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

A **NEW** Book from Anne, a lay apostle

An excerpt from *Lessons in Love*

By Anne, a lay apostle

The Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King is a new movement in the Catholic Church. This movement calls people to greater personal unity with Jesus Christ. As we become more aware of His presence, accepting His love and healing, we are then able to bring His light and love to those around us. By allowing Jesus to love others through us, we call them back into the safety of the family of God. Jesus calls this a rescue mission for souls. It involves people accepting their call to both personal holiness and service in the Church.

Pure Love

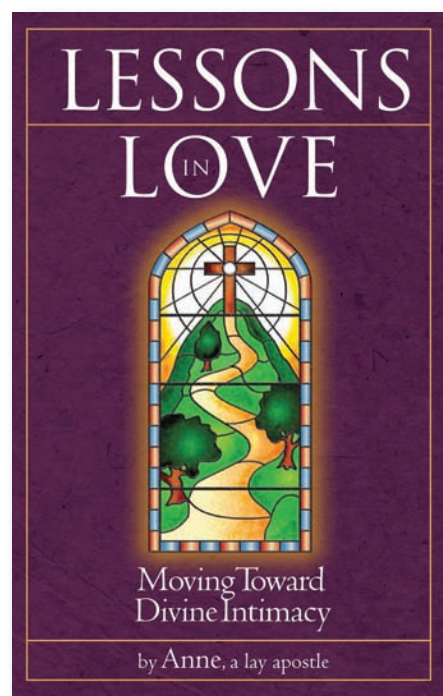
I often think of St. John the apostle at the foot of the cross. We could look at St. John's role in the Passion and think correctly, 'My goodness, what a privileged position St. John was awarded'. In considering the matter, one might wonder what qualified St. John to accompany Jesus and Mary so intimately on this torturous day.

What we know about St. John is that he was remembered by the purity of his love. He is called the Lord's beloved apostle. What did love prompt him to do that day that nobody else did? He showed up, first of all, and then he stayed. The day got uglier and uglier, the crowds more venomous. It did not appear to be a day of triumph, even though we know it turned out to be so.

St. John showed up, and he stayed.

Was Jesus able to verbalize His tremendous gratitude to John at the time of His Passion? Was Jesus able to chat about John's concerns? Hardly. He had his hands full dealing with His own considerable difficulties. The best Jesus could do was to assign John a task. **"Son, behold your Mother."** Was there any other apostle there to accept this task? No. Just John.

I would guess that John did not do a lot



of talking on that day. I would guess he just stayed, suffering Jesus and Mary's anguish, uniquely willing to remain in a circle of suffering and grief that could be called unparalleled. Is there a greater example of loyalty, love or fellowship?

Can we imagine the Lord's gratitude even though it was not expressed on that day? I do not think so. I do not think we can ever imagine the extent of the Lord's gratitude to St. John. I think, though, that His gratitude resonates throughout Heaven, eternally preserved. We are called to be like John to each other. We are called to show up for each other and we are called to stay, often in silence or in service or in silent service. This is pure love.



*Dedicated to
Mary, Queen
of Apostles*



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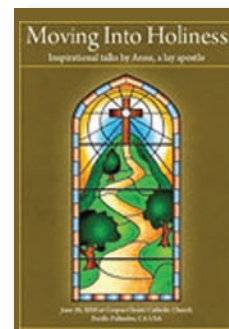
Moving into Holiness DVD

Direction for Our Times is pleased to offer a new DVD entitled *Moving into Holiness* in which Anne focuses on how we must each be working on our own sanctity so that we may draw others to Christ. Anne explains with typical clarity and humor how Jesus is hinging the rescue mission on our personal holiness.

Also included is a talk by Tom Peterson, founder of Catholics Come Home, whose role in the rescue mission is to invite the un-churched or the under-churched back into the family of God.

Recorded on location at Corpus Christi Church in Pacific Palisades, California on June 26, 2010. Filmed in high definition, 120 minutes total run time, DVD format.

Moving Into Holiness DVD is available to purchase for \$17.95 by visiting our website at:
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ALERT ... iPad users



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Step 3: "Sync" your iPad with iTunes.

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Step 5: Enjoy!

Hats off to lay apostle John Miller for sharing this information with our iPad users.



Abbey Purchase Update

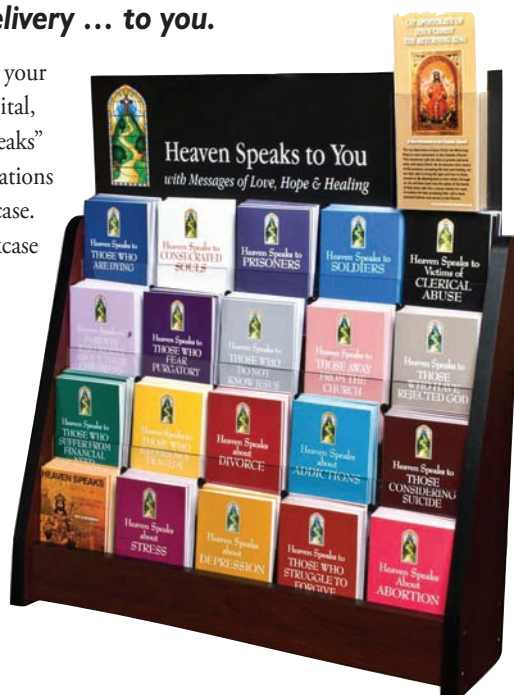
Many of you have supported our Abbey project over the last several years. For this we are very grateful. We have reserved in an account all the funds raised for this project and are awaiting the opportunity to complete a purchase of the Abbey. It has not happened as quickly as we thought but we are trusting in the providence of the Lord. Please continue to keep this project in your daily prayers.

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Lessons in Love
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This latest book from Anne, a lay apostle highlights

the importance of loving others with the unconditional love that Jesus has for each one of us. Anne illuminates a hopeful path of loving the people Jesus has placed in our lives. In particular, she shares her thoughts on the sacramental call to marriage and offers points for consideration when choosing a mate. She gives suggestions to navigate predictable marital difficulties and challenges. Also included is a series of thoughts on homosexuality.

We learn about the place of the divine will. We read about the fruits of the renewal in which we are all asked to participate.

Anne discusses some frequently asked questions regarding our Catholic faith, guiding us in our interactions with non-Christians. The book concludes with a reprint of five “Heaven Speaks” booklets.

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Practice

By Anne, a lay apostle

One day I was looking at a group of people and it was clear to me that none of them recognized their own holiness.

I immediately thought of a little girl learning ballet. She is dressed in her tights, with her ballet shoes on. She has a haphazard pony tail and she's doing the same steps over and over. When she goes to class, she sees people getting steps right that she is having trouble mastering. She, at times, feels frustrated, discouraged. She thinks, 'I'll never be a ballerina.' She is tempted to quit.

Then she watches a performance of *Swan Lake*. She hears the music soar and watches the expert ballerinas execute perfect steps and she is truly inspired.

She becomes so determined. She goes back to work and begins to practice the steps again and again. Here is what she doesn't understand. As far as Jesus is concerned, this little girl is dancing. She is a dancer!

Consider another situation. A runner in training goes around the same track, again and again. He doesn't say, "This is a waste of my time. I am doing the same thing over and over again." The wise runner knows that he is gaining strength and endurance.

Jesus sees each one of us and He says, "Yes, I have a dancer!" or, "Yes, I have a runner!"

Together, in this vertical relationship, you

and Jesus practice the steps, one by one, over and over again, until you gain mastery.

We must talk ourselves through the moments where God is asking us to be gentle, patient, kind, trusting and abandoned to God's will. Expect to do this today, again, and again, and again. And then expect to get up tomorrow and start over, and practice being gentle, patient, kind, trusting and abandoned to God's will over and over again, like the ballerina learning the steps and the runner going around the same track.

I believe God sees that we are all trying so hard. We want to be patient and kind. We want to return love for hostility. We want to be heroic for Jesus and on some days we execute with perfection. On other days, we, like the little girl, struggle to master some of the intricacies of holiness.

Some people say, "Lord have mercy on me but I confess the same things over and over again." In truth, we could probably all say that. I mean, there are only so many sins, right? Generally speaking, I think we all look pretty similar when it comes to human failings. So we must be comfortable working on the same virtues over and over.

I know that we all want to be holy. We all want to be abandoned and we all want to trust Jesus. We can go through our days saying, like St. Faustina, "Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You." We think we trust Jesus and we truly want to trust Jesus. So in order to help us, Jesus allows us to

experience something that makes us afraid, terrified perhaps. Maybe this is a financial challenge, an addiction, a marital problem that is big or a serious illness, either our own or in a loved one. And suddenly, we falter. And we realize that while we trust God a little, we will need to trust Him more. We realize that even while we desire to trust God and we know that we should trust God, we learn that we do not trust Him enough and that we must gain greater trust.

We all want to be abandoned to God's will. We may think we are abandoned to God's will and we say, "Use me as you like, God." And then, God, taking us up on it, as He does, reaches into our day and takes something away from us. Maybe it's money, maybe it's a relationship, maybe it's a vacation, or maybe it's our health. And we find that while we wish we were abandoned to God's will and while we desire abandonment, we do not possess total abandonment.

This is the Lord's way of allowing the incline on the road to rise. And we feel it in our walking. We may have to slow down. We may even have to stop for a moment to look around and say, "Why am I going this way? Why is this promise to God costing me so much? Do I want to keep going on this path to serious holiness?"

I believe this is a time for spiritual maturity. God has taught us a lot. He has blessed us a lot. And now, for many of us, He seems to be asking a lot. So be it.

The Vertical Relationship

Taken from a talk given by Anne, a lay apostle

It is clear that a person can best serve Jesus Christ if he is united to Him in a vertical relationship. The whole story of our life will be written in this relationship. You and Jesus. Jesus and you. It all comes from that. When that relationship is broken, mistakes happen, sins occur, and people get hurt. When that relationship is solid, God's Kingdom comes through us each day.

In this apostolate, Jesus tells us many things. From the writings, we can identify certain themes. Here are three of them. Jesus says,

"I am with you."

"I will heal you."

"I need your help."



These three things, ***"I am with you, I will heal you, and I need your help,"*** are intertwined. And they are of equal importance.

"I am with you."

We have to accept that God is with us because that is the awareness that changes our life in every moment. Jesus says, ***"I am with you."***

"I will heal you."

We all have wounds. All of us. Everyone. I think there can be a temptation to think that if we are not acting out, in addiction or violence or in some negative way, then we do not have to deal with our pain. We think it is the wounded ones making all the trouble. The truth is that woundedness and hurt are universal. That is why people are so moved by the Volumes, because Jesus deals with our woundedness in a very personal way in the Volumes.

We have to be so reverent about the people around us. We do not know where their sore spots are because, no matter how close we are to someone, we do not know their full story. This is so important in families. We must remember that we do not know anyone's full story, even if we live with them.

Jesus comes through the Volumes and offers healing. Why do we want healing? If we allow Jesus to heal us, we will interact with each other from peace and calm, not from the pain of our wounds. When we act from our wounds, we can hurt the people around us. So we must offer ourselves openly to Jesus for healing. We have to say, "Jesus, I want Your healing. Help me to accept Your healing."

"I need your help."

Right now, in this moment, in this day and in every day, Jesus needs our help. Helping Jesus takes many forms. Usually, it will be done in ways that seem boring and repetitive. Most of us will do more or less the same things over and over, day after day. Isn't it true? We can be tempted to think that because our daily duty is so repetitive or because we find it boring at times, it is not important. This is a trick. Just as a stone is made smooth through the repetitive friction of countless little waves, so we are made holy through the repetitive friction of the call of our duty, day after day after day. The days may seem unremarkable from one to the next, but Jesus is working, both on us and through us.

Those three thoughts help to comprise the vertical relationship we are each called to have with Jesus, our Returning King. Jesus is with us, He will heal us, and He needs our help. We remind ourselves that only through this vertical relationship can we properly act as servants to our King, as ushers to His return, helping to bring about the coming of God's Kingdom.

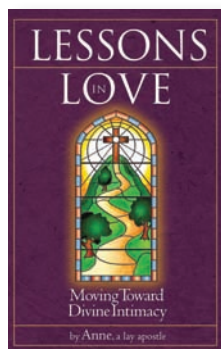


What are People Saying About *Lessons in Love*?



"What is the truth about you? What does tomorrow hold for you? In Anne's latest book we hear Jesus' tender invitation to discover in Him the truth about ourselves and God's plan for our lives; to know that we are valued by heaven beyond our imagination and are invited to become students of heaven's love. We are made, as Anne says so eloquently, to inhale love from heaven and exhale love to each other. Anne's book, I believe, is a gift of a loving God especially meant for you and me."

– Fr. Gerard W. Battersby, Archdiocese of Detroit



Excerpts from *Lessons in Love*, by Anne, a lay apostle

Commitments of Love

Love expresses itself in many ways. One of the ways love expresses itself is through commitment. Commitment is like a flag that is dug well and truly into the ground. It goes down deeply, so deeply that winds cannot blow it out of the position where love has placed it. If this flag is dug in, at its base there is no movement. Above ground, there may be gale force winds which tear at the flag with violence. There may be hailstones and rain that pound at the flag pitilessly. There may be other flags not anchored as well which slap against the flag with the greatest force in an attempt to dislodge it.

At times, during stormy weather, it may appear that the most prudent course for the flag would be to dig itself up and go somewhere else, particularly when there is a great fog around the flag. The flag will believe it cannot be seen anyway. What is the point of a flag if it is obscured by fog? The flag will begin to question its location.

But the flag did not place itself. It allowed itself to be placed. Our love for Christ has drawn us into our commitments to Christ. He has placed us. We must trust that He will relocate us if He needs to and until then, let the winds blow, let the fog encircle us and let others slap off us. Our commitment must keep us firmly planted in our service to heaven.

We need to remind ourselves often, sometimes daily, that our feelings must not dictate our service. On any given day we will not want to serve and our commitment might seem like a prison. When this is the case, we must make a heroic decision to be joyful prisoners.

An Invitation to Love

Peter, our rock, denied Jesus three times before being charged with the beginning of the Catholic Church, a fact which assures us that our Church was built on heaven's acceptance of our humanity. One might say that our whole Church is founded upon both repentance and forgiveness. Our weaknesses are understood by heaven and must be accepted by us despite our distaste and revulsion for our sins. The apostolic tradition includes humility which comes from the constant need to accept both our own mistakes and the mistakes of others.

We are all on the same team, welcome in God's family to the same degree. Are some sinners more worthy of forgiveness than others? Are some people more welcome in the Church than others? The ring of defiance must be pierced in many places so that people will not feel rejected and unwelcome.

The Church, by its nature, is invitational so those who have been made to feel unwelcome have been made to feel like that by



"I love everything Anne writes but this one I loved even more. Get ready to be deeply moved and inspired and empowered."

*- Dr. Ronda Chervin, Catholic Professor,
Author and Speaker*

people not representing the Church in its true nature. This distortion is perpetuated by Satan in order to dilute the power and impact of the Lord's redemptive act, that is, the Passion and death of Jesus. The enemy advertises the

distortions aggressively, and holiness, not self-promoting by its nature, goes largely unobserved.

We must assume that many in today's

society are un-churched, even if they are baptized Catholics. If we assume this, we will be less likely to be superior with others and think always of teaching the Catechism, even if it is in the smallest of doses.

Monthly Message

As given to Anne, a lay apostle

September 1, 2010

Jesus

Be at peace in your day, dear apostles. Perhaps you are learning to move more slowly, and perhaps this has helped you to be more connected to My presence in your service. How blessed you are if this lesson has taken root in your life. Strive to achieve this way of life because you will have the greatest gifts available to you if you move methodically, with Me. Sometimes, people are unaware of the nature of My grace flowing into the day through their cooperation. This is best, dear apostles. Be like little children who throw many leaves from a bridge into a stream and then walk away. The impact of their action flows down the stream without any help from the

child and the impact from your daily service flows into the greater stream of the Church without any further action on your part. Truly, your consistent service impacts the entire Church in some way, both in the day you are spending your time and in the future where you may not be spending time. Each of you serves as a result of the service of many people. You were formed and directed in your faith by the sacrifice of those who went before you in service. Be grateful for their sacrifice and then you, also, give willingly and generously for those around you and those who will come after you. Dear friends, I am sending formation through each of you that is very specific for this time. It is for this reason that I implore you to remain fixed on Me and all that I am asking you to do. I want you to be holy. I can bring the greatest amount of mercy into the world if My beloved friends help Me. Be disinterested when the enemy of unity brings you reasons to

disagree with those around you. Be interested when your Jesus begs you to overlook the flaws of others and serve alongside them in harmony. Dear apostles, we have nothing without unity. Our campaign of love will only be successful if we concentrate on love. Love overcomes everything, even the most profound suffering. Because, when one of God's children has nothing and he is bereft, the smallest bit of love is like the greatest feast. I, your Jesus, am now a beggar. I am begging you to love. Allow Me to see to justice because only I am equipped to pass judgment. You must see to loving, despite any wounds you have suffered. I am the greatest victim of injustice so I am the best consoler. Bring your suffering to Me and I will send you away with love, which you will then continue to distribute on My behalf. Be serious about My work, dear apostles. It is important.



What Does a Lay Apostle of Jesus





Christ the Returning King Look Like?



Our Tale of Three Cities

By Crystal Sullivan

In September, Crystal and Kevin Sullivan travelled to Europe to meet with a few courageous lay apostles who are heroically answering the Lord's call to bring the written works of this apostolate to their own countries. Read below how the Holy Spirit is working to push the renewal out to all of God's children.



Lisbon, Portugal

Blue sky ... sunshine ... warmth in the air and in the smiles of lay apostles Leonor de Sousas Mendez and Beatriz Luiz Gomea as we arrive at Lisbon Portela airport. This meeting was two years in the making, beginning in 2008 when Leonor phoned the Direction for Our Times office in Justice, Illinois with a plan to translate the messages into Portuguese.

Inspired in prayer and fueled by faith, she soon realized that the Lord was communicating that we are in a battle for souls. Leonor, the daughter of a general, had all the traits needed to formulate a plan: vision, discipline and trust in the Lord's power. And so she gathered a team to bring about the translation, funding and printing of the work into Portuguese.

Beatriz, one of her 'generals', a professional translator already very active in her Catholic faith, quickly discovered the beauty of the messages, and has translated all of the monthly messages, the "Heaven Speaks"

booklets, and (by the end of this year), all of the Volumes.

My husband Kevin and I originally planned to visit Portugal simply to thank Leonor, Beatriz, and their fellow lay apostles in Lisbon for their dedication and efforts in this massive work. But heaven had other plans. It seems to us that the Portuguese we were blessed to meet have a calm sense of urgency to spread the apostolate, exactly as Jesus is asking of all of us.

On arrival, we were taken to the beautiful home of our hostess Teresa Mendes Pereira, who had arranged for a group to come to her home to learn more about the apostolate. By the end of our trip to Lisbon, we were able to share about the apostolate with two different groups of people from all corners of Lisbon, and we left thoroughly smitten with the enthusiasm and warmth of the Portuguese people.

Of course, our trip to Portugal would have been incomplete without a visit to Fatima. One senses the presence of Our Lady immediately. After Mass in front of the basilica, we spent the day with Armando Mendes, a native of Fatima whose grandparents witnessed the great Miracle of the Sun in October, 1917. Armando is dedicated to spreading the devotion of Our Lady of Fatima by accompanying pilgrim groups to the Apparition Sites as well as accommodating guests at his guest house.

Ramstein, Germany

It's a small world after all! Elizabeth Baker, whose mother helped host the Eucharistic Day of Renewal in Mesa, Arizona in June, contacted the Direction for Our Times office to list on our website her prayer group in Ramstein, Germany, home to the U.S. military base. It was too happy of a coincidence that Kevin and I were flying into Frankfurt, so with Elizabeth's willing spirit and great organizational skills, we decided to take advantage of our time in Germany to host an information presentation.

As soon as we arrived, Elizabeth and her four beautiful young children gave us a tour of the base. I wasn't prepared for the strong emotions I felt as we witnessed the men, women and children living on the base, so far from home and all serving their country in different ways, whether having just returned from Afghanistan, or being the family member left behind to carry on. For me, there was a new appreciation of the sacrifice our service families are making for all of us, and the burdens they carry. I couldn't wait to share



with them the DVD in which Anne speaks of the importance of our daily offering, and how important joy in service is to God. Of course, the best gift we could give back to them was sharing the *Heaven Speaks to Soldiers* booklet.

Fr. Michael Morris, Senior Catholic Chaplain, gave Kevin and me a warm welcome at the 11:30 daily Mass, encouraging the participants to come hear more about the apostolate. With his help, more than fifty men and women came to the presentation.

We have heard from Elizabeth that one short month later, a new prayer group has been formed. God willing, the graces that heaven wants to pour over the families serving in the military will flow abundantly as a result of the spread of these messages.



Pinkafeld, Austria

Question: What do Liptauer cheese, Gemütlichkeit, and the Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King all have in common?

Answer: They were all enjoyed on the night of September 23, 2010 when about 50 Austrians were gathered for a presentation about the mission.

How did this happen? Well, a little less than a year ago a lay apostle named Andrea Prenner wrote to our office, indicating that she would do everything possible to help us find a way to translate the messages of this apostolate into German. A short time later, she identified a woman whose heart had been bursting with love for the messages. Helga Voda, a native Austrian whose English skills were honed by living for 21 years in Kenya, was thrilled to

help begin the translation process. She asked her parish priest, Father Gunter, to review the translations. He not only was very interested in reading them, but after reading just two or three, he became very enthusiastic and convinced that these are very important messages for the world today. Soon they became a dynamic duo, translating the monthly messages for posting on our website.

When Helga learned that Kevin and I were eager to meet her and Father Gunter, she offered to arrange an evening where locals could hear more about the Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King. With Helga as our translator, we were able to share the beauty of these messages, as well as take in the local delicacies.

Serving as a roaming missionary for the

apostolate will definitely not help in a weight loss regime, but it sure is a joy! We were blessed to become friends with Helga and her husband Gerhard, as well as many others, sharing meals, laughter and love for Jesus.

Helga would not let us leave until we made a commitment to come back next fall and give a married couple's retreat in Austria. So for his birthday present, I gave Kevin the Rosetta Stone course to learn German, and God willing, we will continue to serve the Lord by spreading the mission for the German-speaking people of the Lord.

Auf Wiedersehen! (until we meet again!)

If you are interested in learning more about the forming a prayer group in Germany or Austria, contact: helga.voda@gmail.com.

Lay Apostles in Action

Fargo, North Dakota, USA

Every other year the Diocese of Fargo hosts a Marian Eucharistic Congress in Fargo. This year the 2,000 people had a surprise waiting for them in the Exhibition Hall. Little did they know when they made their reservation that they would be receiving booklets that could change their lives.

Lay apostles Gerry Keymer, Mary Jo Bakowski and Jim Azure drove to Fargo and spent October 1-3 in a booth representing the lay apostolate, giving away “Heaven Speaks” booklets and talking to people about the Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King. They set up two Heaven Speaks Booklet Display Cases on a banquet table and filled up the rest of the table with free brochures and holy cards that they ordered from the Direction for Our Times office in Justice, Illinois.

Jim Azure was hoping that their presence at the conference might be the impetus for the formation of prayer groups in the area. Mary Jo and Gerry were delighted to talk with so many people interested in their Catholic faith.

Over the course of the weekend this trio gave out over 3,000



Lay apostles Gerry Keymer, Mary Jo Bakowski and Jim Azure, working to share the apostolate at conferences.

Heaven Speaks booklets to interested people. Gerry said they were all exhausted from their time in the booth. He also said he could not deny that it is easy to do this when you are so convicted in the beautiful graces heaven is sending through these writings.

Monthly Message

As given to Anne, a lay apostle

August 1, 2010

Jesus

Be at peace in your work, dear apostles. Neither hurry, nor delay. Do not pause in your service to heaven, wherever that service has taken you. We move at a steady pace if we are together. If you are working without Me, you may find yourself either hurrying or delaying. I do not hurry and I do not delay. Test yourself today. Determine your pace. If it is steady and you are calm, all is well. If your pace is hurried, and you are not calm, perhaps you have forgotten that it is My work you are doing, and not your own. If you have stopped working

for heaven, because you are sad, frustrated or discouraged, then that is a sign that you need Me to renew you and restore your confidence in our togetherness. I speak to you of abandonment and I ask you to regard the outcome of your service as irrelevant in that you are not in control of the fruits of your day. Most days, you will not see the fruits. Most days, you will not be able to understand the fruits. This is because My beloved friends have a limited understanding of heaven's power and heaven's patience. If heaven has a goal to accomplish, heaven begins preparing early. Much of your service, My dear apostles, will be that of sowing seeds for future conversions. Dearest apostles, so close to Me, can you accept this? Will you trust Me? Many people contribute to the construction of a building on earth.

Think of all that happens before the building is erected. All of the materials must be created and fashioned and then assembled and there must be a plan. The people producing the materials may never see the building that is erected through their cooperation. It is this way with the Kingdom of God. There are many hands at work in this world assembling materials for the construction of the edifice that the Father has willed for His Church on earth at this time. You are my diligent workers who cheerfully stand forward to serve the King. I thank you, dear friends. I urge you to trust, to patience and to lively participation in this plan, wherever I have placed you. Rejoice! Show others the happiness that comes with knowing you are loved and protected.



A Slight Change of Plans

In the summer of 2010 Anne was invited to speak at a number of Eucharistic Days of Renewal. The trip to the United States began successfully in June with many lay apostles attending events in Pacific Palisades, California and Mesa, Arizona. Anne was scheduled to participate in two other events in July. One, a Charismatic Conference in Peoria, Illinois and then another, a parish Afternoon of Renewal in the Chicago archdiocese.

Unfortunately Anne experienced health problems which led to a time of hospitalization. The result was that she could not participate in the scheduled Eucharistic events at the end of July. Nor the events scheduled at All Hallows College in Dublin for the beginning of August.

Lay apostles wrote to our office from all over the world offering prayers for Anne and her family. Anne asked our Lord to be generous to the lay apostles who had worked so hard to plan and organize the events she was scheduled to speak at.

The talks that Anne gave in California had been taped. So, we had an idea. Although Anne could not be present at these events, would it be possible to show the tape of her talks given in June?

In Peoria, the organizing group decided to show Anne's taped talks during the meal times. Hundreds sat and ate while listening to Anne describe where the Lord is focusing her work. The team from Chicago travelled to the conference and talked with many lay apostles, old and new.

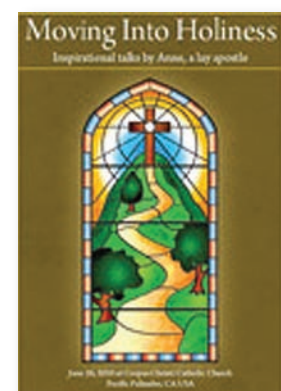
In Chicago, on August 28th St. Daniel the Prophet parish held a Eucharistic Evening of Renewal. Pastor Fr. John Noga promoted the upcoming event, inviting all parishioners at the Masses the weekend before the event. Lay apostles from the Chicago area came to these Masses and passed out free 'Heaven Speaks' booklets to the parishioners as they left the church.

The result? Roughly 300 parishioners came for an Evening of Eucharistic Renewal. Most had never heard of the Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King or the writings of Anne, a lay apostle.

The evening began with the regularly scheduled 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening Mass. Fifteen minutes were needed to set up equipment and then the rest of the evening began.

Two lay apostles gave a brief overview of the mission and introduced the forty-five minute video of Anne. This was followed by a time for fellowship with coffee and homemade baked goods provided by parishioners. Within fifteen minutes everyone was back in their pews, ready to start a Holy Hour of Adoration.

Jesus has promised to send great graces through every one of our Eucharistic events. If you would like to host a Eucharistic event using the video, please call our office in Justice, Illinois or Ireland, and we will be happy to help you.



Giving in Totality

By Anne, a lay apostle

“In this apostolate, we must emulate the one who returned to give thanks.”

A man in a hospital lay quite still, expect for his eyes. His eyes watched everything and everyone. When a conversation began, he disclosed that he was paralyzed from the waist down. He immediately began to talk about all that he possessed, the movement of his hands, his intellect, etc. Someone remarked that he was very positive given his condition. He wondered aloud how he could *not* be positive given the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

This man was not only a recipient of God’s mercy, he was a source of God’s mercy because the minute he spoke, he talked about God’s mercy which then enabled it to flow out to those who listened. This man’s experience of God’s mercy, via the intercession of Our Lady, placed in him a supply of mercy so great that his reflexive action was to share it. He could not contain it.

This is the opposite of worldly reflex which would encourage us to hoard treasure. That is how we distinguish heavenly treasure from earthly treasure. With earthly treasure, we keep it, store it, save it and give from it sparingly. There is pain in losing it and being separated from it.

With heavenly treasure, we give it freely if we have it and we feel only joy in sharing it. What we possess, in terms of heavenly treasure, we offer to others with rejoicing, praying that others will recognize its value. Words cannot do justice to the value of what we bring to those in darkness. Only the Spirit within us, studying closely what we have received, can communicate the extent of what God wishes to send through us to others.

To become the recipient of heaven’s grace is a great thing. To become a source of heaven’s grace for others, let us call this a ‘heavenly outpost on earth,’ is an even greater thing.

Ten lepers were healed. One returned to offer gratitude. The others no doubt experienced thanksgiving and gratitude but did not offer thanksgiving to the Source. Which leper shall we emulate, dear friends?

In this apostolate, we must emulate the one who returned to give thanks. We do this by assuming our share of the burden of this renewal, in whatever capacity God requires, in total humility. While we are on earth, we will not do things our way, but God’s way. There will be sacrifice, our will for His.

One life, one commitment given in totality has the most enormous ramifications. The amount of consolation God can bring through one



life to other lives is infinite, given the ripple effect of love.

Who will give in totality? Who will go to the wall for Jesus? Abandon himself completely?

Will it be you? Me? Is He asking someone else or is He asking us?

I think, dear apostles, He is asking us. I think heaven hopes we will answer “yes” without condition. Is it embarrassing that we give our service with stipulations? Perhaps that is the best we can do on a given day, that is, serve to some degree. Perhaps though, if we remain firmly anchored in the present, we can give everything. And perhaps, if we become accustomed to abandonment in the present, God can teach us to accept joy.

Heaven Speaks to THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE TRAGEDY

As given to Anne, a lay apostle

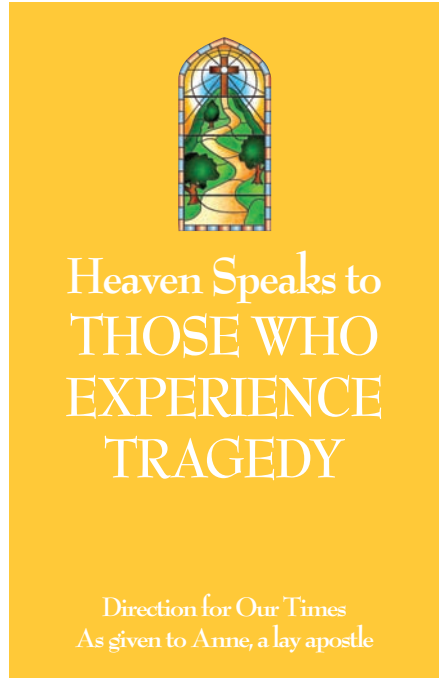
This is the text of the booklet *Heaven Speaks to Those Who Experience Tragedy*, which is available from our office or from our website at www.directionforourtimes.org for \$2.00 per booklet.

December 12, 2006

Jesus

Life on earth is filled with change. If you look back on any life, you can see marking points where that life changed. Sometimes change comes in a predictable and expected manner, as in the movement into a vocation for which a person prepared. Sometimes change comes in an abrupt manner, as in situations where a person is injured or dies unexpectedly. It is this, the change viewed as a tragedy, that I wish to discuss today. My friend, there are events in every life that stand out as difficult and life-altering. This tragedy, this abrupt change of course, will stand out to you, I know. When you feel a sense of shock, a sense of stunning upset in your life, you must look for Me. I am there. I do not remain with My children, day after day, and then abandon them when they most need My support. Your grief is understandable and I will support you in it. You will not always understand why I allowed a certain thing to happen. In your expected inability to understand, you will challenge Me. You will say, "God, how could You have allowed this? God, where are You? God, why have You abandoned us?"

My friends, bring those questions directly to Me because I, Myself, am the most sympathetic listener when it comes to these heartfelt cries of anguish. You see, I cried these cries Myself. In My humanity, on the cross, I felt abandoned. In My humanity, on the cross, I questioned the value of God's plan. From My viewpoint, nailed to a piece of wood and raised aloft as a subject of total rejection and derision,



it appeared that I suffered more than anyone. It appeared that none could know the extent of My pain. My beloved child, I tell you this so that you will understand that I, your Savior, grasp the depth of your pain. I will walk you through each moment of anguish, surrounding you with heaven's graces. No. You will not be left to walk alone through this tragedy.

St. Ambrose

My friend, rest with heaven a moment. At this time, it is important to remember that every life on earth is finite. When a child is born into a family, there is no way to know the extent of his life. There is no way to know the plan for that life. There is no way to know the sufferings and joys that will provide formation for that life in order to

bring that child to knowledge of God to the extent that God has intended. We, humanity, simply do not know God's plan. If we accept this truth, we will move through our lives with a greater appreciation for the possibility of change. As you walk the earth today, which one of you knows whether or not you will be walking the earth tomorrow? No person on earth today is assured that he will be on earth tomorrow. Clearly, it was the same in my lifetime. Nobody knows whether or not this is his last day to serve on earth. In the same way, perhaps you celebrate good health today. Does this mean you have a guarantee of good health tomorrow? Can you prevent a circumstance that will alter your health or your ability to serve tomorrow as you serve today? No, dear friend, you cannot. Accept this fact and you will serve in greater humility, aware that God could allow your course to be changed at any moment.

You, my beloved friend, are experiencing this today. You are stunned by the change in course that God has allowed for you or for someone you love. I understand. I want to compare your situation to that of Jesus Christ's situation in His Passion because we, as Christians, must compare every experience to the Lord's experience so we will understand how to best conduct ourselves. Jesus suffered terribly before He died. His death was not sudden in terms of time in that He carried a cross to an expected death. That stated, can anyone be prepared for a torture and death such as He experienced? What preparation can there be for a mother to bring her to peace about such torturous treatment of her only child? Can a mother ever reconcile herself to a child's death, particularly such a violent
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death? My friend, you are possibly shaking your head, saying, "No. It would be impossible for a mother to reconcile herself to the cruelty levied at her Son." I understand. I agree with you. Taken by itself, without the illumination of God, it would be impossible to accept such a set of circumstances. In the same way, if you take your tragedy by itself, without God's illumination, you may find it impossible to reconcile yourself to it.

Our Mother, Mary, did reconcile her mother's heart to the will of the Father. She did this by joining herself to God's will in each moment. Mary never separated her life and every circumstance around her from trust in the Father's plan. This, most assuredly, does not mean that Mary was given extraordinary light to understand God's plan in each moment. On the contrary, Mary had to practice trust in a disciplined way because there were more moments of fog for her than clarity in terms of why God was allowing or advancing His plan in a given manner. Poor little Mother, so worried for her Son's safety and happiness. Can we say that Mary proceeded wisely, despite her anguish? Yes, truly, we can say this. Mary proceeded wisely because she trusted that even though her Son suffered, even though her Son died, God's plan was the best plan, both for her Son and for humanity.

My friend, perhaps you cannot see God's plan illuminated in your grief and your pain. We understand. We will not leave you as you move through this period of shock. Believe me, one day you will see God's plan and you will look back to this day with perfect understanding, saying, "Yes, I understand God's plan."

St. Ambrose

Some of us walk through life trusting God. It is a habit that we have practiced for many years and it comes more or less naturally to us after a time. When a tragedy occurs in our life, we proceed through it in trust, despite our anguish, simply because this is what we have done in the past. Oh, my



beloved friend, how priceless is the discipline of holiness.

Perhaps you do not trust God and you do not have a habit to fall back on. Perhaps you are angry at God over something else and now you are confronted with this tragedy. You are possibly experiencing a grave temptation to hate God because you are blaming Him for this tragedy. I can see how this would happen. I can see how events in your life have brought you to this point. This is not a good place for you. You know that. You are angry at God and yet God is not angry at you. You want to cast God out of your life and yet God does not want to cast you out of His presence. God, on the contrary, wants to pull you up against Himself so that He can console you. God has so many things to whisper in your ear. You will not be able to accept this tragedy if you do not allow God to help you. "Fine," you say, rebelliously. "I do not and I will not accept this tragedy, ever." Hmm. My friend, the tragedy is not going away, simply because you pledge to reject it. The tragedy has occurred. You cannot control tragedy any more than you can control death. You will die and this pain will have ended. What then? Will you wait until that moment to reconcile with God and your heavenly family? You are a person of good will. Surely you will not choose eternal separation from God. That would not be good for you. Do you want to spend eternity with your loved ones? Perhaps you should

consider that your loved ones wish to spend eternity with you. I can promise you this today. Your loved ones want you to be with them in Heaven. They are telling me this now. They are here with me, watching you, surrounding you with prayer, and they are asking that you accept God's grace into your heart. You see, you are not alone. You are not abandoned. God allows all those who have gone before you to help you in times of difficulty. There are many here who seek your peace. Ask God to give you the grace to reconcile yourself to His will. He will do so. I will help you. Throw yourself into the arms of your beloved Savior and allow Him to protect you and comfort you.

St. Ambrose

My friend, my beloved family member, I am going to help you. Take these words into your heart. The graces attached to them will sustain you. You will see that very often the kindest, holiest people are those who have experienced tragedies. They understand that great pain comes into every life. Sometimes, there is nothing to comfort you, no drink of water in your parched thirst for yesterday. Do you wish to undo God's will? Would you like to be one who rejects God's will and marks out his own path to Christ? This would be like driving a car while blinded. Only God can see your destination and only God can see the best course for you to travel



to arrive there. Perhaps there is great guilt in your grief. Perhaps you hold yourself accountable for something that you feel contributed to the tragedy before you. Oh dear friend, please, give this guilt to God. Allow God to take this away and let Him do with it as He wishes. If you turn to God now, He will remove this burden from you and put it exactly where it needs to be. God will burn it up in the flames of His passionate love for you. If you need to confess a sin, do so.

Otherwise, consign your guilt to Jesus as something that He must take care of for you. The Lord, in His great mercy, rejoices in exactly this type of request. Do not revisit yesterday, except as it causes you joy. I want to say a final word to you. The only way to travel the road to Heaven is in trust. If you trust God, even the littlest bit, you will make progress and you will stay on the path to Him. You will proceed in some measure of peace and you will remain calm. Dearest

friend, when you feel that you cannot remain calm, call on heaven. You can tell heaven that you have an emergency. Heaven will respond at once, bringing graces of trust and calm to you. If you trust in heaven, and you should, you will understand that heaven never abandons anyone. Heaven does not abandon you any more than heaven abandons those around you who also suffer at this time. Ask for graces for those around you and they will receive graces because of your request. If you pray for others in a time of such great pain, heaven will flood others with graces because heaven views this prayer, made in sorrow, as the most beautiful act of trust. The angels delight in this prayer and bring this prayer before the Father as evidence of man's respect for His dominion. God the Father, in turn, unleashes a torrent of conversion, healing, and calming graces for all involved in the tragedy. Truly, the Father orders the angels and saints to benefit thousands from such a situation. Talk to heaven and you and all those around you will be blessed powerfully.

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Monthly Message

As given to Anne, a lay apostle

October 1, 2010

Jesus

My dear apostles, you are proceeding through your time on earth amidst many changes. Exteriorly, there is a great deal of motion and upset, which affects God's children. Some are affected negatively and some are affected positively. Who is affected positively when there is suffering? I ask you this because I want you to view suffering from the perspective of one who trusts in God and trusts in God's plan for all of His children.

If you trust God, then suffering is viewed more simply, whether it is your suffering or the suffering of those around you. If you are suffering, then you are called to endure, but not without God and not without God's grace. If someone near you is suffering, then you are called to offer compassion and even assistance if possible. You have the grace to understand your role and to understand your response, whether in your own suffering or in the suffering of those around you. In every experience in life, temptation is possible. If all is going well for you, then you may be tempted to become complacent about your response to the many graces I give you. I would prefer that during times of relative ease, you

praise Me and be alert to helping others. If all is not going well, there may be a temptation to believe that your prayers are not heard by God. I would prefer that you use these times to practice trusting Me. Offer your suffering to Me with a heart that shares My experience willingly, not resentfully. Dear apostles, we are together, you and I. The unity we share was always intended by the Father. All is well. Do not be tempted against Me if you are suffering. I will never leave you and I will use your suffering in ways you do not understand yet. You will understand later and you will be so grateful to Me because I offered you these learning experiences. Rejoice. I am always with you.

Blessed Mother

My poor little child, how you suffer. There are times when suffering is so great that a little one cannot even feel the comfort that is lavished upon him. It is this way for you now. In your grief, you stagger, but you are supported. I know that you do not always feel this support. We accept this. Later, when you come to Heaven, you will marvel at the generosity of Heaven as you understand the great lengths heaven went to in order to support you through this tragedy. Dear beloved child of the Father, rest in your little soul. You are like a wounded one who requires heavenly nursing. We will nurse you. I will watch closely and take each opportunity to send you examples of heaven's tender care for you. God has a plan and you are part of that plan just

as I was part of God's plan. I am playing my part in God's plan now in speaking these words to you. Why do we use words? Little child, we use words to communicate truth because we are holy souls, filled with God's integrity. These words represent God's truth. If a person sends a letter, filled with love, can you say that the person sent words? Is it not more accurate to say that the person has sent love and kindness which brings also encouragement? On earth, in the limited view of those who do not yet experience heaven, perhaps it is true that a word is simply a word, representing a concept. In Heaven, which is where we speak from, a word is much more. These words carry with them heavenly graces of truth, of comfort and of joy. My love for you, which is part of God's love for you, flows out from this page to your heart. My intercession for you is taking

place as you read these words. Heaven is with you, I promise you. I am your Mother and you are my beloved child. Turn your face to me and I will give you heavenly comfort that cannot be seen or understood. You will know that I am with you by the calming graces that come with me wherever I go. I am calm because I see God's plan. I will give you this calm and help you to see, at the very least, that God has a plan for you and that it includes this tragedy. I am with you, little dove. Your pain will not be without value and every tear you cry will be a tear that is noticed by heaven. Peace now, as we walk with you through this time of grief. We will give you the graces you need to cope today and to grow in holiness tomorrow. All is well. Heaven surrounds you.

Monthly Message

As given to Anne, a lay apostle

July 1, 2010

Jesus

My beloved apostles, I send many graces into the world through your commitment to Me. You do not see the graces but sometimes you see the effect of the graces. When you see the effect of the graces I send through you, rejoice. Thank Me. Your gratitude expressed to Me gives Me consolation. Also, your gratitude expressed to Me gives you a disposition that is joyful. I want you to be joyful, dear apostles, because I am giving you so much. You are cooperating with Me and working hard, it is true, but you are also benefiting because My heart is so grateful to you for your fidelity that I hasten to answer your prayers, both for your loved ones and for the whole

world. When a traveller goes a short distance, he can become a little tired. When a traveller goes a greater distance, he can become a little more tired. When a traveller travels a distance that stretches out for the remainder of his time on earth, as in your case, that traveller understands that fatigue will be his companion. This companionship should accomplish two things. One, it should provide a bond between the saved and the Saviour because I, too, experienced fatigue and I, too, devoted My life to the Kingdom. The other thing fatigue should provide for you is a compelling need to adapt your service to My pace which is a steady pace, as opposed to a hurried pace. I ask for steady service. I do not want hesitation in My service, no, but neither do I want irresponsible treatment of either your physical wellness or your spiritual wellness. If you are standing next to a well and do not drink, you will become

dehydrated, regardless of your proximity to the well. Drink, dear apostles. Experience each day the grace that you are urging others to accept. I am with you and I feed you steadily. You have the grace for today. You will have to return to Me tomorrow to accept the grace for that day. I want My beloved apostles to be sustained and I offer them sustenance. Dear friends, all is well. You are working hard as I worked hard but you will be given all that you need. I am so grateful to you. I am so pleased with you. Believe Me when I say this. It is very important for the world that you accept My gratitude because if you do not accept My gratitude, truly, the world will not understand Me and the world will not understand service to Me. People must look at you and see that service to Me brings blessings. I am with you and My gratitude to you will be evident for eternity.

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Welcoming Young People in the Church

By Anne, a lay apostle

Often it is said that there are not enough young people in our Church. Many bemoan the fact that a large number of young Catholics have fallen away. There are many reasons for this, of course, some obvious and some not so obvious. To call attention to the not so obvious will be most helpful. Is it possible that the youth, with their distinct calls and distinct struggles for holiness, are not welcomed? Is it possible that those of us who are older feel superior to them in the mistaken notion that we ourselves never had to advance from childhood? Were we born mature or did we make our way into maturity with God's merciful help?

Oh dear. I am afraid we have a problem here and that is that we talk about welcoming young Catholics but as in the case of divorced people, people who experience same-sex attraction and others, we are less good at actually doing it. It can happen that when a young person is adapting a singularly superficial piety, that person is deemed pleasing. When a young person is authentic in his or her search, that person is stamped as troublesome. Working with youth requires a charisma, it is true, but loving them and encouraging them should be a reflex, like breathing. Perhaps while we allow for the struggles of young people we could also pray that they will forgive our intolerance and superiority. Who has not seen young people criticized mercilessly by people who were not remotely as holy when they were at the same age? Our youth are often so disrespected that it is, at times, astonishing.

If we are to have renewal, then we must welcome young people and allow for their struggles. Misrepresentations of the faith drive young people away, again and again and the young detect hypocrisy from one thousand miles and flee. Who can blame them? Jesus would not do this. Jesus would draw them in



“If we are to have Renewal, then we must welcome young people and allow for their struggles.”

and form them lovingly, as opposed to studying them for flaws as if they were rare birds. Many vocations die on the vine for want of watering. Are we watering the young people around us? Or shining a harsh light upon them that makes them shrivel? One thing is certain. We will not achieve any advance into Renewal without the Spirit and strength of God's young people. If we continue to get that wrong, nothing else will count for much very soon.

Just as we do not have to abandon the Catechism in order to love others, so we do not have to abandon truth to form our youth. We should not tiptoe around areas where they are mistaken, but we should respectfully and humbly praise them in the areas where they are advancing. Correction should be given briefly and honestly. One sentence. Two sentences. Clarification, if necessary. Patience

in the face of backlash. And then a swift movement forward in service.

Once a mistake is identified and acknowledged, the person can be comforted and distracted by his success and potential. A formula might look like this: Less of that and more of this, please, and then on to the next thing. And then check back and see if the lesson was taken correctly and if the spirit has been willing to accept the teaching. All of this is assuming you are being asked to provide formation, in the sense of a parent or superior.

In most cases when working with young people in the Church, we will simply be called to love them and rejoice in their great gifts. Only in the absence of proper leadership should one offer correction. In the cases where there is evidence of spiritual risk and even



danger, an apostle should first communicate to the superior who has charge over the young person. That sentence is very important, dear apostles. Do not impose your leadership above the rightful leadership with the mistaken notion that you are in fact superior to the superior. This is an old faithful for the devil. This is pride which always seeks to cross the bridges to places like superiority, jealousy, envy and lastly, to hatred. Do not let your issues contaminate your role in God's formation of our young people. Love, love and then add another bit of love. That will usually be the best way to encourage our youth. And we must all assume that we are being asked by God to encourage any young Christians we encounter.

Remember that young people are basing their beliefs on something. We will not know what these beliefs are based upon unless we are willing to listen, at length. One young man was accused of being an atheist. He was

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Four ways to introduce young people to the spirituality of this apostolate:

Heaven Speaks to Young Adults Booklet

On June 27, 2005, Jesus revealed to Anne that He was beginning a lay apostle youth division of Direction for Our Times. This division is for young souls from Confirmation until the age of twenty-four, with very special graces available to these souls to assist them in rejecting the darkness.

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known as an atheist. Upon examination, he discovered he was not an atheist, but against all organized religion. Upon further examination, he discovered he was not against all organized religion, but against hypocrisy. This occurred because he had experienced cruel hypocrisy. He made the common mistake of attributing the characteristics of a Pharisee to the whole Church. He was repelled by these inconsistencies. This made him exactly like Jesus Christ. The young man discovered all of this by himself because someone listened attentively as he verbally worked it out.

What was the contribution of the apostle? Compassionate listening. Did the young man need counseling? Lecturing? Superiority? Disdain? No. He needed to examine his wound and see that it had dragged him to a faulty conclusion. His intelligence had brought him to a correct conclusion in the sense of a sum total that said, "This cruel judgment cannot be the product of a good God." But



the equation was a little more complicated. Our young people are more than willing to accept flaws in older people if older people are willing to admit to these flaws. Generally speaking, young people are merciful and compassionate in the extreme.

May God give us all a willingness to self-examine before our death so that we can be used to best advantage on earth.

Monthly Message

As given to Anne, a lay apostle

November 1, 2010

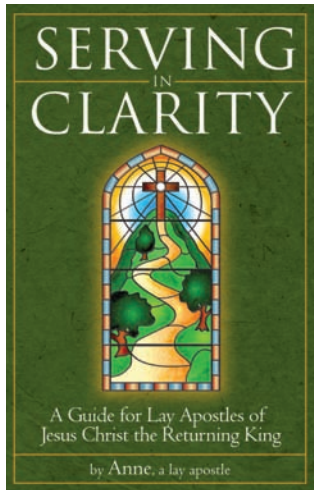
Jesus

Dearest apostle, be assured of My good will toward you. At times, I see that you forget that you have a beloved and constant friend. I am a friend who never finds you tiresome or difficult. I am with you during your calm periods and during your storms. I find you a precious companion regardless of your disposition in any moment. Think of someone whose companionship you crave or whose companionship you craved in the past. Just the thought of spending time with that person could bring you consolation. With that person, you felt comfortable, safe, and there was joy. You could be yourself and felt that you fit well with this other. Dear

apostle, for you, I am that other. For Me, you are that other. We fit together. When you are with Me, you are with the one who completely understands you and completely loves you. My love for you is sympathetic, understanding and unchangeable. My love for you will weather any strain or pain, any mistake or any emotional storm you experience. I will never leave you. I will always love you and welcome you in My heart. Your answers and your clarity will be found with Me. Sometimes, dear apostle, you fear that I am not giving you the answers you require. This is not true. If you need an answer from Me, you will receive it. If a course correction is necessary, I will direct you to it. Your prayers are instantly at home in My heart and I rejoice that you have come to Me with these requests. It is not possible that a beloved apostle will be rejected. Do not think that I ignore your pain or that your pain leaves Me indifferent. You, dear apostle, have

shown Me that you are interested in My pain which will always involve the pain of humanity. This moves My heart to the greatest generosity. I answer your prayers in a mystical way. Some day you will see that I answered your prayers in the most beneficial way possible, given the intention. Many unnecessary calamities are avoided because of prayer. The greatest mercy flows down to your loved ones through your prayers, even though you suffer terribly when you see your loved ones hurt or when you must be separated from them, particularly when you do not expect to be separated from them. I am the merciful Christ in all of these situations. Understanding will come, dear friend. Believe in your prayers. Believe in My merciful presence with you. Believe in the impact of your service and believe in the gratitude I have for you, even when you do not feel it.

Lay Apostles Letters About Serving in Clarity



Soft Cover, 268 pages
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This book gives lay apostles further direction and clear examples of how to move closer to union with Jesus in His divine will. This writing contains locutions from Jesus and Mary that encourage us, that heaven is sending extraordinary graces to help usher in the Age of Obedience, as well as reflections by Anne to assist us in living out our vocations with holiness, love and obedience to the Church. Anne also writes vignettes of real life challenges that priests and lay apostles face while serving in their vocations. Especially compelling is the description of Anne's mystical experiences of the mountain of holiness.

Praying the Allegiance Prayer each day enables me to focus with clarity on 'Service' to the Heavenly King'. Jesus tells us in Serving in Clarity, that "There is quiet joy in service when this service is united to the Creator. There is steadiness of purpose and direction in the soul who toils alongside the King." (August 11, 2006, Page 9)

Daily I imagine a basket in my hands to be filled with small acts as offerings, reflecting on the carol, "What can I give him, poor as I am?" In offering myself, I ask that He sanctify my service to usher in the renewal as a gift to the King, Abba, Father, and this fills me with joy.

- Catherine S., Co Cavan, Ireland

The locution given by Jesus in the section called The New Time on August 17, 2006. The quote near the end where He says, "When you consider whether or not you are ready to execute your part in My plan, ask yourself this question. "Do I believe that Jesus Christ lives in Me?" If the answer is 'yes', you are ready."

I have to admit that I had to put the book down to consider that question. I went to Adoration and spent time examining whether I truly could look someone in the eye and say that I believe Jesus lives in Me. It was a turning point for me.

- Jane L., Wisconsin, USA

Serving in Clarity is a must for any lay apostle who really wants to know how to live during this time of transition, as we move closer to the Age of Obedience. I can't imagine being a lay apostle without reading how Jesus sees the state of the world, and how He needs our cooperation to bring all of mankind closer into His Divine Will. His loving and comforting words brought me great peace and clear sense of direction.

- Crystal, Illinois, USA

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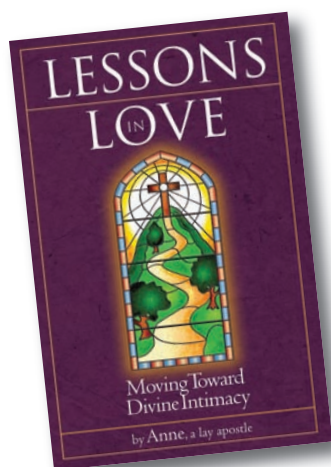
Mission Information Packet Available

DFOT makes free information resources available for clergy who are interested in knowing more about the Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King. Our Mission Packet is available to any priest or bishop, and includes background information, a letter from Anne's bishop, plus Volume One and Volume Four books.

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.

Lessons in Love Now Available

A lay apostle's book review



I had the wonderful opportunity to read *Lessons in Love*, the newest book from Anne, a lay apostle. Here is my, totally personal, unqualified review:

As a single parent I struggle with giving my children the best example of how to love others, as I struggle with my own imperfections. And how would Jesus want me to respond to my aging parents who are needier and more human than I expected? Then there are my siblings. Jesus placed us together in this world as a unit. Even though we are all grown and leading families of our own, am I loving them the way Jesus hoped I would?

Reading this book gave me more confidence that I could still learn new ways to improve these relationships that are so important to me, and Jesus. If Jesus was asking me to do this on my own, I would be overwhelmed. I praise God, grateful that He is not. He is standing with Me in this process.

I found 'Part 4: Marriage: A Unit of Mission in the World' to be the most thought-provoking. It describes not only God's hopes for marriage, but it also gives beautiful perspective on how heaven views families dealing with unexpected circumstances. My favorite quote from the entire book is in this

section. In the writing 'Families with Members Who Have Disabilities' Anne writes, "We must parent the treasures God sends and rely on Him to send a package of grace, tailored for parenting each child, that we must open in the morning when we say our Allegiance Prayer."

This loving business isn't always easy. It can be the hardest thing some days. I encourage everyone to read this book.

You will be blessed. – K.R. Illinois

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