily access the available website content in their applicable language. We currently have 12 different languages with many more in process. Please continue to visit our website to view these new enhancements as well as any new mission updates. Our website address is: www.directionforourtimes.org



Ryan Cody and Patrick Howard, two men from our discerning community, are now seminarians for the Diocese of Kilmore. They are pictured here with Fr. Darragh Connolly.

Are We There Yet?

By Crystal Sullivan



After being profoundly graced and inspired by the Volumes about three years ago, Scott and Gina Bergeron, along with their four daughters, began what they felt was God's call to serve the families in their home parish at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Katy, Texas. Specifically, they felt called to bring the messages and wisdom from the rescue mission to their parish in the form of weekend family retreats.

The general theme of these weekend retreats has been "Are We There Yet?" Scott and Gina have created them to be a support for families seeking direction for our times, with heaven as the ultimate destination. What parents wouldn't appreciate such an opportunity to share the joy and beauty of the Catholic faith with their children? As Scott and Gina noted, "The graces that have come to our own family through these retreats



The Bergeron Family.

continue to amaze us. We are so humbled by the many fruits we have personally witnessed within the families who have attended. It has truly been the Holy Spirit who directed these retreats."

The retreats have been held over the past

three years at the Circle Lake Family Retreat Center which is operated by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Nestled in the piney woods away from the busyness and noise of the city, the retreat center provides the perfect haven of beauty, peace, and tranquility for the whole family. Individual family cabins, a large conference center, a chapel, and dining hall provide the ideal setting for conducting the retreats which include a variety of spiritual and fun activities over the weekend. Peer group sessions are presented separately to the adults and the teens with topics based on the books written by Anne, a lay apostle. These topics are covered in the form of talks, as well as discussion and sharing among the participants. While these sessions are taking place, the younger children are involved in fun, supervised activities such as games, crafts, scavenger hunts, etc. which generally relate to the theme for the weekend. Group activities

are also included during which family members work together to accomplish a common goal such as a family mission statement or a race against other families around the grounds to search for clues to solve a spiritual puzzle.

In addition, there is ample time throughout the weekend for private family time as well as time for families to get to know each other during group meals, a camp fire, and while enjoying the beautiful grounds in activities such as canoeing, fishing, swimming, and hiking the nature trails.

Of course, the weekend is never complete without the traditional Catholic activities, such as a group Rosary in Mary's Garden, outdoor Stations of the Cross, celebration of the Mass, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Filled with the Holy Spirit and love for the rescue mission, the Bergerons are opening this family retreat to lay apostles across the



country. Plans are being made to host a retreat this fall, with all lay apostle families welcome. Who knows, there may even be some couples who will feel called to be apostles in this manner, and who will then bring this retreat experience to their home parishes.

Direction for Our Times will send updates with more information on this opportunity as the plans develop. In the meantime, if you would like to have more information, please feel free to contact Scott and Gina Bergeron at srbergeron@aol.com.

Monthly Message

As given to Anne, a lay apostle

May 1, 2009

Jesus

How often have I called you 'My little apostles'? Have I ever called you 'My big apostles'? Why do you think it is that I call you 'little'? I will tell you. It is because each apostle, by his desire to serve, becomes little. He becomes little so that God can be glorified. If a person is serving Me, that person desires only My glory. If a person is serving Me, he desires to be seen as a servant of men, not as a master of men. In the case of leaders, this desire for humility must be even more pronounced lest the leader begin to

believe that he himself is leading, as opposed to My great hope which is that I, Jesus, am leading through the man. I intend to send leaders during this time. You will know them by their spirit of service. You will know them by their humility. You will know them because they will help you to think of Me and what I need from you. No man is entitled to the glory reserved for God. No man is worthy of this glory. I only speak in this way today so that each man will consider his call to service as a call to holiness. I want each man to give credit to Me for the good that I allow to come through him into the world. Do you understand, little apostles? I am reminding you that all good comes from Me so that you will not be tempted to pride by the great fruits I send through your service and your commitment to Me. It

is important that every apostle examine himself for signs and symptoms of pride. I ask this of you in a serious way today. We, together, are ushering in a time of grace, and graces will be apparent, not through your power but through Mine. Little apostles, do not believe that Jesus is scolding you. I am not. I am helping you to examine yourself to prevent difficulties, both for your holiness and for My plan. I will help you in this each day if you ask Me. Ask Me to send an outpouring of the Spirit to you whenever you are afraid that pride is troubling you. I will do this for you because I love you and because pride makes you so terribly sad. Pride is the great devourer of joy. You, My beautiful apostles, are entitled to joy and I send My joy to you today. All is well. We work together to perfect your soul.

Sent by Another

by Anne, a lay apostle

I often think of the word *apostle*. Recently I looked it up in Webster's dictionary. The word apostle is defined as "a person, sent by another, a messenger, an envoy." We are each sent by Christ, to be Christ, to each other, wherever He sends us out. But there are two parts to this and we have to be aware of that.

We go out as apostles but we must also consider ourselves disciples.

Think about the first apostles and how they related to Jesus. They listened and they learned. Are we doing that? Are we listening to Jesus? Are we learning from Jesus? Sometimes we get so busy teaching Christ as apostles, that we forget that we have to continue learning Christ.



The word apostle is defined as "a person, sent by another, a messenger, an envoy."

Next, I looked up the word *disciple*. A disciple is "a scholar. It is sometimes applied to the followers of John the Baptist and to the Pharisees, but principally to the followers of Christ. A disciple of Christ is one who believes in His doctrine, rests on His sacrifice, imbibes His Spirit, and imitates His example." Well, that was some definition of a disciple. We could spend our whole lives on those few sentences. "... believes in His doctrine, rests on His sacrifice, imbibes His Spirit and imitates His example."

We have to make a commitment to a lifetime of learning about holiness, always going deeper and deeper into the concepts of holiness. We will learn the most about holiness from those closest to us. And we become holy by perfecting our treatment of those closest to us, usually our family members.

The Lord whispers to us in silence about His hopes for the people around us. He alerts us to their pain and their vulnerability so that

we can be prepared to assist them where they need us. He pleads with us not to hurt the people around us. He asks us not to make ridiculous judgments against them and to view them mercifully instead of pouncing on their mistakes.

Intimacy occurs in many ways. One of them is shared joy. Another way, really a more powerful way, is shared pain and shared tragedy. We sometimes become really close to the people we've suffered with or the people we are with in suffering. And when we suffer a terrible tragedy or deep pain, we expect our close friends to be there, don't we? We expect them to show up and share this pain. And if they don't, we feel abandoned in an hour of need. I think that's how Jesus must feel if we never spend any time with Him in His Passion.

Now we need to merge our thinking with the Lord's and to do that we have to find this common ground, this intimacy with Jesus. We will become closest to Christ by sitting in

silence in front of the crucifix, and allowing Jesus to whisper his pain into our hearts. This is where we can really learn about Jesus and really begin to resemble Him.

In a narrow sense, we listen to what Jesus says to us about the people around us and about our relationships with them. God has a plan for every single relationship in our life. Heaven has goals that they hope can be achieved in each of our relationships if we are holy. I think of these plans as little circles of service.

In order to have unity in our relationships we have to be willing to absorb a little pain and a little hurt because, in every relationship, we'll be hurt. We have to sometimes say, "I'm going to take on this hurt for the good of the relationship." I don't need to have my rights respected *all* the time. Sometimes I can just say, "This person made a mistake and it's okay," and not make judgments about the person's motives based on his mistake.



... A disciple of Christ is one who believes in His doctrine, rests on His sacrifice, imbibes His Spirit, and imitates His example."

Yes, we say we are willing to absorb some pain for Jesus and we are willing because we follow His example. And what did Jesus absorb for us? The Crucifixion. Jesus gave everything so that God's plan could be protected for humanity.

In a smaller way, if we're with the Lord and we're listening to Him, He will whisper to us His hopes for the people around us. Let us look at the people closest to us and say, "What does Jesus hope that I'll do with this person?" "What does heaven want me to do?" "What's the holiest response to any conflict that we have?" Or even, "How can I best love this person?" "How does Jesus need me to love the person who is right in front of me right now?"

Jesus whispers these hopes from the cross. He might urge us to be extra kind to someone on a given day. If we do not stop to pray, we might not have that in our heart. To be effective, we must receive our instructions from the One who sends us out, the One we represent. That has to be done. Otherwise we are not representing Him, but ourselves.

If we are apostles, we are sent by Another. We will sit with Jesus in His pain on the cross and ask Him, "How, Jesus, are You hurting for these people around me and how do You want me to love them best? How can I best represent You?" We must not try to represent ourselves. We must try to represent Jesus.

Monthly Message

As given to Anne, a lay apostle

April 1, 2009

Jesus

My beloved apostles, please know that you obtain a constant stream of grace for the world. You do this by serving so generously. Your generosity obtains for others sublime graces of calm and peace, sublime graces of charity and truth, and sublime graces of conversion and perseverance. When you see how heaven has used your service, you will rejoice that you gave so willingly and consistently. My friends, you should not be distracted by your feelings. Your feelings are like

the smallest stems of grass blowing in the wind, so quickly do they pass. Do not be tormented. Simply allow feelings of temptation to move along and concentrate on the truth which is that you have remained in My holy company. If you do this you will be less distracted. You will be able to say, "Today I am sad, tomorrow I may be happy, the next day I may feel fear and afterwards rejoicing. What difference does it make as long as I am united to my Jesus and serving His Kingdom?" Yes, many in this time find that they are so distracted by their feelings that they question their decision to serve at all. This is the ultimate degree of temptation. If I did not wish you to serve, I would not have called you into service. I need My chosen ones to remain closely tied to

their decision to bring My light to others. Only in this way will the renewal push further into the world. Submit your feelings to Me. When your feelings make you doubtful, sit with Me and together we will examine them, one by one. If examined in My company, you will see that your feelings in no way change My truth which is that you have been formed to serve Me and, truly, I need your service. Please be loyal to your decision for heavenly service as you live your time on earth. If you remain faithful, I can do many things. I am with you. I am directing all that occurs in your life. We walk together and together we will triumph over all temptations.

And He Asked Us for a Prayer Group

By Crystal Sullivan

In April of 2005, Jesus gave us guidelines to follow as we serve Him as lay apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King. One of the guidelines is to participate in a monthly lay apostle prayer group, at which we read the monthly message and pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Since the request is coming directly from Jesus, I think we should take it seriously.

Prayer is at the core of this rescue mission. Throughout the Volumes, Jesus tells us that if we want to be faithful to Him, we must listen to His voice. Weekly Eucharistic Adoration, which is another of the guidelines Jesus has given us, is an opportunity to talk directly to Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and listen quietly for His voice. In contrast, praying together in a community of people who are all doing their best to serve the Lord is another way to discern God's will for us, and potentially, to hear God speaking to us in the people He has placed in our lives.

Of course, prayer groups all have their own nuances and special prayer methods, based on the desires of their members. Some incorporate songs and other meditations. Some are privileged to meet in a chapel and include Eucharistic Adoration. Some include an opportunity for faith sharing around the message and events of the previous month. Some incorporate the gift of hospitality by providing food and drink to their members.



Large groups, family groups, it doesn't matter the size. The most important thing is that the prayer of the Rosary and the reading of the monthly message is done with fellow lay

apostles who are all doing their best to serve the Lord. The power of two or more apostles praying together cannot be underestimated.

Sometimes as lay apostles we are so excited about spreading the rescue mission that we rely on our own strength and understanding of what Jesus would want. We might have been given so many gifts from the Lord that we are tempted to think we can do His work alone. This attitude is dangerous. None of us would think of driving cross-country in our cars if we didn't know that there were gas stations along the way to refuel. Participating in a prayer group gives us the opportunity to fill our tanks and keep us motoring smoothly towards our destination, without fear that we will sputter and wind up alone at the side of the road.

Recently, I was privileged to take part in a Eucharistic Day of Renewal in Pierre Part, Louisiana. Two days before the event, there was an unexpected snag which threatened to detract from the day of prayer. In response, the lay apostle prayer group there assembled and they gave the situation to the Lord and His mother in great trust. The next day, with the situation resolved, the group was once again assembled, this time to pray in thankfulness for God's intervention. Such is the power of a prayer group.

The Guidelines

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

1. Morning Offering, along with the Allegiance Prayer 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.

Holy Trinity Abbey Update



WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE GOOD NEWS WITH REGARD TO THE HOLY TRINITY ABBEY. A group of lay apostles, together with staff members from Direction for Our Times, met with the Norbertine priests from the Abbey in June to discuss the status of the project. During that meeting, we came to a tentative agreement on a road map to complete the transfer of the property to Direction for Our Times and to ultimately establish the Holy Trinity Centre for Prayer. This group of lay apostles, who traveled to Ireland from the United States and France, have significant experience in real estate development. They are committed to seeing this project to completion and their talents have been a profound blessing.

We want to thank everyone who has contributed to this project, both through prayers and financial contributions. We will continue to raise funds for the new buildings and we will communicate the details to lay apostles as the arrangements are agreed upon. These are difficult times for many, and we appreciate the sacrifices made to assist us in this project.

Think Big, Stay Little, and Trust in the Lord

By Crystal Sullivan

In the fall of 2006, lay apostles in Dallas, Texas were inspired to create a study guide for *Climbing the Mountain*, and two years later, the study was available for distribution to lay apostles throughout the world.

In 2008, Kay Quenan, a lay apostle from Houston, was energized by the re-awakening of faithfulness that her prayer group experienced as a result of participating in the study. She followed the prompting of the Holy Spirit and travelled to an Evening of Eucharistic Renewal that was held in Palos Hills, Illinois in February 2009. She was looking for inspiration about how to bring the mission to the people of her parish, St. Laurence.

Kay introduced herself to the Direction for Our Times staff in order to explore what opportunities might be available in the Houston area. It was decided that my husband Kevin and I, as representatives of DFOT, would visit Kay's parish and present an information night that would include: a short video of Anne explaining how the locutions started; a brief introduction to the main messages that heaven is sending the world; testimony of the power of the messages; and a question and answer session. It was also decided that the information hour would be even more effective if followed by an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, which would include

both the reading of Jesus' messages from Volume Two and several specially chosen songs.

The preparation work done by Kay and her prayer group members was instrumental in making the evening a success. They created a brochure announcing the event and distributed it throughout the area. Surrounding parishes were contacted and information was placed in their Sunday bulletins. Lay apostle prayer group leaders in the surrounding area were notified, as well as the leaders of other parish ministries, such as Bible study groups, Legion of Mary, etc.

On the afternoon of the event, Kay organized a luncheon in her home to introduce the Direction for Our Times staff to the parish administrators and others who may have had questions about the mission.

About 70 people from St. Laurence and surrounding parishes attended the event. Many people who were friends or family members of lay apostles came in order to learn more. The highlight of the evening was the hour of Eucharistic Adoration, when the Lord was able to do the real work in pouring His grace and love into the souls of those present.

One month later, there are two new parish lay apostle prayer groups, one in the morning and one in the evening. In addition, a decision has been made to have a monthly



Michele Holbrooke, Veronica Felix, Kay Quenan, Marybeth Trevino.

Adoration hour, with a different parish group hosting each month, highlighting the unity that is present among all the different devotions. And more fruits of the evening will surely be revealed as we continue to pray and trust in His plan.

If you would like information on how to bring an information event to your parish, please contact the Direction for Our Times office in the United States at:

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Gratitude

By Anne, a lay apostle

Gratitude is a funny thing. Sometimes it is big and sometimes it is small. We can be grateful for someone opening a door for us and for someone saving our life. In the case of the little things, it is easy to express gratitude. A simple, 'Thank you' with a smile will do and a person then moves on, barely thinking of the other. In the big cases, where someone helps to save our life, either physically, mentally or emotionally, it is tougher to find words and a simple smile and two words cannot convey the gratitude. It has to be held in the heart and shared with God and it brings something very beautiful. It brings an understanding that we are a community people and we need each other. And it brings humility. So we thank God when we need help and we receive it and we thank God when we are then stronger and in a position to offer help. In short, we express our greatest gratitude to God and trust Him to reward the beautiful givers in our life for all eternity.

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stared at the water and he knew, in some way, that God was with him and that he was loved.

Next I saw a religious sister, darker skinned than I am. She wore a habit with a rounded veil. She was cleaning outside near a fountain in a warm climate. The fountain had tiers and water flowed down from one level onto the next. The sun was shining and this sister had a joyful countenance. In her hands she held garbage that she was picking up and I saw her turn to the fountain to pick something up there. When she bent down she looked up at the water flowing into the larger pool at the base and she noticed the light moving through the water and off the water as it fell. She

seemed mesmerized.

“God, you want to play with me and I have work to do,” she said aloud in a teasing voice. She thanked God for His presence and moved into her work again with such joy. She appeared very young but when I looked closely at her I could see that she was not young in years. It was her spirit that was open to God and God’s love moved freely into her soul. This woman went along with her business with great love in her and this love flowed from her to others. Her smile was beautiful to see.

Jesus said, “*Anne, you have been given a glimpse of the fruit that will*

come from the renewal. After being renewed, the first two will proceed in the same way as My beloved Sister Annunciata. Consider that in the future, when the first two see these things, they will rejoice as this religious sister rejoiced and their souls will participate in an open exchange of love with Me. They will know they are loved and they will accept My love, which will then flow through them to others, despite any difficulties in their daily lives. Work tirelessly for the renewal because through it I bring joy to My children who feel unloved.

Monthly Message

As given to Anne, a lay apostle

March 1, 2009

Jesus

My children, your work stretches out before you. How many serve? How many resist My will for them? When you consider others who do not seem to be serving Me, I want you to turn your face away. I want you to consider only My will for you in a given moment. This will protect you from many temptations. You can answer Me with simplicity when I ask you at the end of the day, “Have you served Me well today?” You can simply say, “Yes, Lord. I have done my best.” Then you can lay down your worries and rest. Beloved apostles of God, do not be distracted by others. I know this is hard for you. I know that others can cause you upset. But if you consider how I have asked you to experience

others, you will do better. I want you to view those around you as pilgrims journeying toward Me. That is what you are, after all. Can you deny others the need to move gradually to perfection when you, yourself, are doing the same? You are involved in a process which means that you remain imperfect. Why would it be different for those around you? You have come to trust My loving compassion, My forgiveness and My uninterrupted affection. That is because you have come to know Me. If others do not know Me as well as you do, they will trust Me less. If they trust Me less, they will experience fear and this will cause them difficulty which moves out from the fear to greater and greater pain. If My apostles will accept that fear of being unloved is the source of great pain for others, My apostles will view the mistakes of others with compassion, as I do. Yes, the pain of humanity can only be remedied by loving compassion. This is why you are sent out by Me. You move into the

world with heaven’s healing compassion. My apostles, perhaps you do not feel this compassion from others. Perhaps you feel that you are in need of compassion and find only condemnation. I make two remarks about this. One, please be willing to ask for understanding from other holy apostles and then accept what they offer to you in humility. Next, ask Me if I am judging you. Ask Me if I view you harshly. You know that I do not. I am pleased with whatever you offer Me in terms of fidelity and service. I am pleased with whatever you give to Me in terms of prayer and silence. I work so well in your little soul when you allow Me. I feel the greatest compassion for you. I am happy with your efforts to be holy and to love those around you. I rejoice in you. I rejoice in your commitment to Me. I urge you today in the most serious way to trust Me and trust in My plan for you.



Heaven Speaks to PARENTS WHO WORRY ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN'S SALVATION

December 20, 2006

Jesus

My dear ones, you worry for your children. I understand. Your worry is a sign that all is right with you because parents who love their children feel concern for them.

Usually, children follow the way set out by their parents. This is good if a parent is following the path that leads to Me. Currently we have trouble with this. Here is why. Many parents have abandoned the path that leads to Me and their children do not have a good example to follow. Perhaps this describes you. If this describes you, it is important that you find the path to Me and begin to climb toward Me. Your children will notice this and you will then be setting a good example.

If you are estranged from your children and do not see them, you will have to make contact with them and explain that you are sorry for any mistakes you made and that you are

following My path now. Tell them you hope and pray that they will also follow Me. My grace will be present in this situation as it is in any situation where I am welcome. I will help.

Perhaps you have always followed Me but your children have strayed from the path and are spending their time in the world, away from Me. This causes you grief, I know. Pray for your children but do not become preoccupied with your worry about them. If you are connected to Me, I will be with your children. I will wait for a moment when their hearts are open to Me and I will fill them with graces, healing their wounds and softening their hearts. I do this constantly for holy parents and I will do this for you. Do not worry that God will abandon your children. A parent's prayers are powerful and these prayers are inspired by Me. Understand that you are working with heaven and with Me to convert these children. In order to console yourself, look at the love that is in your children. Look for any evidence of goodness. Remember the goodness your children showed to you when they were young. There you will find hope of that same goodness returning and growing when your child is converted. Be at peace, dear parents. God loves your children, too. Heaven will not forsake them. I see their wounds and understand what led them away from Me. I, even more than you, have compassion for their pain. I, even more than you, know how to heal their wounds and restore them to wellness, emotionally and spiritually. I am aware of every obstacle to holiness that they face, just as I am aware of every obstacle to holiness you face. I want you to be holy. The best way to help your children is for you to be holy. I ask you today to concentrate

on your own holiness. If you do this, I will inspire you with exactly the right course to take to help your child. I keep My promises, as you know. Strive to be holy and I will help your children.

St. Monica

How heavy is the heart of a parent when his or her child has abandoned morality. This causes a pain that does not heal until the child has returned to God's path. I understand this burden because I carried it myself. Jesus seeks to help all such parents because He also understands this burden. With heaven, the priority is always personal growth in holiness. For this reason, God uses every experience we have on earth to make us holier and to bring us closer to Him. If we are close to God, God can use us powerfully and this helps the family of God. At this time, heaven has a need to bring light to a dark world. It is the darkness of the world that has distracted God's children. Perhaps your child is among these. Jesus is telling you that the best way to help your children is to become holier and holier so that His light can flow into the world through you. When a soul participates with God in this process of renewal through his personal holiness, God experiences great gratitude. God denies that soul nothing and the soul has great intercessory power. If you work for renewal through your attempt to become holier, God will reward you. Part of the way God will reward you is by reclaiming and healing your children. Believe this, my dear parents. It is true. Jesus promises all lay apostles that He will pursue full conversion of their loved ones. Jesus does not make this promise lightly. Jesus intends to keep this promise. If you work for Jesus, you are doing what you need to be doing for your children.

There is an excellent opportunity for holiness in this situation and that is by practicing trust. When you trust God, you are free to be joyful in His service. If you look at your children and feel distress at their condition, but then turn to God and trust Him with these children, you will know joy. It is good to tell God that you trust Him. It is good for God to hear this because it consoles Him. It is also good for you to hear yourself telling God that you trust Him as you will begin to believe. I am going to give you this advice and then I will pray that you take it. Each time you feel worry over one of your children, say, "Jesus, I trust in You. Take care of this child." If you feel worry for one of your children one hundred times today, say this prayer one hundred times on this day. Believe me. It will work. I will be helping you with this and praying for grace for you. This is a new way to proceed because you are actually fighting the enemy's attempt to distract you with worry. I will be working with you and with heaven in the struggle to reclaim your child so you are not alone in this project. Show Jesus that you understand His great power by trusting Him.

St. Monica

There are good ways to prompt conversion in your children. The best way to prompt conversion in your children is to love them, even in their error. When you are with your children, show them God's love by loving them. Do not focus all the attention on their errors or on the areas where you disagree with them or where you believe God disagrees with them. Instead, shine the brightest lights on the areas where you agree with them, where you feel God agrees with them, and where you see hope of greater goodness. What is it that God is consoled by when He looks at your child? Find this in them and talk about it. Your children will see God in you if they see God's love in you. Treat these loved ones in error the way Jesus treated those who were in error. Jesus was kind and loving. Jesus loved each person on earth individually and totally. You must look at each of your children with the Lord's eyes and love them individually and totally. This can be difficult, particularly if your child is

behaving in a way that is not lovable. In fact, it is most clear that you will not feel this love in your heart if your child is behaving in an aggressive or hurtful manner. This is no problem if you work with heaven because Jesus will put His love in your heart. In this way the renewal begins in your family. God's love is abundantly available. God's forgiveness is also abundantly available. Ask God to send forgiveness to you so that when your children look into your eyes, they see only love.

St. Monica

There are those among you who are wondering how to reconcile your feelings about your child's sinfulness to your faith. In other words, you believe perhaps that your child's soul is at risk because of the behaviors being practiced by them. You possibly feel concern about their bitterness or rebelliousness. I will tell you that each family on earth is a model of the bigger family of God. God is telling you through this apostolate that each apostle brings light to the world through his commitment and service. It is the very same in your family. If your child is in darkness and is being deceived into thinking that sinful behavior is acceptable, you have all the more reason to allow God's light to flow through you. Through being exposed to the light, your children will begin to understand what is dark. You should tell your children in the greatest love that you are concerned. Tell them why you are concerned. Give them anything that will help them. Do not allow yourself to be intimidated and stand firm in your beliefs, my friend, but do not ever leave God's love. Most particularly, you must love your children while you are explaining your feelings about behaviors or attitudes that you find concerning. Indeed, it is at this time when you must allow the most love to flow through you. It is not appropriate for you to make judgments, of course. Only God can judge. Only God knows the true nature of the wounds in your child and if your child feels judgment from you, your child may turn further from Christ. Remember that Jesus came not to condemn but to save. Your interactions with a loved one in error must

reflect the goal of saving, not condemning. Oh my dear parent, I feel your concern. I feel your heartbreak. Loving each other with God's love creates vulnerability to this type of hurt. Parents are well familiar with the hurt of rejection. I am cautioning you to love because heaven seeks to pull your children back at this time and heaven does this most successfully through love. Pray and be at peace. You have more help than you can possibly imagine.

Blessed Mother

My dear parent, how my heart hurts for you. I understand the pain of worrying over a child. I know that you worry because you seek to prevent additional pain for your child, regardless of their age. I know that you see their path and you fear trouble ahead for them. I also see this and I will help you to call your child back to God's path. We do this in great love and gentleness. This is the best way. I will give you my gentleness and with it you will melt your child's heart and create in them a longing for goodness. There is no circumstance that should cause you to give up hope. I will not allow you to give up hope. Even as you read these words I am obtaining fresh hope for you and with this hope I am also obtaining a spirit of calm that will enable you to serve in peace. We will surround this child for you. We will protect this child. If your child has died and you worry for their salvation, I ask you today to stop. God is all-merciful. Trust in His goodness. The good God could not face a parent who trusted Him and disappoint that parent. Your greatest weapon in the battle to save your children is trust in God. Use this weapon and be at peace because I am your mother and I read your heart effortlessly. I will help you. Your battle is also my battle.

Three Days of Grace in Ireland

A Time for Listening, Sharing and Learning

Thursday

Thursday night the monthly prayer group took place beginning with Anne and Fr. John Murphy praying over those who waited so patiently. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed and the prayer group meeting began.



St. Anne's Church, Baileborough.

Anne spoke about Our Lord's monthly message where He calls us all to be 'little apostles, called to serve.' She reminded us all that each of us has a role to play in God's renewal and we need to battle for holiness everyday. "We will need silence to become holy," she said. "Jesus wants us to have more silence." Then, "We need silence to be united to Jesus and we must be willing to suffer."

After Anne spoke, Mother Abbess M. Theresa, O. Cist., of the Sisters of the Cistercian Heart of Mary Abbey in Sostrup,

Denmark addressed the crowd with words of encouragement, thanking Fr. Murphy and the priests of the diocese for being open to, and supporting, the spectacular gifts that Our Lord



has digned to send through the monthly prayer group at St. Anne's Church. She encouraged the parishioners to consider their job as defenders of the rescue mission that heaven has revealed in their parish and in their monthly prayer group. She asked them to consider their role to defend the mission in their prayers and in their deeds as they live out the call of the lay apostolate.

A lay apostle from the USA visited the Abbey for the first time on Thursday. She spent three hours in the Adoration Chapel at the Abbey and writes:

"I just had such an unbelievable experience in that chapel on the first day I was there. I think we were in there for 3 hours..it felt like one. It was almost like I was taken in and I could feel the arms of Jesus wrapped around me. I didn't

want to leave. It was the most intense experience I ever had in adoration ... such a personal experience with Jesus. When I look back on the writing I did in my journal that afternoon it confirms for me that time was special. The things that are said about the Abbey I found to be true. Things became clear in there. A fog was lifted. Truths became known (about myself). So gently it happened layer by layer ... and continued to unfold over the next few days there. I can hardly describe it: maybe a deeper understanding of myself ... a knowledge of where I can improve ... an understanding that I am loved and that Jesus is pleased with me through these weaknesses ... and the complete desire to cooperate fully with all that needs to be done."

Friday

On Friday lay apostles came to the Abbey for Mass, a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, and fellowship. Ryan Cody, one of the young men discerning a vocation in the apostolate, gave a virtual tour of the Abbey grounds that provided everyone with a sense of the history of the Abbey and the Norbertines who have lived there for 85 years.



Eucharistic Adoration in the Abbey Chapel.

Thursday, May 7 – Saturday, May 9, 2009



The Abbey.



(left) Pilgrims watched as Anne and Dr. Mark Miravalle filmed a series of interviews on the messages of Volume Six: *Heaven Speaks to Families* and the booklet *Heaven Speaks to Those Suffering from Financial Need*.

Saturday

Saturday the Abbey was filled with lay apostles for a Eucharistic Day of Renewal. Pilgrims came from Norway, Denmark, Brazil, England and the USA.

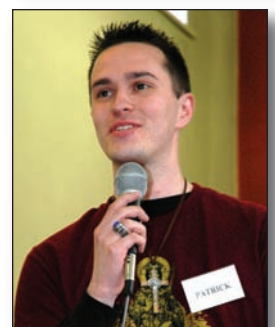
“What a privilege it is for us to work so closely with the beautiful Norbertine priests.”

Each of the seven young people who are discerning a vocation in this apostolate gave a brief witness on how the Lord called them to this apostolate. “Listening to these pure calls to service in this mission was a highlight of the day.”

Emma's Testimony.



Patrick's Testimony.



Scott Bergeron, Fr. Darragh Connolly, Ingrid Orglmeister, Keith Wagner.

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Send us the name of the priest or bishop who is interested in reviewing these materials, and we will send him the entire package at no charge. Contact the DFOT office for more information.



Youth Matters

Does Happiness Have a Price?

By Nora McCarthy, Re-Charge Youth Director

Okay. I will admit it. I am prone to be a bit materialistic. What can I say? Sometimes, I'm a slave to advertising. I can convince myself that everything will be okay if I just buy this one thing.

My materialism really hit me between the eyes the other day. I went into a store to buy a hair dryer. One would think that this would be a simple enough task. Find a machine that blows out hot air to dry your hair, right? How complicated could it be? Well, somehow while I was there I managed to convince myself that I needed to have the top of the line 300 euro hair dryer. After all, the motor was made of crushed gem stones. How could I say no? I was standing in line holding onto the box. The more I realized what an extravagant purchase it was, the tighter my grip became. Suddenly I realized how ridiculous I was being and I put down the box and left the store before I changed my mind.

Now obviously when you read this you understand that in no way could that 300 euro purchase have made my life any better. But doesn't everyone at some point feel like they are missing something, like they are not whole? Have you ever thought, my life would be perfect, if only I had a boyfriend or girlfriend or if I only made more money? What is it that we are missing? What is it we are searching for?

Instead of asking what we want, maybe we should ask what God wants. Imagine how much we could change our lives if we spent our time thinking about how we could make our relationship better with Christ and how we could be more giving and less self-centered. Who could we help?

I think we are dead right when we realize that we are missing something but we usually look for it in the wrong place.