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Jesus Christ, The Returning King

On a trip to the International Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow, Poland, Anne received a surprise gift of the oil painting below entitled "Jesus Christ The Returning King."

The painting shows Jesus in all His glory as a King. See Page 2 for the story of how the painting was given to Anne.



*Dedicated to
Mary, Queen
of Apostles*

An Inspiring New Image for the Mission

By Bill Quinn



*“Jesus Christ, The Returning King,”
by artist Janusz Antosz*

The story of how Anne was given the painted image of Jesus Christ, The Returning King, begins back in September of 2005. The occasion was an interior locution to Anne from St. Faustina:

“Anne, our missions are destined to be joined. Your mission is an extension of my mission in that it is all part of the Divine Mercy. Jesus has put a great amount of graces in the pot that is the Volumes. Regardless of how many souls dip their cups into this pot, they will come up filled with graces because the Lord has willed that the amount be limitless...You have my personal commitment to assist you in this project and in every project. It is good you have come to know me, Anne, because you know that I understand your struggles. You can trust my advice in every situation.”

This and other communications with St. Faustina set the landscape for a phone call from Sr. Briega McKenna inviting Anne on a trip to Poland and the International Divine Mercy Shrine. A few weeks later, she was introduced to the Mother Superior of the order founded by St. Faustina in Krakow, Poland. Anne told the sister that her mission was to spread the messages of Jesus Christ, The Returning King.

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The Story of the Volumes in the Philippines

By Howard Dee, Former Philippines Ambassador to the Vatican

On February 9, 2005, Jesus gave Anne, a lay apostle, the following message: **“The Church is aware of this mission of mercy and is assisting through the cooperation of your bishop. It is I who wills this mission and it is I who directs its course.”**

As Providence would have it, on that same day, that course was directed to the Philippines. Sister Briega McKenna and Fr. Kevin Scallon, who were in Manila to give a retreat, told a group of Marian devotees about Anne and the mission given to her by Jesus. Anne, they assured us, was not the usual visionary with the usual “messages from heaven”. They shared some marvelous accounts of their personal encounters with Anne. Sister Briega and Fr. Kevin were obviously taken up with Jesus’ directions for our troubled times.

What is encouraging is that from these initial activities there is emerging a viable group of lay apostles who are excited about their new-found Apostolate and are promoting it on their own.

A small group of members of our Marian Solidarity for Pope John Paul II read the Volumes with great interest, and subsequently we made contact with *Direction For Our Times* based in Chicago, receiving permission to reprint the Volumes in the Philippines for local circulation. I then received an invitation from retired Archbishop Philip Hannan of New Orleans to attend a conference featuring Anne herself. I attended with my daughter Angie from Vancouver, Canada. We were both very impressed with Anne and with her simplicity and spirituality, as she described the pathway of “climbing the mountain” of holiness.

Imprimatur

In July 2005, Bishop Federico Escaler, S.J., gave his imprimatur to the Youth Division booklet in preparation for its distribution on World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany. Our new Vicar and Pontiff, Pope Benedict XVI, received a copy of the booklet on the eve of that day.

On September 8, Archbishop (now Cardinal-elect) Gaudencio Rosales of Manila received me and gave his blessings to the Volumes which I had sent him earlier. He was so impressed with the prescribed guidelines for lay apostles that he said he would encourage his diocesan priests to observe them. On the same day, Bishop Escaler gave his imprimatur for all the eight Volumes. The good Bishop has since been using them for the spiritual reading of the Marian Cenacle which he presides.

On November 20, the Feast of Christ the King, the nation’s leading newspaper (with a circulation of 250,000) carried a full-page spread on page five of its main section, with the banner headline announcing “Jesus Begins Rescue Mission For The World.” In the middle of the page was a full color picture of Jesus Christ, the Returning King, with the words: “I am coming. Are you ready?” Considering these secular times, the reaction was fairly good. We sold over a thousand sets of the eight Volumes in the following weeks.

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On December 15, fifty-one persons, headed by Archbishop Rosales and Bishop Escaler, a Monsignor and two nuns, took the pledge of allegiance as lay apostles for Jesus Christ, the Returning King, promising to follow the mission’s prescribed way of life for lay apostles. Most of these new lay apostles were members of the Marian Solidarity for Pope John Paul II who were gathered to decide whether we should continue as a solidarity group with the passing away of His Holiness. We then realized that the best way to continue His legacy was to continue his work of preparing for the New Advent of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, which he himself said was the hermeneutical key of his Pontificate. The torch, as it were, was passed to him from St. Faustina of Divine Mercy and then to Anne who now continues this mission.

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Monthly Messages

Given to Anne, a lay apostle

Because a number of people do not have Internet access, we're reprinting some recent Monthly Messages as given to Anne on the first of each month.

Jesus:

February 1, 2006

Dearest apostle, I urge you to be little in your soul. Only in spiritual humility will you see the true state of your soul and so understand the work necessary for you to become holy. Holiness is your target. If a soul is holy, I can flow great graces through that soul into the world. Do not think about your own goals, little apostle, without checking them against My goals. In this time I require many apostles who strive to be humble. This is the opposite of what the world encourages. Do you see? Study this concept and you will see that great smallness is necessary in the Kingdom of God. Souls in heaven do not tear each other down, but build each other up. My saints in heaven seek ways to affirm the struggling souls on earth. They do not consider how to best put themselves forward, but rather how to best lift a soul toward holiness. You must be the same. I entreat you to listen to your Savior. Strive for smallness in your service to the Kingdom. Be content to allow Me to have the glory. I will gaze into your soul and see the longing for holiness and I will make you holy, but I can only do this if you allow Me. My beloved ones, you will see in my life an example of constant patience with others. I was gentle on earth and I am still gentle. Because I am gentle, I am patient with you. You must be patient with others. You must be gentle with others. You must be forgiving of others, trusting My ability to work in the soul who allows Me freedom. If a soul is willing, I will help them. I have told you this. Trust My words and pray for each other, particularly those with whom you are called to walk during this time of transition. Dearest friends of heaven, believe Me when I tell you that all will be well. Your concern at this time should be to advance in holiness and you will only advance if you remain small. Be at peace



in everything because My grace is more powerful than any bitter plans of the enemy. I am asking you to concentrate on your own movement to Me. For each apostle who gives Me their pride, I give the world My majesty, the majesty of Jesus Christ, your Returning King.

Jesus:

March 1, 2006

Children, My words carry My love for you. When you read My words, understand that I send them to you because I love you. This entire mission is predicated by My love for you. You must consider that I speak words in order to help you to accept My love and allow My love to change your heart. Sometimes you listen to what I am saying but do not change your little heart and in this instance My words have not helped you. At other times, you allow these words to minister to your soul and then your little heart can change and soften, filling up with the divine and allowing the divine to direct you.

When this happens, when you allow My words and graces to alter the way you think and live, then this mission is a success. The world is changing, dear apostle. You make a decision to sit quietly with Me and listen to My words and that small act ensures that the world will

change because you are cooperating with Me. My goals for you include only what is best for you and for the world around you. In a time when many seek to direct you to My enemy, I have come to direct you to heaven. This is a mercy, of course, and I know you are grateful. God is consoled by the gratitude of His children. I want you to use this message to take inventory of your priceless little soul. Sit in silence with Me and rest in My perfect and complete love for you. I accept you, My little treasure, in all of your imperfection. Your sin does not discourage Me in the least. Bring Me your sins. Confess your sins. Please do not think that because of your sins your Jesus could not love you. I do love you, in all of your sin and pain. This mission of love is in existence because I love you. I am speaking to you right now because I love you. Dearest little apostle, you are chosen to work in this world intimately united to Me. Will you say yes to Me? Will you accept My tender and complete love for you and allow Me to soften your little heart? Do not turn Me away. I am your Jesus. I have come for you. Open your heart to Me in the smallest way and I will come to live with you forever. I want only what is good for you and through what is good for you, I will renew the world. Please accept Me.

Focus: Volume Two

By Fr. Francis Martin

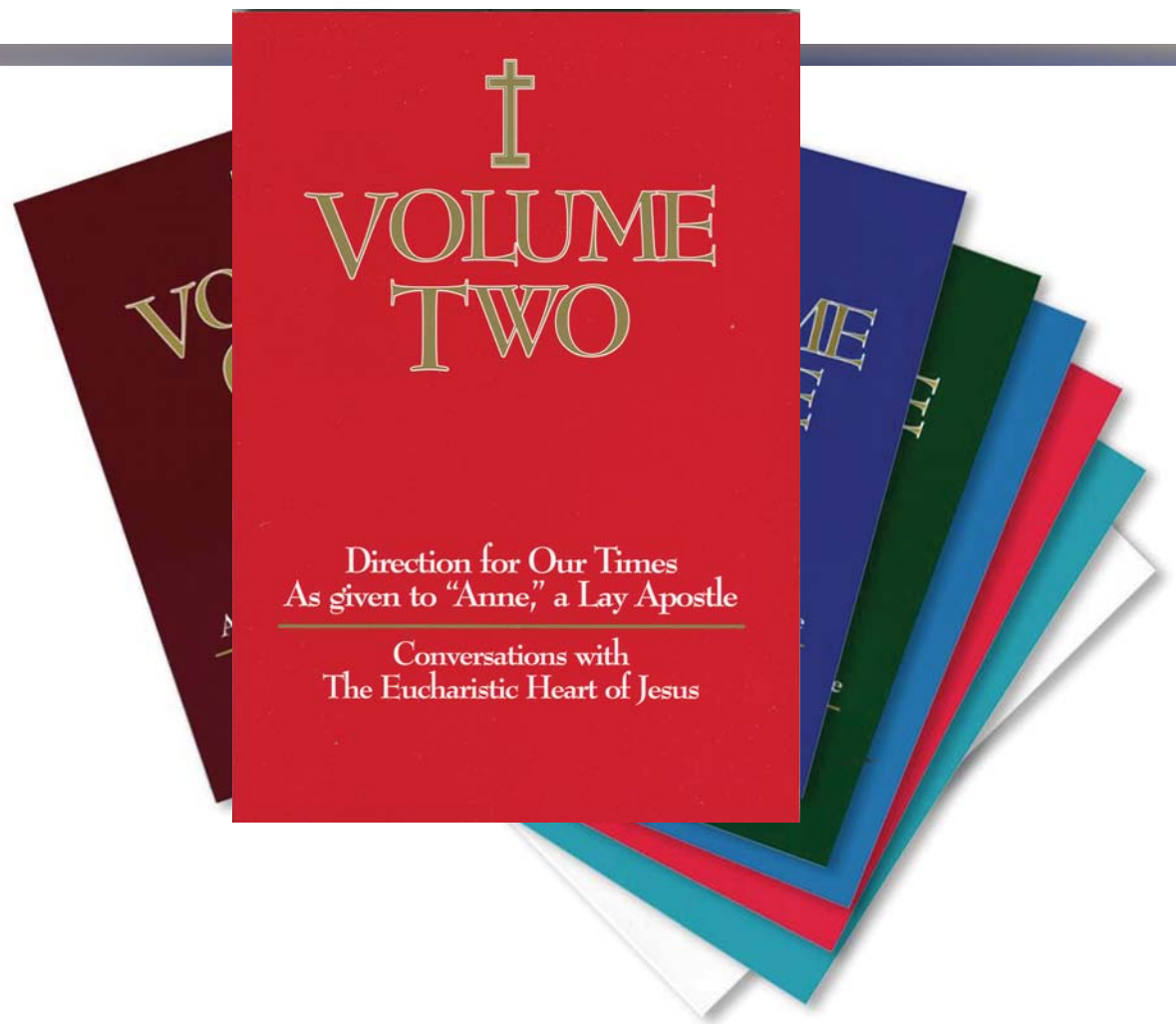
Volume Two of *Direction for Our Times* has as its subtitle *Conversations with The Eucharistic Heart of Jesus*. It contains 28 messages that Our Lord Jesus gave to Anne and two messages from Our Blessed Mother.

In some ways, these words of Jesus lay out the heart of his teaching to the lay apostles he is gathering through these words he gives to Anne. Jesus intends to bring together, teach and strengthen many people for the part he invites them to play in preparing his return in the souls of many believers.

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“Little ones, I am with you. I want to teach you things that souls of past times did not learn until they came to heaven. I am doing this because I am rising up a tidal wave of Christians to wash over the shore of badness that has taken control of this world, so lovingly created by My Father: This process will cleanse your world, making it safe once again for God’s children.”

In describing this process, Our Lord speaks of ways to approach others with the message of love and reconciliation. He reveals to us how, if we are generous and give to Him the difficulties and pain we experience in our walk with Him, He can take these and apply them to many people all over the world and bless and save them from danger. He is teaching us as He once taught St. Paul: “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church... (Colossians 1:24). I can take even the smallest, humblest acts of love and obedience and use them to rescue a soul. This may seem to be something too exalted for us, but Jesus assures us: I have the graces necessary to ensure that you succeed spiritually. You need not fear that you are not holy enough to follow me...Begin by the smallest acts of obedience to your



Church and I will lead you to the heights of holiness for which I created you.”

As the title of this Volume indicates, Jesus’ words emanate from His Eucharist Heart. Our Lord tells us that He is present to us in the tabernacle, “because I desire my children to have a living Christ in their midst. Such holiness is available to souls who visit and venerate Me in the Eucharist.” Elsewhere he tells us: “My child, come and sit before the Eucharist in any tabernacle. My graces and blessings will flow out to you. I want you to sit and soak in the silence.”

Our Lord’s first teaching is about love, the foundation of all the rest. He promises us that if we will welcome him, “I will heal, nourish and recover your soul. Your heart will beat only with love. I will cleanse the bitterness and permanently remove the hurt. I will leave such a surplus of forgiveness that you will have plenty to lavish upon those who have hurt you.”

In addition to building the Church through our sufferings little and great, and

achieving unity in the Church through our love, we have the joyful obligation to let Our Lord bring us into union with Him. When people see this, it gives them hope: “Do not think that you have gained this unity but must keep it hidden from others. My child, that would threaten part of Our goal for you which is that others look at you and see me.” Our Lord is not talking about playing some role but rather of being united to Him so that He shines forth in our eyes, our smile, our whole body, our way of life. Again, Jesus already taught this to St. Paul who describes a very exalted realization of this law when he speaks of the early Apostles as: “always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh” (2 Corinthians 4:10-11).

Jesus Himself, when speaking of humility, describes this process of learning to be like Him: “My child, when you read scripture,

Review of Volume Two: An alliance of hearts

By Howard Dee, Former Philippine Ambassador to the Vatican

you will become familiar with how I lived. You must do this daily and through scripture you will learn about Me. Days will pass and your life will unfold before you and you will find yourself becoming Me.” In another place, Our Lord says: “I will put such joy in your faces that you will be unable to conceal your unity with Me.”

This sort of joy occurs in us when we allow the Lord to bring us through the work it takes to grow in virtue: “I seek to teach you that love is sacrifice. The two words, love and sacrifice, are nearly interchangeable from the heavenly perspective. If you love someone, you are willing to sacrifice for their well being. In earthly terms, if you value or love a thing, you are willing to work, save, and plan to acquire that thing... If obedience is a valuable thing to you, a desired thing, you will work, sacrifice and be patient until you acquire this virtue...I want you to value and put great emphasis on these heavenly virtues...You must sacrifice to achieve these virtues.”

As these messages conclude, Jesus returns to His theme. Try to hear the tone of His voice as He speaks to us once again of the desires of His heart: “You were put on earth for this time so that you could serve Me in ushering in My Kingdom...Be influential, My children. In your quiet, calm holiness, with eyes that reflect all of My kindness, be influential...In this way [people] will be attracted to Me. That is Our mission. My words here in these pages are intended to assist you in this process, the process of holiness... While you remain on earth, I will have divine work for you, both in your soul and in your world. Never content yourself that you have done a good job yesterday... Truly, you carry Me, your Jesus, your Savior with you, My child. I leave you with that statement for now because you must live your life by that one fact. Be at peace to serve My Kingdom.”

In Volume Two, Jesus speaks to us from His Eucharistic Heart. What does it mean, “His Eucharistic Heart?” In the 8th century Italy, during a Mass celebrated by a Brazilian monk who doubted Jesus’ Real Presence in the Eucharist, the consecrated host turned into Flesh and the wine into Blood. In 1975, Pope Paul VI ordered a scientific investigation of the species of the Flesh and Blood which had been preserved for twelve centuries.

The scientists reported that the Blood had all the attributes of human blood (type AB) and the host turned Flesh consisted of the muscular tissue of the human heart, including the myocardium, endocardium, and left ventricle of the heart, complete in its essential structure. It is His own Heart that Jesus gives us when we receive Him in the Eucharist.

When Jesus speaks to us from His Eucharistic Heart, He is speaking from His innermost self, the very depths of His soul. He speaks with love which is the language of the heart. He speaks not from His throne in heaven but in His Real Presence in the Eucharist, in our midst, Face to face, Heart to heart. “I desire my children to have a living Christ in their midst.” (Aug. 18, 2003)

The Catholic lay philosopher, Dietrich von Hildebrand, explains that if a lover simply wills his love for his beloved, the beloved would not possess him and neither would he possess his beloved. “The lover must pour his love into the heart of the beloved, to fill it with happiness; and only then will he feel that he has really reached the beloved, his very self.”

In Volume Two, Jesus’ Heart deluges us with the happiness that comes from the intimate knowledge of the lover. “I am going to share my deepest secrets with you. I am revealing myself as I have never done.” (Aug. 17, 2003) As only the heart can experience this happiness, He offers His Heart to us even as He wants to possess our hearts, as a lover wants to possess the heart of his beloved. “I love you and separation from you is making My heart ache in loneliness.”

Volume Two is about experiencing this heart-to-heart relationship with Him as He says: “I am all love. All love is Me.” (Aug. 19, 2003) Jesus seeks an alliance of hearts with us. “Join your heart to My Heart. Together We can save souls.” He promises each of us a personal Pentecost. “The Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, is resting upon every soul who welcomes Him.” (Aug. 18, 2003)

This indwelling with the Lord, sharing the life of the Trinity, is a foretaste of heaven. It is an incredible act of Divine Mercy. This merciful love comes with forgiveness: “I forgive you. Please accept my forgiveness.” (Aug. 19, 2003) “We will now proceed together as though these sins had never been committed,” (Aug. 21.) Jesus then assures us of a “place reserved for only you in My Sacred Heart,” sealing our personal alliance of hearts with Him. (Aug. 22, 2003).

From there on, he accompanies us on the way as we climb the mountain of holiness: “Rest near the Eucharistic heart of your Savior and you will be granted everything you need.” (Aug. 22, 2003) He teaches us virtues by reversing roles with us: “I, as your God, am obedient to you. I protect you when I am asked. I render assistance when I am prevailed upon.” (Aug. 26, 2003)

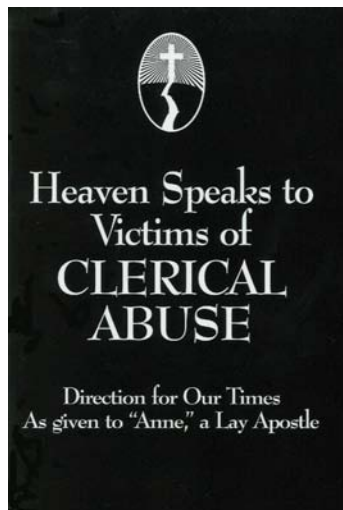
Volume Two is the Way paved with precious stones. He teaches us to speak with truth, holiness and kindness, love and gentleness; the perfect way of humility; keeping peace and calm in the face of great changes to come in the world; practicing the virtues of sacrifice, patience, fortitude and compassion; the need for prayer and sacraments to attain purity; living in spiritual joy and preparing for His return. It is truly a treasure of spiritual delights from the Master’s Heart.

All the while, Jesus respects our free will: “The time of darkness takes its final souls as I prepare to return. The result is assured, as I often remind you. What is not assured is how many souls will choose Light and how many souls will choose darkness.” (Sept. 5, 2003)

The choice is ours. For His lay apostles, the choice should not be difficult.

Heaven Speaks to Victims of Clerical Abuse

Reprint of the entire booklet



Jesus

August 13, 2005

“I send the greatest graces of healing for souls who have been misused by those claiming to work for My Church. Dearest souls of the Kingdom, you must understand that such abuse was never willed by Me. I, your Jesus, can only will what is good. In this Age of Disobedience, many souls have departed from My will. They follow their own will and seek their own interests. Your suffering is the result of such self-will. Heaven views everything. I do not turn away from even the basest, most evil sin, because I must witness all that occurs on the earth in order to judge in all justice. I am aware of what happened to you. Those responsible will face Me and there will no hiding, I assure you. My justice will be complete. I am speaking now, not to those who committed these crimes. They must repent and their repentance is a separate issue. Souls guilty of such acts must seek absolution in the Sacrament of Penance.

“Today I speak to the victims of such sin. Dear soul, I will heal you. I have your healing here and you have only to ask for it. I want your soul to be the most beautiful and pure soul possible. There is so much that the Kingdom of God needs from you. There are souls in pain whom you can help. I want only what is good for you. You have suffered at the hand of one who served the enemy. You can accept bitterness, yes, because this is your choice. Or you can come to Me, Jesus, and allow Me to heal your heart and soul and restore

you to the dignity that belongs to you and that can never be taken by force. There are always those who commit sins such as these. But when a soul claims to serve heaven and exploits those around him for selfish purposes, the wounds go very deep. I know this. You were betrayed, dear soul, and what happened to you was also a betrayal of Me. I take both betrayals seriously. For this reason, I am allotting unlimited graces for your healing. Come to Me and let Me remove your pain. I will do this for you. And you will serve the Kingdom in great joy, and together, you and I will have destroyed the bitter plan of the enemy.”

St. John the Apostle

“Dear souls, I am so grateful to come to you today. I love Jesus so much that I have difficulty talking about it. I want to try, though, because I want you to love Him also. Jesus is so good and kind. His heart is rarely moved to anger. Well before Jesus feels anger, He feels pity and compassion. He so understands humanity and the sufferings of humanity. The situation on earth at this time, when certain servants of Christ have abused those around them, has caused Him to suffer and grieve. Jesus is kind, yes, but He is also moved to anger when humanity strikes out at each other in cruelty. And who can say that these attacks on innocence were not cruel? This is the worst that humanity has to offer and these sins will be punished. We do not talk about punishment often because God is so merciful and when souls repent, He forgives. But there is also the fact that sin can cause damage to others. My friends, the ones responsible for these attacks are not only responsible for the damage they have done to you, but for the damage they have done to the universal Church during a period in history when souls badly need to rely on their Church. This period is ending, through God's mercy, and the Church will be restored, but the damage will have to be recompensed. This is not your concern, of course. Your concern is Jesus Christ and your soul's relationship with Him. I am coming today to beseech you to allow Jesus to heal your wounds.

Come back to Jesus and allow His grace to remove any bitterness you feel. Tell Jesus what is disturbing you and what you would like Him to remove and He will do this for you. When someone is injured by another, it is easy to feel great anger at the offender. I understand. I felt this myself when I lived on earth. Jesus showed me that the anger I was feeling damaged me more than any crime committed against me. In view of this, I had to make a decision to let go of the anger and consign the one who hurt me to God's justice. I walked away from the anger and left it with Jesus. I want you to do this, too, so that you can be joyful again. There are souls reading these words who have already done this and they feel peace. I am glad. There are also those reading this who have not been able to recover. Ask Me, John, to help you. I have such influence with Jesus because I love Him so much. Jesus cannot refuse souls who love Him. This is good for you to know. Perhaps, though, you are angry at Jesus. Perhaps you blame Him for allowing this attack on you. My friend, my dear friend, Jesus did not do this. He did not assault you. You may say that Jesus allowed it, yes, and He has also allowed you to commit many sins. This is because Jesus has given you free

*“Come to Me and let
Me remove your pain.”*

will, the same way He gave the one who assaulted you free will. Jesus did not give your assailant free will so that he could assault you. He gave this person free will so that the soul could choose heaven freely. You have been given free will for the same reason, so that you can choose the Kingdom of God. What will you choose? Will you choose darkness simply because someone else did? Of course not. You see the folly in that mistake. You would not want to hurt someone else as you were hurt. Let me help you to move away from this.

“When you come to heaven, you will understand everything. Heaven is a joyful place, filled with happiness. There is only love here. I want to explain something to you



about the souls here. They all experienced some kind of pain when they lived on earth. The experience of being in exile, in humanity, ensures that some pain will be felt. Suffering comes in so many ways that it would be tedious to list them. But your suffering will not make you stand out here in heaven. You will fit right in. There is something else I should remark about the souls here. They all forgave someone for something. Often it is hardest to forgive injury committed against someone you love. When your loved one is hurt, you can be in the same situation as the victim, only worse. Often the victim will move past the pain and forgive, but loved ones continue to suffer. This compounds the problem. The darkness then spreads further. One thing is for certain, my friends. You will forgive before you come to heaven. You would not want to be here and be angry because you would be uncomfortable. I know that some are thinking that it will be impossible to forgive the wrongs that have been committed against them. And you may be right. For you to obtain this forgiveness alone is impossible. But all is possible for Jesus. He can do anything. Ask Jesus to place this forgiveness in your heart so that you can be healed and move on to all that is good and holy. Tell Jesus that you are afraid to ask for forgiveness. Perhaps you really are not sure that you want this gift. You see, if you hold on to your anger, you have a reason to be unhappy and that means you do not have to change. Change can make people fearful. But it is time to change now.

I am John and I love you. I can see your struggles and I want to help you. It is for this

reason that I am gently asking you to give this to Jesus. Let Jesus do all the work. He will take your anger, He will replace it with forgiveness, He will heal your heart, and you will learn to love Him like I love Him. You will be happy and I will be joyful. And when you come to heaven, I will be here waiting for you and I will congratulate you on making such a wise and brave decision.

“Dear soul, did you suspect that I would ask you to pray for the one who hurt you? You knew that I would, I am sure. There are some who are doing this. Well done. You understand, perhaps, God's wrath, and you correctly wish to deflect it from anyone. There are some who sigh greatly and say, “My goodness, this John asks a lot.” I do, my friend, it is true. But I do not ask for myself but for you and the good of your soul. And I ask for Jesus, too, because I see His pain at your distress. Jesus wants you back in His Sacred Heart where He can nurture and protect you. Another very important reason I am seeking you out is because of the good you are destined to do for the Kingdom of God. We need your service, dear apostle. You cannot be out of commission during this time because you are important and we need all souls on earth working for God. There is nothing as joyful for heaven as a soul who has been hurt, who forgives, and who then seeks to assist others. This gives the greatest meaning and benefit to your suffering and completely negates the damage the enemy wished to spread. It is like you are saying, 'No. I reject darkness and it will not be spread through me.' This thrills us, the saints, because this is what we did and it is for this reason we are saints. You are being called to

be a saint, too. Say 'yes' to Jesus, He will heal you and you will begin to work for heaven.”

“Jesus brings good from bad. He is the Master of bringing good from bad. You may not be able to imagine how Jesus could bring good from what happened to you but I promise you, He will find a way. Trust Him to do this. Rise each morning, give Jesus your day, tell Him that you trust Him, and watch the good He will bring through you. Dear soul, you have a great deal to offer heaven. Be deeply peaceful during this time and allow Jesus to quietly, gradually, heal you and make you holy. Be open to His love and to the love of others, as best you can. Jesus will do the rest. You will begin to know joy again. You want this, I know. There are souls who have been walking in darkness and they are weary. If you are one of these souls, give Jesus your hand and He will give a mighty pull. With all heavenly power, Jesus will wrest your soul from darkness and pull it into the Light.

Perhaps you are concerned that you have also sinned. Perhaps, in your pain, you began to walk a path that does not lead to Jesus or to heaven or holiness. Perhaps you are fearful that given your own sins, Jesus will not want you to work for the Kingdom. Remember how I told you that heaven is filled with souls who have been hurt? It is true. But these same souls who fill heaven have also sinned. Our Lady often comforts souls this way. Heaven is filled with repentant sinners. If you repent, you will fit right in with us in that way also. None of us judges. We leave that for Jesus. You do the same.

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Attack on Celibacy

By Anne, A lay apostle



I recently watched a late night television show on which the topic of celibacy was examined. The host listened respectfully and attentively to a former priest who is now married with children. This man has written a book describing his struggle. He quoted statistics that said a large number of priests in the U.S. and other countries do not honor their vow of celibacy.

He spoke passionately about the injustice to the women associated with these men, as well as the children of these unions. He said that in some countries a priest would not be accepted unless he proved his normality by taking a woman and having children with her. His argument was that these priests had to commit grave sin in order to be successful in their missionary work. If he is to be believed, then Jesus has set these poor men up for failure.

This man spoke as if the tragedy were celibacy, rather than the sin committed by these struggling priests and the women associated with them. A bit of sage advice bears repeating here. Single women should not date priests or married men. It usually ends in tears. Young men should not look for a wife in a convent.

The Church's View

Charged with the impossible task of defending celibacy was a woman, a

consecrated virgin. Her task was impossible not because she lacked the Holy Spirit or the will to defend the Church's position, which is righteous, but because the host continually interrupted her on the few occasions when he allowed her to speak at all.

At one point she tried valiantly to explain the movement of the Holy Spirit through the Church. Interrupting her yet again, the host charged that the Holy Spirit wasn't doing too well given the recent surge in clerical abuse cases. Your sharp intake of breath is understandable. This poor foolish man actually blamed the Holy Spirit for the behavior of pedophiles. We'll pray for him, of course.

Walking in the Priest's Shoes

Back to the issue: the man who wrote the book and who actively campaigns against what he calls "compulsory celibacy" is a sympathetic figure. He seems like a regular guy and speaks well. He prompted the greatest sympathy in me when he stated that as a priest viewing the lives of others, he felt that he was not really living but had his face pressed up against the windows of other people's lives. This was understandably dreadful for him. Let's try to explore why that happened.

First of all, we are all called to face Jesus Christ on the mountain of holiness to which

we have been called. I have said in the past that if we face the world, we will feel discontented and restless and soon rebellious about the sacrifices our vocations necessitate. This poor man felt that his face was pressed up against the window of the world because he was facing the wrong way. Had he kept his face to Christ he would have been dazzled by the countenance of the Savior and the infinity that stretches out behind Him. If this man believed in what he was preaching, he would have had the strength to persevere despite all fatigue and obstacles and temptations. In short, his faith was weak.

This is speculation, of course. I do not know this man. Perhaps he made a mistake and Jesus had not really asked him to become a priest. Or maybe he did not accept the graces Jesus offered for strengthening his commitment. Certainly many vocations falter when a soul turns away from Christ and fixes his or her gaze on the world.

Is Celibacy Possible?

The whole discussion was predicated upon the idea that sex and physical intimacies are impossible to do without. I must strenuously object to this because it is a false notion circulated by the enemy of God. It is not just Catholic priests who are called to live without sex. Single people, those people not in a union sanctified by the Church, are also called to live chastely. It can be done. It is

Sexual Abuse Scandals

By Anne, A lay apostle

not an unhappy existence. Souls make mistakes in this and at times souls struggle. But life on earth is a struggle and it will not last forever.

Now it is good to love others and there are many kinds of love. God blesses all legitimate love. But the sexual expression of love is reserved for a sanctified union between a man and a woman. Those are the rules. People talk as though it is impossible to deny bodily urges. If this were true we would all need to be locked up. Some talk as though it is unjust to even ask anyone to control their urges. But God assures us that the grace for this control is available if we ask Him to send it.

To follow their line of reasoning, we'd have to say that because some people abuse the welfare system, we should generally do away with asking for compliance. Because some people cheat on their husbands or wives, we should lift the expectation that anyone be faithful, unless they feel like it. Further, because some people run through stoplights, we should eliminate the idea that every driver stop at every red light. Stopping should be optional.

Hold on, you say. Stoplights have a purpose and prevent all kinds of chaos. People have tried "open" marriages and we have seen that they don't work. You can't sanction some people cheating the welfare system and ask others to comply.

Right. And we should not do away with celibacy simply because some priests make mistakes or do not take advantage of the graces God makes available to sustain them in honoring their vow. It is wiser to love our priests, affirm them in their vocations, and encourage them to keep their eyes on Christ.

What Catholics Believe

As Catholics we profess to believe in one holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. As such, we trust the Holy Spirit to lead this Church through His vicar on earth, currently our beloved and gentle Pope Benedict the XVI. Unless this man makes a change, there is little benefit to

arguing this subject at all. It's a bit like my children fighting over which film we are going to see long after I have informed them that there is no way we are going to the movies. Committed Catholics, respectful of God's presence in the Church, will not waste their energy.

Another observation is that we should not look for Christ's beautiful plan to be appropriately respected and represented on late night television. The apostle was there, of course. She was allowed to come in order for the show to pretend to be balanced. She performed heroically, despite being unwelcome and ridiculed. Her representation of Christ's will was no doubt applauded and rejoiced in by all of heaven's saints. Well done to her and may we all have the same opportunity in our own lives.

On the other hand, it should be clear to all men of reason that the best person to discuss celibacy would not be someone who had rejected it. This man made a passionate statement, by the way, that he had honored his vow of celibacy. He just did not like it and became unhappy.

If we examine celibacy, which is so closely linked to Christ's desire to be present in the world through the priesthood, we must first do as St. Paul says and put on the mind of Christ. The mainstream media is not generally known to examine the Church with the mind of Christ, therefore any discussion of Christ's plan by worldly thinkers is bound to be flawed and invalid. We should expect nothing different.

I will pray for this man who seemed sincere and kind, but I suggest he buckle up for marriage because he won't find it an easy walk either. Holy Matrimony, like every other vocation, demands great sacrifice.

We must pray for great courage for our priests that they are brave in the face of the constant battering at the dignity of their vocations. God will sustain them, of course, and their reward will be proportionate to the sacrifices they have made for the Kingdom.

Long live Jesus Christ in His holy priests.

Recently, the details of a document known as the Fern's Report rocked Ireland. Catholics in particular shouldered the weight of yet more revelations about clerical abuse. Once again souls were dragged through the sordid details of the sins of a small group of men. These men did not represent Jesus Christ, but the enemy of Jesus Christ. As Catholics, we believe that our Church was founded by Jesus and that it is the one true Church. We also believe that we, the laity, joined with the clergy, are the Church. Let me repeat. We are the Church.

Brothers and sisters, our Church is under attack. Our holy priests should not be asked to bear this weight alone. We must rally around them and support them as they struggle to walk through the murky waters of these latest outrageous offences against God and man. Let us consider a few details:

First, when we die, Jesus will not ask us what these criminals did wrong. He knows their crimes and He will deal with them accordingly. Rather He will ask what we did to support His Church. It is our sins and failures that we will have to confront, not the sins of others. Further, most priests are not abusive. Most priests are not perverts. Most priests are dignified representatives of Jesus Christ who have given their lives for the good of the rest of us. Let's be sure they feel our support in this time.

Finally, our God, Jesus Christ, is wounded terribly by these crimes. He is in great anguish over the betrayal He has suffered from these men. He is anguished over the pain of their victims. He will send great compensatory graces to all of us if we ask for them.

I suggest that all lay apostles join in prayer for complete healing of every victim of this scourge. We must also pray that the offenders repent, lest they be lost for eternity. We should ask for God's sustaining hand on each innocent priest during this time. And finally we must pray for the Church that she recover her dignity.

The Body of Christ stumbles, my friends, but it does not fall.

Newly Released

“Climbing The Mountain”

by Anne, a lay apostle, and Bill Quinn

What are the stumbling blocks each of us faces on the path to heaven? How do we begin to climb the mountain of holiness? What will heaven be like when we get there? Those are some of the questions addressed in “*Climbing The Mountain*,” a new book by Anne, a lay apostle, and co-author Bill Quinn.

Published by *Direction For Our Times*, the book includes an overview of the mission of Jesus Christ, The Returning King, as well as an account of Anne’s mystical experiences of heaven. The final portion of the book includes all ten of the previously published *Heaven Speaks* booklets.

Passage from Part 2, “Heaven” by Anne

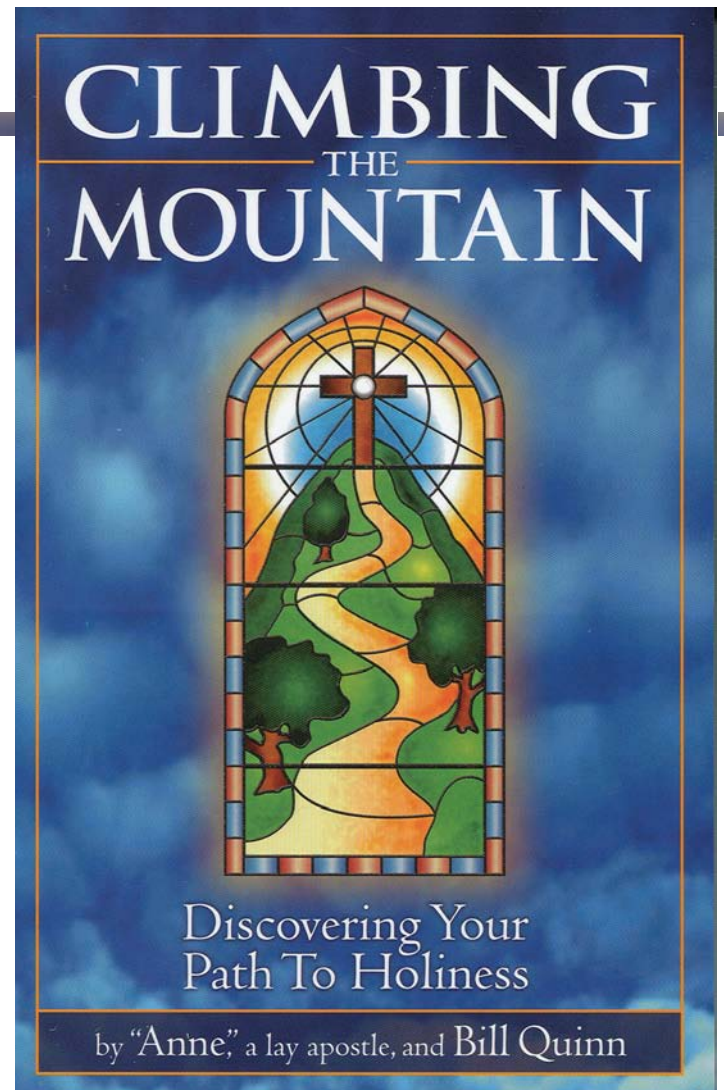
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Jesus drew me into Him and I experienced peace. He then said, “What do you see, Anne? Look around you.”

I saw trees. We were above an area of beautiful trees. As I looked down at them, our Lord encouraged me to look more closely. I did and saw a stream cut into the ground. It was the most beautiful, clear water, moving steadily over rocks and moving downhill in a gradual way. I saw a woman on the other side of the stream. She was sitting on a rock, looking at the water and listening. I approached her, on Jesus’ urging,

and she gave me the most beautiful smile. She said, “Listen, Anne. Listen to the sounds.” I did and it was beautiful, like music. There was so much to it that it was like a symphony in that there were so many different aspects of the sound that I had to settle in on small parts at a time. The music in a symphony all blends together and you hear it as a whole. That stated, intellectually you understand that so much as gone into the music’s preparation and so many instruments come together and blend for the finished music. This stream was similar in that way.

Jesus said, “You see that this saint is learning about Me from listening to the sounds of the stream. I created water, in its purity. She is contemplating My goodness in giving so many gifts to souls on earth. She is contemplating the depth of My wisdom as the Creator. She is learning about purity, about love, about the movement of the Spirit through all things created. Anne, this is how holy souls are on earth. When they contemplate the beauty of nature, they see Me. I am the Creator.”



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I asked Jesus if we would be eating in heaven. I realize how that sounds but I was curious. He said that we would not experience a compelling need to satisfy an

Review of “Climbing The Mountain”

By Ronda Chervin, Ph.D.



Ronda Chervin,
Ph.D.

I have already written in praise of the eight published Volumes. “Climbing the Mountain” is a wonderful new edition to our library of the messages and their place in the spiritual growth of Anne.

Here I want to write about one specific aspect of the writings: the style. We read translations of spiritual writings originally in French or Spanish or German, etc., and, with God’s grace, the difficulties of communication are overcome. The same with lay people reading thoughts written by cloistered nuns, brothers, priests, or hermits.

What I find in reading Anne, though, is a special way that her English style, so much that of a wife and mother, penetrates quickly because it mirrors my own experience of trying to be holy in the midst of family life.

But there is more. Because Anne does not have graduate degrees in theology, the way the writings exactly represent perennial

Martha and Mary

By Anne, a lay apostle

urge. We would have different kinds of bodies in that we won't have to be slaves to our bodies as we are here. We will have feasting, but not in the same way.

The Mountain of Holiness

Anne shares her experiences and lessons learned as we turn our sights on heaven and begin to climb the narrow, event-filled path that God has given us. She talks about the challenges of dealing with discouragement as we travel the path, on service to others, joy in service, love of Jesus and love of the Divine Will, and much more. These are illuminating and encouraging writings from one whose path is at times quite steep and challenging.

In one of her passages, she writes: "Truly the lay apostle has been give assurance that, if that apostle works for Jesus, He will care for all of his or her needs, including the conversion of the apostle's family. We need no further encouragement or promise. The only peace is found with Jesus. Paradise is a place. Heaven is vibrant with activity and joy, and we will all get there. Work for Jesus, my friends, and we will bring as many souls home to our Father as we possibly can."

Climbing the Mountain is available at various online book stores, and at www.directionforourtimes.com.

Catholic truth is a mark of their validity as messages from above.

Thank you Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and all the saints whose messages are included in the volumes for reaching out to us in this way at this time."

I recently meditated upon the conflict between the service of Martha and the love of Mary. Martha was probably a type A personality, a doer. Mary, on the other hand, seemed more laid back and casual. She probably took life as it came.

I remember being confused years ago upon reading this Gospel. I am more the type A. Like Martha, I worry over the details. The "Marys" in life make me nervous. Do they think dinner just appears? Do the dishes wash themselves and jump back into the cupboards? In reading this Gospel today, however, I understood a little better.

It is Christ Who determines our service on any given day.

Martha was being snippy. She was not cleaning and cooking in peace, in the spirit of joyful service. If she had been, she would have been united to Christ in her work. Instead she looked resentfully into the room where Mary adored Him.

A holy Martha would have said, 'God, please bless Mary and let her benefit from this time with the Savior. Thank you for giving me such energy and helping me to see my role in clarity. I know You are with me here, in the kitchen and in this service. And I know that my service frees Mary to do what she needs to do.'

One of the difficulties I have found in this mission is that souls want to serve but they want to do it according to their own will. Sometimes Jesus takes a plumber and asks him to fill boxes. It is Christ Who determines our service on any given day. Often His plan will not be consistent with our own plans or expectations. We need to be flexible for Christ and adapt according to His needs on each given day.

How many have had a car accident, however small, on their way to work? We expected to be in our office. Instead we

were in the emergency room. Can we say that God's plan was interrupted? Wouldn't a more accurate statement be that God's plan was different than ours?

Recently I was led to understand that I needed to focus more on love for Christ and less on details. My first reaction was to become indignant. Should I let the details see to themselves? If I did not see to the details, who would? But Jesus was not telling me to abandon my duties. He was telling me to serve from the perspective of love. He was asking me to begin with love for Him and then start checking things off my list.

The symptoms of my discontent were there. I was feeling martyred and resentful. This was the sign that something had taken a wrong turn. Yes, I am busy. Yes, our Lord is asking me to work hard. But no, I am not the only one working hard and I do find Christ each day in that service.

Christ is in the kitchen, in the office, and in the laundry room. He is with Mary, as well, and when He wills that we can sit at His feet, we will do so and He will be there for us. If we are a busy bee type, we need to be disciplined about taking time for prayer and Adoration. If we are a laid back type, we need to be sure that we do our share of the work.

It is good to cook a dinner for company. It is also good to sit down and give friends our undivided attention as they speak about their grief and struggles.

Jesus gave us our personalities to serve according to His plan. We are just right for the service He has willed for us. At times, Jesus will ask for a little less Martha and a little more Mary. At others, He will move us in the other direction. Certainly Jesus will help us to understand what He needs from us on a given day. It is all about diligence in prayer and silence, which allows our Lord to make the necessary corrections in our service. The Kingdom needs both Martha and Mary.

Falseness

by Anne, a lay apostle,



On a recent plane trip, my travelling companion and I struck up a conversation with the man seated next to us on an airplane. He is a good Pentecostal Christian, but very wounded by his father's duality in that his father speaks like a committed Christian but sometimes behaves dreadfully in his personal life.

The young man had downloaded a lecture he had attended to his MP3 player, and invited us to listen. The speaker said, in summary, there are those who proclaim God with their lips but then deny Him by their lifestyles. This affirmed the young man because it was this hypocrisy that had caused his personal struggle and hurt.

Most Christians experience conflict between their call to be Christ-like and the temptations of the world, but there should be evidence of struggle. If there is struggle, there is a movement toward holiness and a genuine and honest consistency between what a Christian says and how that Christian tries to behave.

You will see the evidence of struggle in a few ways. You will see humility and progress, and you will see a soul taking responsibility for mistakes by admitting their wrongdoing and seeking the forgiveness of others.

I also see others who deny God with their lips but proclaim Him by their actions. Often these are souls who have been mistreated by the aforementioned ones and so reject "religion" but still live God's message of love and mercy. We must reach out to them.

Back to the first group. Some souls identify Jesus as the mountain target, understand the need to climb, but balk at the sacrifice and exertion necessary for the ascent

to holiness. These souls dress for climbing, and talk often about Christ and even perform showy Christian acts. But they don't live the message. They are unkind in their homes, blaming those close to them for all conflict. They resent or duck their real duties, preferring their own will to that of Christ.

Possibly these souls started out by desiring Christ, knowing He is good, but as difficulties arise they became slovenly in their prayer and commitment. They want the good feelings associated with commitment to Christ, but do not want to actually serve. Despite this, they are loath to relinquish the good feelings, and so continue to act as though they are committed. They seek affirmation, or good feelings elsewhere.

Instead of being affirmed by God, Whom they do not wish to serve in actuality, they seek out and accept affirmation from others for their pretend or false commitment to Christ. A good example here is a pedophile living the outward life of a Christian but serving Satan by molesting children. As my spiritual director often says, we are all a mix of good and bad. The pedophile is an extreme example, of course.

To be more gentle and perhaps more helpful, let me examine my own motives. In my early days of following Christ, I prayed a lot and went to Mass each day. I still follow these practices but with a difference. In the early days, I thought this was what a holy person did and this was a part of the reason I practiced these things. I thought that if I adapted these practices I would become holy. I was right, to a point.

As time went on, I advanced in holiness, but only because I allowed Christ to change me. As I walked this path, Christ began asking me to alter the way I lived. He asked me to pray more, to go to Confession more. A process unfolded in front of me in which I had to jettison all behaviors that were not consistent with the commitment I had embarked upon. In other words, I had to make my personal life consistent with my public life as a Christian. After a great struggle, I began to merge my outward Christian commitment and my personal life. God was able to then use me more effectively. Like every other apostle, I am a work in progress.

Struggle is inevitable and should not alarm us.

The problem arises, as I have said, when souls reject the sacrifices and say no to the process but continue to pretend they are a climbing Christian. This results in inconsistency, which can lead to hypocrisy, pulling one into the behavior of the Pharisee. Clearly we are all at risk of this on each day. We must be vigilant in merging our commitment to Christ with our actions.

The speaker on the tape also said that the greatest cause of atheism today are Christians, who, like the Pharisees, repel people because of the inconsistency in what they preach and what they live. Living the true Christian message brings others into the light of Christ's love.

There is a simple litmus test to help us determine if we are getting it right. We must ask ourselves this question. Do others walk away from us thinking "Christ loves me?" Or do they walk away from us thinking "I am doing it wrong?"

Our Christian message to others must be "Jesus loves you." Our Christian message to others should not be "Jesus rejects you because you are not as holy as I."

Char Vance, the Catholic humorist and lecturer, often says that heaven's instruction to us as Christians is "You catch 'em, we'll clean 'em." How do we catch souls? We catch souls by our love, tolerance and acceptance. In other words, by being like Christ. Christ was consistent and practiced what He preached. We must do the same if we are to inspire others to join us.

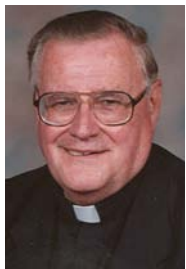
We must enter each day with great courage, prepared to allow heaven to do battle for our souls. We cooperate by rooting out any actions that are not consistent with our commitment to be like Christ. We must match our talk to our walk, and our words to our behavior.

Sage words from the Venerable Matthew Talbot

"Three things I cannot escape: the eye of God, the voice of conscience, the stroke of death. In company, guard your tongue. In your family guard your temper. When alone, guard your thoughts."

Flowing Love: More on Volume 2

Fr. Bill McCarthy, MSA



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Volume Two contains the messages received by Anne, a lay apostle, during Eucharistic Holy Hours at the convent near her home. The Eucharistic Heart of Jesus spoke clearly to her of the many graces that will flow from His Heart into the hearts and minds of those

who come and sit quietly and receptively before Him. He said, "The love in My Heart gushes forth.": This flow of love comes in the form of prophetic insights, fiery love and healing power.

A Prophetic Flow

First comes a prophetic flow of wisdom and insights for our mind's enlightenment. These ongoing insights contain great understanding of the ways of God. The Lord said to Anne, "My graces and blessings will flow out to you. I want you to sit in silence. I will fill your precious head with a stream of heavenly thoughts. I have so much to share with you."

The Lord is asking us to sit before Him in quiet surrender so that He can speak clearly to us through our thoughts. From His Divine Presence in our hearts, He will tell us everything we need to know. Not only how to love and serve Him, but also how to live holy lives in this world. He will guide us even in such areas as homemaking, shopping, financial decisions and business ventures. My own book, "Listening To God," stresses that God speaks to us all the time. Externally He speaks through life experiences, through the Bible and through the teachings of the Church. But He also speaks to us internally. The Father's plan for each of us is revealed step by step as we listen to, discern and obey His Will. The Lord has said, "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and every door will be opened."

A Love Flow

Jesus said to Anne: "The love in My Heart gushes forth...in an unparalleled manner. I lavish graces on souls. I can no longer



contain My love. My children of this world must learn about love again because the essence of love has so often been distorted. My love is quiet and steady, and can be replied upon. I want my children to examine the genuine opportunities for love in their lives. Certainly a family is a primary source of love." Jesus has asked us to see the beauty in one another, to be patient with one another, to be humble, pure, understanding and forgiving. He wants us to work with one another so that His love can heal our world. His love has a height in it that comes from Him. Therefore, we must pray for it and be open to it. His agape love has a depth in it that loves the unlovable and forgives the unforgivable, touches the untouchable, and reaches the unreachable.

A Healing Flow

The Lord said to Anne: "Your world is sick and suffers from a disease far worse than any disease of the body. The very soul of your world struggles now to find the source of healing it requires. I am here. I intend to heal your world. I want you to be joyful representatives of your Eucharistic Jesus like heavenly nurses. You will apply my words to every wound and you will see miraculous results. My children, I am working through you. I am using you as my healing instruments."

As Christians, we are called to be His hands, His heart, and His lips reaching out to our wounded brothers and sisters. Faith working through us will heal worry and fear. Hope working through us will heal depression and failure. Love working through us will heal loneliness and poor self images. Forgiveness working through us will heal not only guilt, but unforgiveness.

New Evangelists

We are called to be the bearers of good news for a world desperately in need of it. As Pope John Paul II stated: "What is needed is a new evangelization." Jesus is saying through Anne, "My heart beats with such tenderness for My wayward sheep...Little ones, I am with you. I am raising up a tidal wave of Christians to wash over the shore of badness that has taken control over this world so lovingly created by My Father. This process will cleanse your world, making it safe once again for God's children. I am going to bring you knowledge, wisdom and love. I am going to introduce you to the Divine to make your hearts burn like furnaces of Divine Love. You will be given the opportunity to work with Me. Come with Me now, walk this walk of Divine Love with me. Together we call out to others to join us. In this way, you rise up against evil and reclaim goodness for the world, for its people, and for God in Heaven."

As Sr. Briege McKenna, OLSC, commented: "The great consolation I take from Christ's words to Anne is that the Lord is visibly purifying the world and the Church, and that, please God, all of us will live to see the new Springtime which will emerge from these times."

Summary

The message of these volumes is clear. Jesus is returning to Earth to reclaim the world and wants us to work with Him in that process which has already begun. The messages are for Church leaders, laity, mothers, fathers, children, Christians and non-Christians. They are a call to say "Yes."

Questions to Anne



Q: What is your understanding of the purpose of these revelations?

I understand that Jesus has given these revelations to the world in order to begin a great renewal. As in every time, Jesus has a plan to help souls in the world. I believe this mission is part of His plan for this time.

Jesus is always just and gives everyone a chance to choose holiness. These works and the mission that springs forth from them are a part of Our Lord's great justice and mercy. He wants souls to have the Truth so that they can make a choice and not be tricked. Jesus does not allow souls to be snatched from Him. Souls must be given the Truth. Jesus uses each lay apostle to do this in the way that each apostle is called.

Jesus nurtures this mission at its roots through committed apostles, lay and consecrated, who take the words, allow the words to heal and direct them, and bring the words out into the darkness of the world like children holding candles around a campfire.

Only one soul is needed to light the candle from the source, the campfire. With that lit candle, that one soul can initially be used to light the candle of another, and then that other can move into the crowd and do the same, thereby replicating the infusion of grace to souls. The flame is equally strong in the last candle to be lit as it is in the first candle lit directly by the campfire, the Source.

This is important because no apostle should overestimate the importance of me, Anne, or underestimate the importance of himself. I am the very least in that I must remain transparent so souls can view Jesus and not mistakenly think that I am the Source. The true Source is and remains Christ.

There is great excitement and joy over the conversion and healing power of the

Volumes and messages from the Returning King. This is as it should be. Joy is called for and readily available to those who accept it.

We must always talk about Christ as the Source of the conversion, healing, and joy.

Q: How do you view these revelations in relation to Holy Scripture?

I believe these revelations must be held as separate and distinct from the Bible. The Bible is what it is. These revelations must always take a back seat to the Bible. This is obvious and irrefutable and nobody would say otherwise. These revelations do not conflict with the Bible.

Compare the Bible to a roadmap. The Bible is the best, the most supreme roadmap. It always tells the Truth because it is the Truth. If you follow the Bible you will arrive at your destination.

The Volumes, the revelations given by God through Anne, are like the instructions of the local man who stands at the corner of Main Street. You might know generally where the supreme map tells you to go, but given current conditions on that day or at that time, it is possible to become a little uncertain. If everyone else is turning off the main road, for example, you might think, gee, perhaps I am on the wrong road and should also turn off. There may be temporary obstructions, construction work, darkness or rain, and these things contribute to leave you disoriented and confused. But suddenly you notice a local resident. You stop and ask and he wisely instructs you to remain on course, assuring you that you will arrive at your destination. He does not give you information that conflicts with the primary roadmap. Rather he confirms you on your course. This is what The Volumes do. The Volumes are an affirmation of the Bible for this time.

Q: What is your understanding of the nature and standing of these revelations within the Church?

I understand that Jesus has given us the Church to be His presence on earth, through the authority of the Holy Father, currently Pope Benedict the XVI. I am a Catholic so I proceed in faith subject to the authority of the Church. I can do no differently as my call to this mission must necessarily be consistent with my Catholicism or my call is flawed.

I have never experienced a conflict between my obedience to the Church and my call to this mission. I draw all of my strength and courage from my obedience to my bishop and to the priests who work under his authority. I believe God chose these men personally to protect this mission and escort it into the world. I do not overestimate what is necessary from me, nor do I abandon the mission to hands unprepared or unready to nourish it. I do what God asks of me. God's will is always best and I identify God's will and affirm it through the decisions made by these priests and our bishop.

I understand that the authority of my bishop is sturdy enough to support the spread of the Volumes in the world. He is God's choice for this initial period, and he has allowed the graces to flow through his seat of authority into the world. I am careful to separate my role from his or indeed my role from any other role. I am at peace that the Church has accepted God's mission and its writings, and I am confident that if God requires or chooses further stamps of authority by the Church, the Church will respond and grant these things.

At the same time, if the Church decides that the mission should be stopped, I am at peace with that as well as it has nothing to do with me. My job is to do as I am instructed.

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Heaven Speaks to Victims of Clerical Abuse

Confess your sins and step away from the patterns that are hurting you. Come back to Jesus now in all trust. You are welcomed and cherished. Only good things will result in a decision for your God. Close your eyes and know that the forgiving eyes of Jesus Christ rest upon you. There is nothing to fear. He understands everything.”

Blessed Mother

“My dear little children, I am with you. I am Mary, your heavenly mother. I see everything that has happened to you and my heart aches with your pain. For a mother to see a child injured in any way is dreadful. For a mother to see the trust and innocence of her child betrayed is almost unendurable. And yet I have had to endure this, not only during this time, but also in the past. The consolation I rest in is the ability of my Son to heal and reward. He heals injured souls and restores them to purity. He then rewards them with unimaginable generosity for the goodness they allow to flow through them into the world. This consoles me. Just as I see your pain at the betrayal you experienced, I watched my Son's pain at the betrayal He experienced. Such benefits came from the Passion of Jesus. We are all reaping the benefits.

My dearest little child, will you place your hand in mine and let me help you? If you do this, I will be certain that you get to Jesus and remain with Him. He will heal you. And then the world will benefit from your suffering because Jesus will flow the greatest rewards through you for your decision to forgive. You can obtain healing graces for your soul, but also for all the souls around you. Ask Jesus to grant graces for your loved ones. He will do this. And you will understand that Jesus can turn your pain to joy. I am your mother and I love you most tenderly. I will help you in everything.”

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An Inspiring New Image for the Mission

Upon hearing this, Mother Superior appeared to be startled, and relayed what had happened to her just the day before Anne's arrival. Mother Superior had commissioned a painting for her feast day, expecting that it would be a painting of her patron saint. However, when the painting arrived, it was something quite different. The artist, Janusz Antosz, explained that he had felt compelled to create a rendering of Christ the King. “This painting is for your mission, Anne,” she said.

Soon after, in another locution, St. Faustina said to Anne: “The image of Jesus Christ the Returning King should be spread throughout the world. Like the image of The Divine Mercy, this image of Christ will be widely recognized as a source of goodness and healing. All who venerate this image will be blessed. I am grateful that God allows me the privilege of assisting in this mission. Each apostle should feel the same way and each apostle should thank God for being chose to serve. Such joy flows from heaven. Bask in the joy, dear apostles, because your King is returning.”

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The Story of the Volumes in the Philippines

The group was unanimous in desiring to join the lay apostles, so we now have lay apostles from 21 different organizations that comprise the Marian Solidarity for Pope John Paul II. This includes the President of the Council of the Laity of the Philippines, a federation of all mandated lay organizations in the Philippines. Please pray for our organization to increase.

Safe Haven in Our Souls

By Anne, a lay apostle

Last night at a Eucharistic Holy Hour, I was once again struck by the presence of Christ. I was acutely aware of our Lord's anguish on this day. I knew that Jesus was suffering because of the widespread disobedience in the world. Souls are sinning with defiance and it hurts Him terribly, in great part because of the dreadful impact these sins have on others, all of whom are beloved by our God.

Conversely, at this Holy Hour, in this church, as in other churches throughout the world, all was as it should be. God's priests were there, adoring Him and making Him available in the Eucharist to the faithful, who long for Him without ceasing. In this little corner of the world, all was obedience and love, humility and faithfulness.

In order to comfort our Jesus, we must give Him safe haven in our souls. Jesus looks upon the sins of mankind and the spread of Godlessness and His precious wounds burn and ache. Souls are being drawn away from Him. He casts His blameless gaze around and He sees us, His faithful friends. He enters our souls in search of refuge and succour. We provide Him with shelter just as surely as if we were welcoming the Holy Family on their flight into Egypt.

Oh that lay apostles might multiply, and then multiply again. If we spread His Gospel message far and wide with a new determination and vigor, Christ will gradually find that His gaze lights upon more obedience than disobedience, more humility than arrogance, and more faithfulness than rebellion.

This is our call and it is as compelling to us as to the first apostles. Let each soul provide Jesus with comfort and nourishment by being obedient to Him in His Church and His chosen Vicar on earth, Pope Benedict.

Jesus will then shower the world with the infinite mercy He so badly wishes to bestow upon a world that is neither worthy nor deserving. If the enemy sends trials and upset, my friends, we will respond with acceptance. Nothing will disturb our heavenly calm and the world will come to understand that Jesus Christ lives in each one of us, His apostles.

INTERESTING NEW VIDEOS, TAPES

If you'd like to know more about Anne, her mission, or some of the topics discussed in this newsletter, you may want to check out the following:

New Release: "Climbing The Mountain" Video

A great new video about the "Climbing The Mountain" book has just been released by Focus TV, in New Orleans. It includes in-depth interviews of Anne by well-known reporter, Mary Lou McCall. Anne discusses her mystical experiences of heaven and her vision of the personal call to holiness that has been given to each of us.

60 min. Available online at www.focus-tv.org.

New Release: "In Memory Of Me" Audio CD

By Fr. Kevin Scallon

Fr. Scallon writes: "History has shown that when the devil set out to attack the Church, he always started by attacking the priesthood. I believe that the Church is under great attack at the present time. Satan is attacking marriages; he is attacking family life; and most of all, he is attacking the priesthood.

"Recently I recorded with Dana a rosary of intercession for priests entitled 'In Memory of Me'. I know that the members of *Directions for Our Times* have expressed great concern and love for the priesthood, and that is why I offer you this CD in the hope that it will help those who receive it to pray for their priests. "

Comment by Sr. Briege McKenna: "I have worked with Fr. Kevin Scallon in a worldwide retreat ministry to priests for the last thirty years. I am very aware at the present time that the priesthood is under a ferocious attack. The only way we can confront these attacks is through the power of intercessory prayer. Fr. Kevin and Dana have produced a beautiful "Rosary of Intercession for Priests" entitled "In Memory of Me" which I highly recommend to all who love and cherish the priesthood."

Available at www.intercessionforpriests.org or for more information, email retreats@intercessionforpriests.org

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Anne is a wife and mother of six children who has been receiving interior locutions from Jesus, Mary and the saints for several years. The messages she has received have been compiled, under the explicit instructions of Jesus, into ten Volumes, eight of which are currently available through www.directionforourtimes.com and several online retail stores.

Anne works in anonymity, as requested by Our Blessed Mother, and in complete obedience to her bishop and the Roman Catholic Church. The eight Volumes, the *Heaven Speaks Booklets* and *Climbing the Mountain* book have all received permission from her bishop to be printed and the newsletter is reviewed by his designated representatives.

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