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## The Lord's Merciful Truth

By Anne, a lay apostle

Each day we should examine our invisible reality. What is real to us that we cannot see? What decisions have we made for our life based on our invisible reality? How must we live those decisions on each day?

I believe there is one God and one Truth. On earth, people squabble over what they believe is truth, contrasting it to what others believe is truth. I believe, as I say, that there is one truth and that people can have a different vantage point of that truth, along with a different measure or amount of the truth. I believe that God sometimes rewards men of good will by revealing more of the truth. I also believe that God, in His wisdom, withholds too much truth from those who would not honor it. This is an act of mercy.

Someone once asked me why God spoke to some people so much and why He did not reveal these same truths, in their fullness, to others. I wondered about this for a moment. The answer came to me quite quickly.

Each soul is different, with different capabilities and a different intended plan for his service to the Kingdom. This plan is adapted daily as in his free will the individual serves or does not serve. If a person is in a pattern of not serving, that person would possibly not benefit from great revelations and graces. He might waste them. He would be accountable though, for being given an enhanced or more generous measure of truth and would possibly find himself in worse shape than before the revelations.

In summary, if a person is not disposed to benefit from and make use of extraordinary graces, what benefit is there for either the individual or the Kingdom in giving that person great graces?

The Lord does not send mystical experiences without reason. Those who experience the mystical are accountable. If one person is given more divine knowledge than another, we can bet that more will be demanded of him in terms of service and sacrifice. There is divine accountability.

Who would ask to be more accountable than another? Not I, dear friends, and neither should you.

We must always be looking to expand our understanding of the divine, but respectfully so. We should not ask for extraordinary mystical experiences. This would be foolish and possibly done with flawed motive. Instead we should ask for ordinary graces and blessings which will increase our knowledge of the character of our good God. Think in terms of what will help us to love Jesus more and move us further up the mountain of holiness. Think always in terms of an increase in personal holiness. We must ask for the grace to be humble so that God can be majestic.

Dear apostles, I believe Jesus is asking us to push past our limits of service. There is a line we have drawn in our heads and the line represents our "this far and no further" mark. In this time, in this apostolate, we are called to gently

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*Dedicated to  
Mary, Queen  
of Apostles*

# News of the Mission

Steve Logan, DFOT Vice President and Treasurer

## News from DFOT/U.S.

- In February, 2007, approximately 2,800 people from 34 states and Canada attended the Eucharistic Day of Renewal in Tinley Park, Illinois. A 2 DVD set recorded by FOCUS Worldwide Network of this Eucharistic Day is now available on our website or by phone. See the story regarding the Tinley Park event on page 4.
- During the months of January and February, Anne also spoke at Eucharistic Days in Boston, MA; Los Angeles, CA; Louisville, KY; and Canton, OH.
- Ten new “Heaven Speaks” booklets are now available at a cost of \$2.00 per booklet. The price has been reduced on all of the “Heaven Speaks” booklets so that the important messages they contain may be made available to as many people as possible. See page 3 for more information on these new booklets.
- We are in the process of developing children’s books utilizing the messages to children from Our Lord and Our Lady contained in Volume Six.
- Lay Apostle Prayer Groups are being organized throughout the United States. Information on over 35 registered prayer groups will soon be posted on our website.
- Information has been developed which will

help support the evangelization efforts of lay apostles. This includes an information packet directed to parish priests and lay apostles who want to spread the mission in their parish. All of this information is available in PDF format and can be downloaded from our website. The page address is <http://www.directionforourtimes.com/downloadinfo.html>

- Additional evangelization tools are also being developed to help spread the messages and the mission. These tools include Jesus Christ the Returning King prints, posters and rosaries. In addition, two CDs are nearing completion. One is called “In the Presence of the Lord” and includes readings from Volume Two as well as Eucharistic songs. The second is an audio book (or “book on tape”) of Volume Two. Both will be available soon on our website or by calling our office.
- Direction for Our Times became a 501(c)(3) organization this year. With this status, contributions made to Direction for Our Times are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

## News from around the World

- In late February, Anne spoke at the Annual Divine Mercy Conference at the RDS Convention Hall in Dublin, Ireland. Anne

spoke on both days of this conference which was attended by over 4500 people.

- On the Feast of Divine Mercy, Sunday, April 15, Anne spoke at a Eucharistic Day of Renewal at Holy Trinity Abbey, Ballyjamesduff, Ireland. Many of our lay apostles from the United States made the pilgrimage to Ireland to join us for the celebration of this special feast day.
- Translations of the Volumes, *Climbing the Mountain* and *The Mist of Mercy* into Spanish, Polish, French, Norwegian and Chinese are progressing.
- We have received requests for the translation of the books into German and Italian, as well as various languages spoken in India.

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## Merciful Truth

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step beyond that line as Christ draws us. This is not a glory-filled, noisy charge made amongst cheering multitudes. On the contrary, this is a weary “one step further for Christ” increase.

This is a sometimes tear-filled, sometimes nearly broken, and usually fear-filled “YES” to the Lord that draws us past our intended limit of service.

Such fear! Such trepidation!

Jesus will not see us perish and it can be stated that there are times when the act of

clinging to this truth is the only means of buoyancy we have.

How ridiculous we are in our lack of trust, but how grateful is Jesus for our willingness to serve. We must pray for the courage to give the Lord a total “yes” today and allow Him to use us as He wills for the good of His Kingdom.

# New “Heaven Speaks” Booklets

We are pleased to announce that 10 new Heaven Speaks booklets are now available. These grace-filled messages are filled with consolation and hope for all who read them.

## ***Heaven Speaks to Those Who Are Away From the Church***

A personal call from Jesus to come back to His Church with the assurance of His welcome regardless of our sins.

## ***Heaven Speaks to Those Who Are Considering Suicide***

Our merciful Savior sends words for us when we feel we just cannot go on any longer. He tells us that He has never been known to break a promise and promises assistance now to anyone who asks Him for help.

## ***Heaven Speaks to Those Who Are Dying***

Given to calm our fears as we prepare to make the transition from earth to heaven, which Jesus tells us will be a joyful day because we will return to Him.

## ***Heaven Speaks to Those Who Do Not Know Jesus***

Jesus says, ***“If you read these words and sit in silence, you will begin to know Me. Be with Me. Allow Me to teach you about Myself.”***

## ***Heaven Speaks to Those Who Experience Tragedy***

Jesus gives words inspiring calm and trust to walk us through this difficult time.

He tells us He will walk us through each moment of anguish, surrounding us with heaven’s graces.

## ***Heaven Speaks to Those Who Fear Purgatory***

Jesus explains that Purgatory is a manifestation of God’s mercy and gives words of great

tenderness to help us understand why we have no need to fear Purgatory.

## ***Heaven Speaks to Those Who Have Rejected God***

St. John of the Cross says, ***“God exists. He loves you.***

***To reject Him is to choose His enemy over Him.”*** Jesus tells us that each one of us is important in His family and speaks with the greatest seriousness to anyone who rejects Him.

## ***Heaven Speaks to Those Who Struggle to Forgive***

Our Blessed Mother tells us that our difficulty in forgiving is understandable. If we ask God, He will place forgiveness in our hearts and we will find peace.

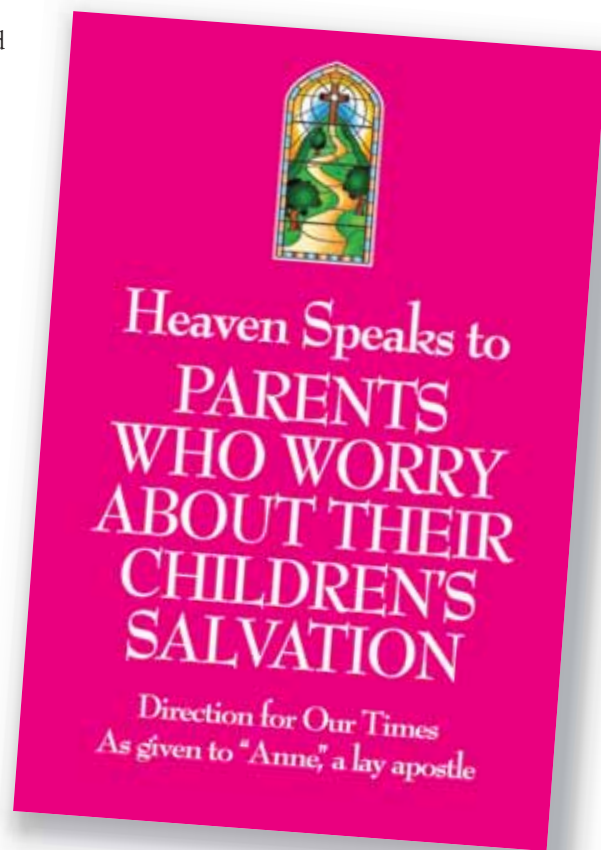
## ***Heaven Speaks to Those Who Suffer From Financial Need***

In this booklet Jesus asks us to reconsider our needs and use less when possible. For those who suffer from true poverty, He assures us that if we accept this in peace He will reward us in heaven beyond our furthest imaginings.

## ***Heaven Speaks to Parents Who Worry About Their Children’s Salvation***

Jesus tells us that we should pray for our children but not be preoccupied with worry about them.

Heaven’s wisdom and compassion flow through this booklet powerfully, cutting to the heart of the issue, counseling parents who worry about their children’s salvation. Jesus says, ***“My grace will be present in this situation as it is in any situation where I am welcome. I will help.”***



Jesus explains, ***“The best way to help your children is to be holy. I ask you today to concentrate on your own holiness. If you do this, I will inspire you with exactly the right course to take to help your child. I keep My promises, as you know. Strive to be holy and I will help your children.”***

In addition, St. Monica gives concrete advice on how to deal with this problem.

***“Each time you feel worry over one of your children, say, ‘Jesus I trust in You. Take care of this child.’ If you feel worry for one of your children one hundred times today, say this prayer one hundred times on this day. Believe me. It will work.”***



# Eucharistic Day of Renewal at Tinley Park, IL

On February 10, 2007, the Eucharistic Day of Renewal in Tinley Park, IL got underway with an atmosphere full of reverence and anticipation.

International Irish tenor Mark Forrest emceed the day. Mark is no stranger to the mission. He has traveled to many places to assist in Eucharistic Days of Renewal, bringing great glory to God through his music.

Mary Sue Eck, editor of *Medugorje Magazine*, welcomed the group by speaking of her personal excitement for the ten new Heaven Speaks booklets that were being released today. Mary Sue led the crowd in the the Allegiance Prayer, encouraging everyone to take advantage of the graces that heaven would be delivering throughout the day in the Sacraments of the holy Mass and Confession and the Eucharistic Holy Hour.

The first speaker of the day, Char Vance, spoke with humor and energy about the need for lay apostles to have joy in service. “The messages are soul food to sustain us for our spiritual climb up the mountain of holiness.” Our perspective changes when we look for the joy in our lives as we work for Christ. Char explained, “The messages in these books have developed my joy. Not since my miraculous healing in Medugorje has anything brought me such joy. The trick is to do our duty with joy.”

Next, Dr. Mark Miravalle, Professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, engaged the crowd with a theological commentary on the message given to Anne, a lay apostle. Dr. Miravalle explained the three criteria that the Catholic Church uses when a reported private revelation is investigated:



Dr. Mark Miravalle, Professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio

1. Is the message in conformity with the faith and moral teachings of the Catholic Church?
2. Does the phenomena surrounding the message fit within the precedence of Catholic spiritual tradition and authentic mystical tradition?
3. Spiritual fruits: Are there lasting, enduring returns to the faith and sacraments of the Church?

Dr. Miravalle’s conclusion: As the Church looks at these messages, they appear sound, evidencing all indications of authenticity.

Dr. Miravalle also spoke about the Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King and the beauty of the Allegiance Prayer and the Morning Offering.

It was quite a privilege to hear Dr. Miravalle share his perspective on private revelation and, in particular, Anne’s message.

Anne stepped to the podium next, full of joy as she addressed the lay apostles. She said,

“This mission’s message is all good news and the Lord wills for us nothing but peace. Jesus and God the Father love us so much. There’s no reason for anything but joy and peace and calm in our efforts for heaven.”

Anne explained the Rescue Mission that our Lord has revealed to her. “The Lord says a great renewal has begun. It is happening right now. Jesus says that the Second Coming is a process that is already underway and it will culminate in a physical event where Jesus returns. But for *this* time Jesus wills to return to the world through you and through me. In other words, one soul at a time. He is calling us all to assist with the process that is the Second Coming. Could Jesus return today in glory and be done with it? Yes, He could do anything He wanted. But the Lord loves us so much He gives us the opportunity to help Him in this work; to help our brothers and sisters in this way. Through this cooperation with Jesus Christ we will become saints. The Father created each one of us to become saints. We have everything we need to become saints. So it is very exciting when you put on the glasses of heaven and look at the world through the Lord’s eyes. It changes things.

“The period we are in now is a transition period, a time of change. Transition and change typically bring some uncertainty. But the plan is God’s, so it is good. The Lord requests that each one of us get connected to Him in a committed fashion so that He can fill our souls with calm. This heavenly calm then flows out into the rest of the world. So, we give Jesus our day; He fills us with light and calm. His light and calm flow out into the rest of the world and what was dark becomes light.

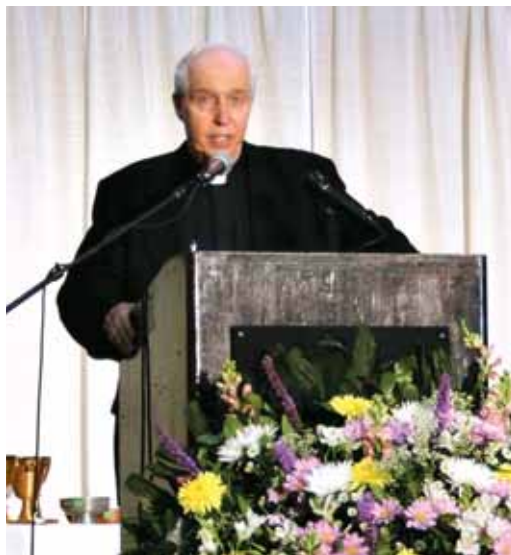
Gradually, He will move us out of one age and into another. That's the plan; that's the process we are involved in."

Anne then talked to us about climbing the mountain of holiness. She described the mountain of holiness — what it is, what helps us to climb faster, and what slows us down.

Anne entreated the crowd to "Keep your eyes on Christ as you climb your mountain path. Just as Jesus Christ will call you constantly and with gentleness, the world will call you too. If you are facing Jesus on the mountain, the world can do as it pleases and you will go to Christ. But, when you turn your back on Christ through sin and disobedience, then the world can draw you away from your climb to Christ."

Anne's simplicity was disarming as she continued to talk about Jesus and our role as lay apostles. "The whole story of your life on earth is the relationship between Jesus Christ and you. There needs to be a direct link between each one of us and the Lord. Everything else flows from that point. If you face a difficulty in your life, ask yourself, 'What does Jesus think about this?' You must give Him the time in silence so He can give you His thoughts, His instructions, His directions, and His consolations. Jesus wants to do this. He is real. God exists. Heaven exists. Purgatory exists. There are no separations. They are with us.

"How can you help to bring peace to this world? Do your duty. Do your duty in a spirit of love for Jesus and a spirit of obedience to His will for you in this day. Jesus will bring peace. Jesus will send a superabundance of grace. Jesus says, ***There are no limits to what I will provide for you if you say 'yes' to Me.***"



Fr. Francis Martin speaks about the Renewal.

Anne encouraged everyone to focus on God's will at this time, especially in our families. "None of us comes from a perfect family. There is no such thing as a perfect family. That's how we become holy. If we came from a perfect family there'd be no need for holiness. Many of the opportunities for holiness are planted in our families. We look always into our vocations for our paths to holiness. I am a



Rev. Darragh Connolly, main celebrant of the Eucharistic Day of Renewal Mass.

wife and mother. Today Jesus calls me to step out. When I am done speaking I will step back into your midst and serve as a lay apostle in my home. If I were to work in this mission too much and neglect my duties as a wife and mother, I would not be climbing my mountain of holiness. I would not progress and I would not be at peace. I would not be a good messenger. My message would be flawed. It wouldn't be pure.

"If you want to know what the Lord wants from you, look into your life. Just open your eyes in the morning and look around. He will show you. If you do it with Christ in humility and in a spirit of obedience, Jesus will save people all around you."

Anne's second talk focused on her experiences of heaven and purgatory.

Fr. Francis Martin, renowned international Biblical scholar, spoke about other facets of the Renewal, including a beautiful distinction of the message of our Lord, one of forgiveness and salvation, as compared to the enemy's message which is always shame and condemnation.

Fr. Darragh Connolly, Anne's spiritual director, celebrated the Mass with eight priests. His homily focused on the value of the Allegiance Prayer. He also reminded us that Jesus' gratitude will be great to those who serve Him as apostles.

The most powerful aspect of the day had to be the great reverence of the lay apostles attending. Ten priests heard Confessions throughout lunch and most of the afternoon.

Truly, heaven's graces were being poured out on the participants as they placed their trust in the mercy of Jesus Christ the Returning King.



# Focus: Volume Six

Fr. John Murphy



This Volume of Direction for Our Times as given to “Anne,” a lay apostle, is subtitled *Heaven Speaks to Families*. The Volume is divided into four parts. In part one, Mary, an unknown saint, speaks to mothers; in part two, St. Joseph speaks to fathers; in part three, Jesus speaks to children and in part four, Mary, Our Blessed Mother, speaks to children. This Volume was written between June 7, 2004 and July 3, 2004.

Part one recognizes the fact that today many mothers must work outside the home irrespective of their wishes and so the development of their children is handed over to others. Mary, an unknown saint, tells us that Jesus wishes families to be together in a home where Christ-like behavior is taught all day. She recognizes the difference between working for necessities and working for what is not really needed. “*Concentrate on simplicity in your home,*” she says. This part of the Volume also discusses prayer at home and also speaks to the particular problems of lone parents.

In part two St. Joseph speaks to fathers. He speaks of himself as a worker, of his task in accompanying Jesus through His childhood and the holiness of Mary a constant source and example to him. Joseph says fathers must be with their children not just to provide for them.

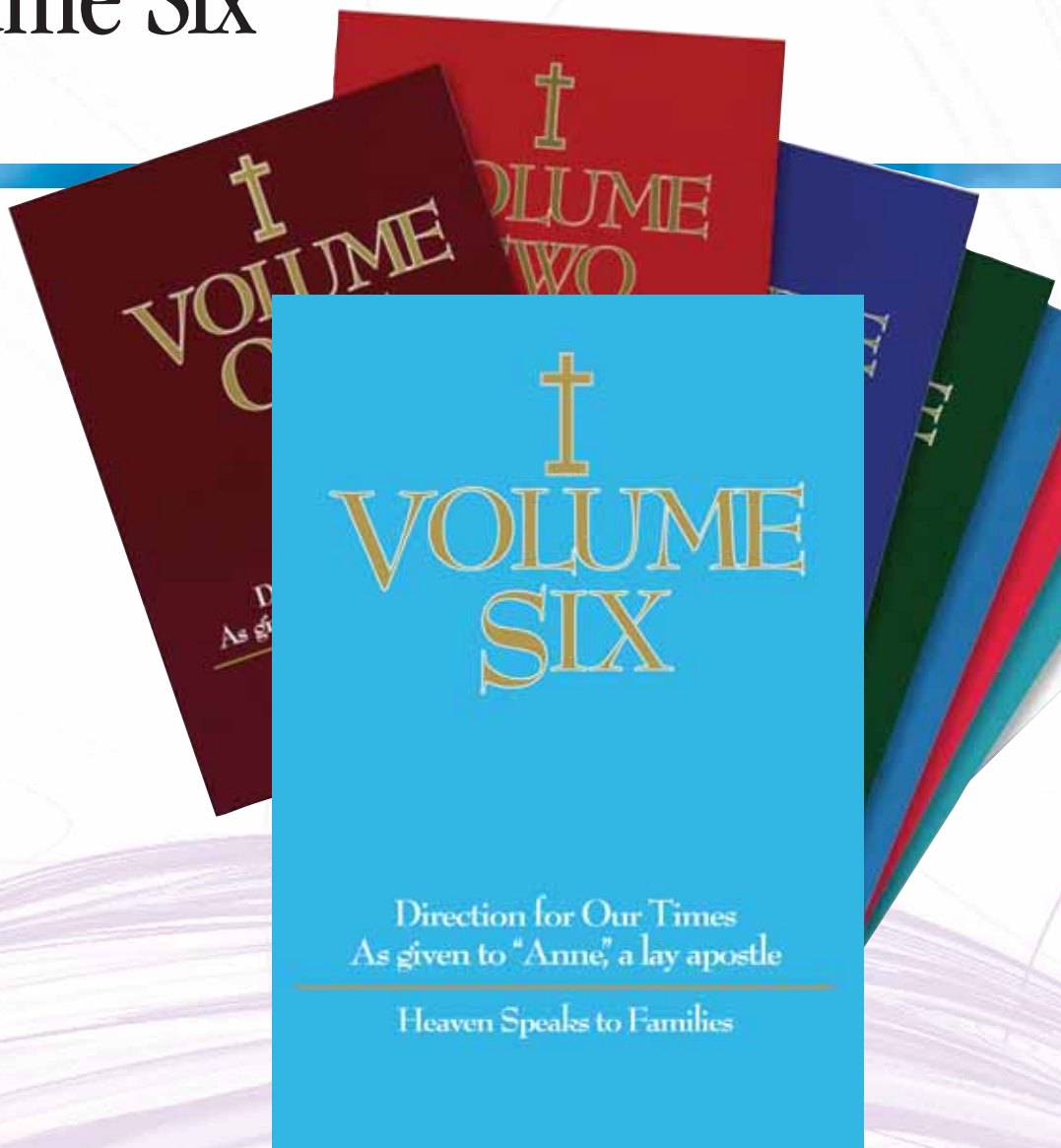
Children should learn purity from their father; wife and children should always come first. A father must be prayerful; he should set a tone of

quietness in the home. In partnership with his wife, he is to shepherd their little ones so that they can grow strong in the service of the Kingdom.

A few simple prayers introduce the third section. Children are told of Jesus’ love for them. They are invited to

pray to Jesus, their best Friend, who is with them always. He speaks about heaven where all will be happy in their true home. Jesus encourages children to be forgiving and to be sorry for the mistakes that they make. It is His greatest wish that children stay close to Him.

Mary, our Blessed Mother, repeats some of these thoughts. She emphasizes that Jesus loves children very much. She too speaks about heaven and tells children to call on her because she will always be close to them. So she encourages children to begin the day by offering it to Jesus and to say a prayer of trust in Jesus frequently. “**Try to be good and I will help you**” is the concluding remark from our Blessed Mother in this Volume.



# Heaven Speaks to Children: A classroom perspective

Sean Feeney, age 29  
DFOT Ireland staff member

Last year I began reading the final two sections of Volume Six in the classroom with children who were preparing to make their First Holy Communion. Over the course of the year I noticed how these beautiful messages from Heaven began to take root, and grow steadily to shape the lives and behavior of the children in the classroom. In a short space of time the Lord was able to accomplish so much. I watched as these children grew in understanding and knowledge of Jesus through spending time with Him daily in prayer. I observed how they supported and looked out for one another in class and at play.

Each day at prayer time, I would ask the children to close their eyes and listen as Jesus or the Blessed Mother was about to speak to them. **“Dear children of the world, I am happy to be talking with you. You are precious to Me and I think of you all day, every day.”** The children would lay their heads gently on their desks and I would begin reading the messages slowly and expressively. This ritual became an important part of our daily routine and we relied on these words to sustain us throughout the day. I was amazed at the results. The children soaked up every word. At times someone might enter the classroom to deliver a message. The children always remained calm and peaceful and waited patiently for what was to follow next in the message. They recognized the voice of Jesus in the words that were spoken and by their efforts throughout the day showed how much they loved Jesus and desired to please Him and to get to know Him better. **“Wherever you are, I am also. So if you are playing, I am there. If you are eating, I am there. If you are going to sleep at night, I am with you. You will never be in a place where I am not. I am your invisible friend and I never go away from you.”**

There are two stories that I would like to share with you at this point that reflect how the messages impacted the lives of the children during the academic year. On one occasion we were out in the yard for our PE class. I had mentioned earlier in the week that we would be learning a new game next session called Olympic Handball. There was great excitement in the class as some of the senior students were conferring with the junior class during the week and reported how great this game was to play. The day for PE arrived and there was a great atmosphere in the class. Everyone was eager and excited to play the new game. Before we left the classroom we discussed the rules and how to play the game. I picked three teams. That meant that there would be always a team on the bench waiting to play next. As we reached the final the blue team was in the lead and it was Mary’s turn to go back out and play but John wanted to go back on for the blues since this would give them the edge on the other team. I was amazed at the response that came out of Mary’s mouth. “Teacher, we should think of others before ourselves.” I was flabbergasted. Mary was willing to surrender her opportunity to play in the final. Furthermore, she supported and cheered for John the whole way through the final.

On another occasion I was teaching English to a group of children while the other children in the class were working on another assignment. I was making an important point to the group when a little girl approached me to show me that she had completed her handwriting. I remember being slightly agitated that she had left her seat without permission and interrupted the point I was making to the group. I recall being slightly dismissive towards the little girl and giving her extra work to complete. Finally I managed to finish the point and a little boy next to me said, “Teacher, I don’t mean to be disrespectful, but do you not think what you said to that little girl was mean?”

I recognized immediately that this child was making a valid point and asked him to repeat it aloud so as the others in the class could hear. I expressed that I had been unkind to that little girl so I apologized and asked to see her work again. Only this time I examined it closely and praised her for her worthy attempt. This was a humbling but enriching experience. I recognized immediately that this child had spoken the truth and more importantly the source of this statement.

The wonderful thing I noticed about these beautiful messages is that Jesus does all the hard work. By the end of the school year I noticed a marvelous transformation in the lives of the children. These changes were gradual and subtle. The content of these messages provided the children with a faith formation that sowed good habits in their day to day lives and fostered positive interactions with one another.

**Prayer:** *“One way to pray is to close your eyes and speak to Me silently in your head.”*

**Forgiveness:** *“I love everyone, even when they are making mistakes. Do not think that I stop loving a person because they do the wrong thing.”*

**Service:** *“When you try to be good, it is like you are giving Me a present. Would you like to give your Jesus a present?”*

**Love:** *“Dear children of the world, how I love you. You were created by God the Father and He created each one of you with the most careful thought.”*

**Materialism:** *“It is often better if you do not have a lot of things on earth because then you are not tempted to become selfish or greedy.”*

**Purity:** *“Being pure is important, little children. Do not use bad words or watch bad things on television because if you do these things, your purity will go away.”*



# Women in the Church

*Margaret, age 25  
lay apostle, Ireland*

I recently attended a brief seminar on women in the Church. I was interested for a number of reasons. I am a mother, wife and lay apostle and I thought it would be interesting to see how other women were juggling their roles. I also hoped to learn what they were getting from their spirituality.

What I got was a scoff session focused on the atrocities committed against women by the Catholic Church, including outrage that women cannot be priests, an accusation that the Church has demonized our sexuality, and a charge that we experience a lack of representation within the Church.

Now, I suppose the title “Women in the Church” can be construed as many things and could incorporate a number of topics. It is interesting to note what springs to mind for us individually when we say those words. Clearly for some people it is inequality, lack of authority, and exclusion. For me, it is responsibility, service, and God. It occurred to me while I sat there that the time we were devoting to the discussion of why women cannot be priests or how we have been marginalized in the past might have been better spent looking at what women’s roles actually are at the moment. How are we struggling?

Personally, I don’t struggle with an overwhelming desire to be a priest. I don’t think any of my female Catholic friends do either. So, while I recognize that this may be an issue for a small population, I think it would benefit us more to look at the issues that face the average

woman today. I don’t feel that the average woman driving to work, dressing her children, or getting ready to go on a date is focused on her limitations in the Church. I think it is far more likely that she hasn’t come near to discovering her potential within the Church.

There are victims of the Church, unequivocally, but I myself am not one of them. I did

or unequal, maybe this is not her issue with the Church, maybe it is simply her issue.

When I got married and decided to have a child, I made a decision not to work. It wasn’t that my husband earned so much money that I could afford to do this without sacrificing. Quite the contrary. But I recognized that my husband and I had a choice. I see many



not suffer from any overly aggressive authority in the Church. I suffered from my own lack of presence in it. I think women have a role in providing balance and we are absolutely needed right now. I don’t feel the Church has excluded me. If I want to be part of the Church, no one can stop me. For example, no one can stop me from going to Mass or Eucharistic Adoration, or from seeking counsel from my priest or volunteering to do parish work.

In other words, if someone feels excluded

women strung out, trying to do everything. I believe this is society telling us that we have to be perfect, thin, sexy, smart, successful, wealthy, fit, and on and on. Society feeds us an image of a perfect woman. This unrealistic image comes from society, not the Catholic Church.

Society tells me I can do everything. Actually, I can’t. Nor do I want to. Society applauds me if I stretch myself so thinly that there is no room left for God. I shouldn’t be praying; I should be working out. I shouldn’t





be sitting on the floor playing with my child; I should be angling for a promotion at work. I shouldn't be looking at how I serve others; I should be looking at how others can serve me.

I think what we as women need to accept is that it is not the Catholic Church that oppresses us or objectifies us. It is modern society. The instant I turn on the television I am likely to be assaulted by the image of well endowed, nearly naked women. What is this saying to me about my body? It is telling me that my body is for male gratification, that it should look like this woman's and that it is not worthy of modesty.

What does the Catholic Church tell me about my body?

It tells me that my body is for pleasure within a sacramental relationship and for the development and nurturing of my children. Essentially, I am *worthy* of a committed relationship and my body, at its full potential, can carry life and is due respect. It doesn't say women should not be sexual, or that they are only designed for childbearing, or that they are in some way inferior. So, why are there so many women screaming "sexist" at the Church?

Pornography, which is becoming widely acceptable, does not respect the divine purpose of my body. It objectifies my body. Abortion, which is becoming widely acceptable, does not respect the divine purpose of my body. It destroys the potential of another.

Why are we as women seemingly oblivious to these atrocities being committed against us? Instead, many are enraged at the Catholic Church because the Church tells us that we should wait to have sex until we are married, or should not have an abortion, or that we cannot be priests. It seems to me that the Church is one of the few institutions left

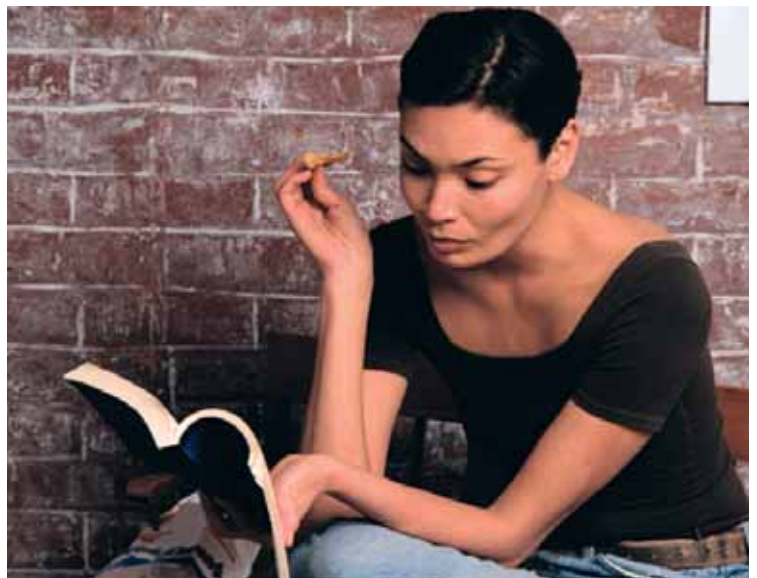
that actually respects my sexuality and the divine purpose of my femininity.

I understand the anger of women who are mistreated but I wonder if some of the anger is misdirected. In misdirecting our anger, we may be alienating ourselves from our biggest ally.

What is my role in the Church? I'm not entirely sure, but I don't intend to waste my time looking at what it isn't. I know an old woman who cleans the church. She has found her role. Many of us modern women would laugh at the idea of cleaning the church, but this woman wants simply to please God and keep His house clean.

Maybe we need to be asking God what *He* wants from us. Am I capable of doing great things for the Church? Yes. But I am also capable of simply cleaning the church.

Perhaps this is our challenge as young women in the Church today. Perhaps we must offer all of our new thoughts and opportunities, embracing any new roles, while also honoring and preserving our traditional roles.



# Monthly Messages

As given to Anne, a lay apostle

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## Jesus

*I, Jesus, take delight in My apostles. I look into the world and see My friends, serving each other and growing in love and truly I experience delight. My friends, you will be well rewarded. The holier you become, the easier it will be for you to come to heaven. That is My goal for you, that you become so holy on earth that your death be a time of great peace and joy. How I anticipate the homecoming of each of My beloved servants. I plan for the day and prepare for the great rejoicing that will take place. You will be welcomed into eternity by a multitude of apostles, all of whom served before you. You will recognize your friends and family in heaven and they will assemble to greet you. Such joyous reunion. Such well earned reward. My friends, your life will pass quickly, far more quickly than you can imagine. I speak to you today to remind and encourage you. I remind you that you are committed to Me, to My will. Begin each day remembering that you have made a commitment to serve heaven on that day. If you pledge your allegiance to God, you are on the side of God. If you are on the side of God, you are working against God's enemy. I want you to reject all that comes from the enemy. Be diligent about your time in silence and I will reveal anything that I wish you to reject or abandon. I draw you into My heart, further and further. There is always a need to advance. Today, I call you to make an even greater commitment to advancing in holiness. I will help you, of course. I will make your path even more clear to you. I come today to remind you of your pledge, but also to encourage you. I look into the world at this time and there is darkness, it is true, but there is also light and that light comes from your commitment to Me. The angels see your service and they rejoice. The saints see your service and they applaud. Our mother, Mary, sees your service and she is comforted. I, Jesus Christ, see your service and I experience delight. You are part of a team, My team. We are the team that brings salvation and we do that through love. In your heart I am placing a love for humanity. You will experience this love individually, for each person with whom you come in contact. This is how I experience love. I love all mankind and I do this one person at a time. You must do the same. Love those around you, particularly those in your family. Treat each person with dignity and respect because if people see that you are good, they will understand that I am good. Be at peace. I am with you in everything and your service delights Me.*

February 1, 2007

## Jesus

*My little apostles continue to grow in holiness. Today, I call you to obedience. It is My desire that you examine your life and bring obedience into each area. I will help you. Is there an area where you can improve? Do you wish Me to illuminate this for you? Consider with Me, your Savior, where you can do better. There are concrete areas, of course, but there are also areas where it is the spirit of obedience that is lacking and by this I mean the spirit of love and humility. Do not think so much of the condition of other souls. Concentrate instead on the condition of your own soul. In consideration of obedience, it is good to think like a small child. A small child, one who is loved by his parents, seeks to be good and pleasing. His goodness and small acts of obedience enable him to feel good about himself and the path of purity that he is choosing. Some of my little ones in the world have lost this innocence. I want this for you. It is this innocence that will admit you to heaven, after all. Together we must cultivate it. Separate worldly opinion from My opinion because the world will tell you that you are foolish to be obedient in small matters, for example, if nobody is noticing you. But I am always with you and I notice you in each moment. Look at each situation, regardless of how seemingly unimportant, and try to be obedient. You do not do this alone, but with Me, because together we work on your spiritual growth. It is our job, yours and Mine. It is our project. It is an interesting and joyful project to Me. I love nothing better than helping you to improve the condition of your soul. As your soul's condition improves, you learn more and more about Me and how much I love you. Do you want to learn more about how much I love you? Practice obedience in small things. I do not expect you to become perfect at once. Do not expect this of yourself. Be gentle with yourself. I love you so much that I do not want you to judge yourself harshly. In the same way, I will never be harsh with you. I will never be hard or cold. You are cherished, My beloved one. I am your Jesus, always here for you. Take My hand and I will lead you closer to obedience each day.*

March 1, 2007

## Jesus

*My beloved apostles, how hard you are working. How diligently you see to My desires. I am bringing you to holiness, slowly and gently, but certainly. Your course leads you to My heart and in each moment of each day, you are drawn more fully to Me. You may not feel the increase in holiness. You may not notice your progress but be assured that progress is being made. Your holiness blossoms under the prudent and watchful care of the Divine Gardner. You may wish to advance more quickly. You may sigh at the labors necessary for advancing in holiness. I understand both of these things but I tell you today that you should not be discouraged. It is I, Jesus, after all, who contemplates your soul and determines the speed with which you need to progress to arrive at the perfect place at the correct time. If you were to move too quickly, you might miss this mark. If you were to stop laboring, you would not advance as far as I require. Be at peace in the place where you are spiritually and understand that I am ministering to you constantly there. Be also at peace that you must labor for holiness, moving constantly forward in virtue. I am with you. I take your willingness to serve and your willingness to become holier and truly I flow great things into your soul and into the world. I ask that each apostle find quiet during this time, allowing silence to prune the weeds that spring up in each day's activity. We work together on your soul, as I have said, and I, Jesus, expect that there is work to be done. If I did not expect that your soul needed work, I would say that you had advanced far enough and I would take you to heaven. When you see the condition of your soul and you correctly identify that there is work to be done and projects to undertake, rejoice. Compare your soul to My soul and you will see a glimpse of the completion of this project. You must say, "Truly, I trust that Jesus will get me there if I follow Him." I will not abandon the project of your holiness. Neither should you. The personal holiness of each apostle is given my greatest attention because each project in the world flows from this project in individual souls. Do you understand? Are you at peace with this? I need you to become holier each day so that I can become more present in the world each day. If you are new to the walk to holiness, rejoice. You are welcome and you will flourish. If you have been walking toward holiness for many years, rejoice. You are valued and you are making progress. Through you, I renew the world. Rejoice. My plan for you and for the world is well underway.*



# Heaven Speaks About Divorce

As given to Anne, a lay apostle



## Jesus

***I speak today with such love in My heart. My love overflows. It is for this reason that I come to you to talk about the sad situation of holy marriages ending in divorce. I tell you why this grieves Me. There are many situations in which the marriage did not have to end. I am Jesus. I am God. I can heal many wounds if I am allowed to minister to the husband and wife in their difficulties. Every marriage will experience times when either one or the other is angry and would like to separate. This is to be expected and should not startle or frighten those involved. During these times, if the couple comes to Me and asks for My grace, I will send the grace necessary to preserve the family. Dear children of God, there are many reasons why I wish to keep families together. I am speaking to you today in general terms, understanding that there are times when a union cannot be preserved. I do not sanction violence of any kind by one party against another. This is not from heaven and heaven does not prompt either a husband or a wife to abuse. This comes from the enemy of the marriage. In cases such as this, or in cases where one party has committed every effort to retain the union but to no avail, My Church enters, with all of her wisdom, and makes a decision. This is the way I have organized the resolution of these matters. My Church is given great wisdom and discernment and you should understand that by My Church I am referring to the priests who work for Me in the Church and who are obedient to their Pontiff. Bring your difficulties to Me, dear brothers and sisters, and I will help you.***

## St. Anne

*This mission, ordained by heaven, is a mission of mercy and healing. For this reason, I would like to encourage all who read these words to ask right now for God's mercy. Healing graces flow into the world in an amount that is unparalleled. So ask Jesus for these graces and He will send them. Dear brothers and sisters, there are many consequences of the disobedience that is prevalent in this age. One of the consequences of the darkness is the dissolution of so many marriages. When a marriage ends, there is great despair because most souls enter a marriage with the intention of doing good for each other and for any children sent. The bitterness that results from betrayal is profound. This bitterness is taking many souls down a path of self-destruction. The first thing you must understand is this. Jesus loves you whether you are in your marriage or out of your marriage. The love of your God does not change. Jesus does not reject a soul because the soul is divorced. On the contrary, Jesus sees that your hopes for your marriage have been disappointed and He rushes in to console you. You must come to Him all day long when you are suffering this terrible pain. Do not try to walk through this alone as you may then be drawn into behavior that will pull you further from Him and further from your heavenly dignity. Let the love of heaven wrap itself around you in your pain and you will recover. Seek the wisdom of a holy priest. Pray for the protection of your former husband or wife and be very alert to the needs of children who are part of the family that has splintered. These are not ideal situations, as you all know. We cannot pretend differently because that would be false. But it is especially in these situations that heaven flows in with abundant graces for all concerned. Remember that you can be sad and downhearted but still have peace. You are part of the heavenly family. You are a child of*

*God. Peace is yours, My beloved soul. You need only ask for it in prayer.*

## St. Anne

*Children must have explanations in these cases. Do not think that the end of a marriage is the business of only the two adults involved. Where there are children, these little ones have a right to explanations, however simple and short. Many children feel that their parents are divorcing because of their flaws. Children often think of their acts of disobedience, normal in every child's life, and become convinced that these acts disrupted the peace in the home and caused a parent to leave. You, God's child, should understand that this causes the greatest distress in a child, even if that*

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*distress is hidden. You must believe me that this feeling is present in many children and you must give the child the information he or she is entitled to. A child should be told that heaven loves both the father and the mother and heaven loves all children, everywhere, regardless of their mistakes. Explain that the family should pray to heaven that all members find peace and happiness, together or separated. The children should know that others suffer in this way also, and that heaven steps in very strongly to comfort and heal every person in this family that is struggling. In the end, through prayer, there will be peace and this family will be joyful together in heaven, with all bitterness healed. Souls are often doing the best they can in these difficult circumstances and there should be no blaming. I plead with you all today to spare your children any experience of hatred for their father or mother. This is unmanageable to a child. Children simply cannot cope with such things and their little souls become injured. Come to heaven in these cases and we will step in powerfully.*

## St. Anne

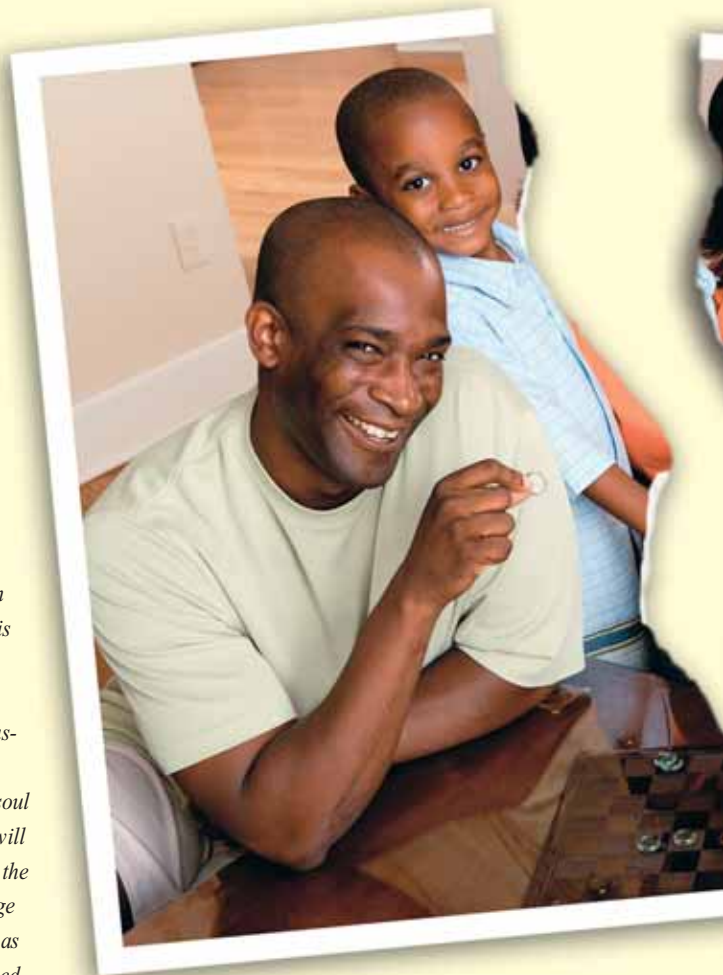
*When a marriage ends, both the husband and the wife suffer. Both will carry a cross from this situation. It is good to remember when you are helping someone who suffers in this way that there are two wounded souls. One party may want the separation more than the other, it is true, but that does not mean that this person is not also in pain. It is very disappointing to heaven when people close to the couple join in and spread bitterness. This is a sad situation, yes, but that does not mean that a heavenly approach is not available. Do not judge. Children of heaven, I would like to repeat that sentence but I do not want to bore you. I will simply ask that you be careful to allow heaven to understand the situation. Content yourself that you do not. It is not necessary for you to judge. It is necessary only for you to love this couple and support their family. This is the heavenly way. When a*

*husband loses a wife and a wife loses a husband, the grief should not be compounded by either soul losing their Christian family, who are called upon to support them in a profound way during this time. The wrong thing to do, which disappoints heaven, is for souls to consider themselves better than their struggling friends and puff up with pride. If your own marriage is intact, thank God and allow your marriage to be an example for others, but in quietness, never in pride. Jesus wants all of the Christian family to be alert to the needs of these families that have suffered with a divorce. Extra love, extra joy is necessary. And Jesus is asking you to bring it to them.*

## St. Anne

*Many souls behave badly when they are in pain. Dear children, this is not necessary. Bring your pain to Jesus and you will not strike out at each other. You cannot force your husband or wife to continue a marriage. What you can do is this. Bring that soul to Jesus each day. Pray that heaven will intercede for your family and soften the heart of your loved one. Acknowledge any mistakes you have made and be as gentle as possible, allowing your loved one the time necessary for Jesus to heal any wounds. Be assured that you are only one part of the union. Jesus does not hold you accountable for the actions of someone else. Do not make the mistake of thinking that you will be judged by the mere fact that your marriage ended. You will be judged only by your actions, always. And if you have made mistakes, however grave, seek the Sacrament of Penance and allow Jesus to liberate you from these acts. The most important thing I*

*want to tell you is that Jesus will bring good from each situation, however bad the situation appears. If you are walking with Jesus, as a beloved apostle, He will send all necessary healing for you and your loved ones. Jesus does not make promises*



*and then fail to keep them. Jesus will bring the best possible outcome for you all. Heaven will heal and protect your children if you ask. Walk through every day, every pain, every situation with heaven and you will be given peace.*

## St. Anne

*Children of God, there is no ugliness that I have not heard. I see that souls are hesitant to bring certain problems to heaven's attention because they fear they will offend heaven. Well, how silly is this. Heaven is*



*filled with souls who walked the earth, so heaven has seen and heard everything. You will not shock me, my beloved friends. If you are to heal from great pain, you must bring it to us. I am St. Anne and I want to help with these problems. Sit in silence and allow us into each sorrow, however ugly. Where is the correct place to bring such pain? If you do not bring it to us, you may bring it*

*to a soul on earth who does not have the love or understanding to help you. You have experienced this, I know, and it is for this reason I talk about it. Family members often pile on additional hurt, simply because they do not know what to say to console you or how to deal with the issues. They can also find fault with you where none is indicat-*

*ed, which will be like piling great weights on to your already weighty cross. Seek your counsel most carefully during this time. Sit with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, and He Himself will listen to every pain and hurt. He will take it all and place it into the fires of His Sacred Heart, leaving you free to continue your beautiful walk up the mountain to holiness. It is like standing in a big mess. When you bring it to Jesus, He pulls you away from the mess, and, with a glance, reduces the mess to nothingness. He is your Healer. He is your trusted Friend who will not make your cross heavier. He will make it lighter and manageable. Do you under-*

*stand, my poor little hurt apostle? Seeking consolation in many conversations does not help. Trust us here in heaven and ask us to help and we will. Alert your guardian angel that you are vulnerable and need extra protection. This angel knows this anyway and grieves for your pain, but conversing with God's angels promotes heavenly thinking. All is well, children of God. Jesus fixes everything.*

## Blessed Mother

*My little doves are struggling. How earnestly I want to assure you that heaven has the graces you need. Dear little families, bring Jesus to your center and you will persevere. In most cases, marriages do not have to end. There is sufficient grace available to heal wounds and restore the sacramental unity. Often it is simply a case of one soul rejecting Christ, leading to all manner of pain and injury. Even in the most difficult cases, though, heaven is prepared to step in and heal. I would like to say that many marriages are ill advised in that one soul or the other is not following heaven and therefore not open to the graces that are necessary to preserve peace in the union. Well, dear children, how can heaven sustain a union when only one party is willing to allow direction? You see that this is a handicapped union from the beginning. So urge all to consider carefully before entering into the Sacrament of Marriage. In the cases where the marriage has ended, be docile to the Church and Her precepts. Do not talk rebelliously about the Church or blame the Church for the situation you are in. I, your heavenly mother, will help you to arrive at your destination, which is unity with Jesus and His Church. Seek the counsel of your priests and understand that Jesus is walking through every single moment with you. Be at peace. Know you are loved. Bring everything to heaven and you will not be disappointed. I will care for your family and protect your children and you will know the healing power of my Son. Your mother loves you and understands everything. Place your hand in mine now and we will walk courageously together through everything.*



# Days of Renewal in the Philippines

*Anne was recently invited by Howard Dee, former Ambassador to the Vatican, to visit the Philippines to speak about the Volumes and the messages from heaven. As a result of this invitation, Anne and Fr. Darragh Connolly, Anne's spiritual director, traveled to the Philippines in November, bringing Christ's messages to thousands of lay apostles there.*

Anne's first speaking event was a Eucharistic Day of Renewal at the Philippines International Conference Center (PICC) in Manila. In his opening address, Ambassador Dee, instrumental in bringing the Volumes to the Philippines, explained that for fifty years he had been following reported messages from Jesus that have occurred throughout the world. Ambassador Dee highlighted that after the events at Fatima, Saint Faustina recorded messages from Jesus in her *Diary*, telling of His returning as the King of Divine Mercy. He urged those gathered at this Eucharistic Day of Renewal to listen closely to what Anne had to say because "she is a messenger from heaven who will change our lives."

Anne's message that day, as always, was powerful in its clarity and simplicity. With her usual warmth and humility, she shared the revelations received from Jesus stating that while we are living in an Age of Disobedience, we are moving into a new Age of Obedience. Here are



Gaudencio B. Cardinal Rosales, main celebrant and homilist at the Eucharistic Day of Renewal in Manila



Ambassador Howard Dee introduces Anne

some excerpts from Anne's talk as reported in the Wednesday, November 6, 2006 edition of the Philippine Daily Inquirer by Nestor U. Torre:

"Christ's plan includes each one of you. The great Renewal has already begun, but we don't know when it will culminate. So you have to be alert to what God wills for you today. We need to help bring about a new Age of Obedience, when we will all live in God's will. We shouldn't fear it; instead, we should embrace it, because it will be a wonderful time for us and for our children. He (Jesus) Himself told me the world is in darkness, and ***'I want to illuminate it with My light, one soul at a time.'*** As Christ's lay apostles in His Rescue Mission, we will know God's joy, He assures us. And I can vouch for it, because it has happened in my own life."

Anne's words were recognized by those gathered as coming from heaven itself. During the Holy Hour of

Eucharistic Adoration, the faithful brought their concerns to Jesus with a new assurance that Jesus heard each and every personal prayer.

His Eminence Gaudencio B. Cardinal Rosales of Manila was the main celebrant of the Mass, with twelve additional priests concelebrating. As early as December, 2005, then Archbishop Rosales, along with Bishop Escaler and several other priests and religious, prayed the Allegiance Prayer, promising to follow the guidelines of the new Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King.

The Eucharistic Day of Renewal at the PICC was certainly uplifting, but God had more graces to pour out on the faith-filled people of the Philippines. On November 20th, Fr. Darragh Connolly presided as the main celebrant at a Eucharistic Day of Renewal at Christ the King Parish in Quezon City. That same day, Anne was interviewed by June Keithley on the Kindred Spirit radio program. On November 21st, Anne and Father Darragh flew to Iloilo and found themselves with the unexpected opportu-





nity to do a live TV and radio interview. Our Lord was surely using every moment on this trip as an opportunity to push His Rescue Mission further out into the world.

On November 22nd, another Eucharistic Day of Renewal was held at the Collegio de San Jose, with Archbishop Angel Lagdameo as the main celebrant. In his inspiring homily, the Archbishop reminded all that, "In the Church we are all stewards in varying degrees and ranks, from the Pope to the college of bishops, to the communities of priests and religious, to the innumerable groups of lay faithful. We are all apostles entrusted with and accountable for our respective time, talent and treasures. We must each listen to and obey the instruction and intention of our



Master, the Returning King. Even in His apparent absence, we must already feel His presence, because He comes nearer to us each day of waiting. In fact, He is already here sacramentally in all the tabernacles of the world, mystically in all peoples of the world, especially in those suffering and in the poorest of the poor. The message of our gathering today, through the lay apostle Anne, is that we may also become apostles of the



Returning King, who through Anne has proclaimed, ***'I am coming. Many of you will witness My return. Be My advance cohort. Prepare for My return and you will be grateful for all eternity that you cooperated with this heavenly effort on earth.'***

The Archbishop set a powerful example by sitting with the group while Anne spoke, then kneeling with the faithful during the Holy Hour. His humility is an example to all. At the end of the Eucharistic Day of Renewal, he told the crowd that he wanted to have a "Rescue Team" in every parish in his diocese. Later that day, with Archbishop Lagdameo's permission, Anne visited a Carmelite Monastery and spoke of the Renewal and God's Mission of Mercy to the nuns there, leaving with the assurance of steady and powerful prayer support from these holy women.

The next day, November 23rd, which was Thanksgiving Day in America, Anne took part in another Eucharistic Day of Renewal at the Collegio de San Jose. Originally scheduled as a day for priests and religious only, it was opened to an additional 800 lay apostles who were unable to get tickets for the previous day.

On Friday, November 24th, Anne and Fr. Darragh toured the offices of the Assisi Foundation, headed by Ambassador Dee. As part of their visit, they were handed Jesus Christ the Returning King prayer cards printed in Chinese, the relevance of which was not understood at the time. The next stop was the Lorenzo Ruiz Mission, a seminary with both Filipino and Chinese seminarians, all studying and preparing for work in China. Anne gave the prayer cards to the seminarians, and together the young men read aloud the Allegiance Prayer and Morning Offering in Chinese. It seemed Jesus was allowing all present a glimpse of the scope of this Renewal.

The final Eucharistic Day of Renewal, held in St. James the Great parish in Alabang, took place on the vigil of the Feast of Christ the King, a highly celebrated occasion in the Philippines. Anne and Fr. Darragh participated in the traditional procession with the Blessed Sacrament after Mass, walking through the adjoining neighborhood with occasional stops at designated houses set up with prayer areas adorned especially for the Feast.



Anne's last day in the Philippines was spent busy with both radio and television interviews, sharing even more of the Good News from heaven with her Filipino audiences.

# Interview with Anne, a lay apostle

Conducted by Dr. Mark Miravalle at Tinley Park - February 10, 2007

**MM:** Hello. This is Dr. Mark Miravalle, Professor of Theology and Mariology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. I would like to spend a few moments speaking to Anne, a lay apostle, about the visions and locutions she has received from Jesus, from God the Father, from Our Blessed Mother, from the angels and saints in a call for a lay apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King.

**MM:** Now, Anne, if someone has never read a message, or never heard of you, how would you summarize the heart of what Jesus Christ is saying to you for them?

**Anne:** I would say the Lord is saying, "I love you. You are pleasing to Me." and "I want to be with you. I want to make you holy."

**MM:** In terms of the theme of Jesus coming, how would you summarize that to someone, this theme to become a lay apostle of Jesus Christ the Returning King?

**Anne:** The Lord has explained that the process of the Second Coming has begun. And the Second Coming will culminate in an event where He returns in glory as King, a physical return. But at *this* time, the process has begun and He wills that He returns through each one of us. So we get up in the morning and we offer God our day. And then Jesus is with us and flows through us into the world to other people. That's why we call Him the "Returning King," because He is returning, one soul at a time, every day.

**MM:** So, it's really, first, a return of Jesus into our hearts, and then preparing for His physical return, the specific time of which is undetermined. Would that be correct?

**Anne:** That's correct. And it's always that way. If you look at the Lord's relationship to each one of us, the first story is always the relationship between, say, you and Jesus Christ. Of secondary consideration is what He then does with that relationship between you and Him. He then uses that relationship to flow through you into the world through your ministry.

When I was serving completely as a housewife

I gave the Father as much glory as when I am serving in this role today. It's immaterial. Some might say, "How can I be important to the Kingdom or the Return?" They're important. Every apostle is as important as the next. They're of equal importance because of their "yes". It has equal value to the Father.

**MM:** You have received locutions from God the Father, from Jesus, from the Blessed Mother. Can you say a brief word about how you recognize their different voices. How do you distinguish them?

**Anne:** With the actual communication comes a grace certainly. Each of the people you just mentioned has a different personality and communicates differently.

Our Lady is very gentle, very encouraging, very earnest, and very feminine.

Jesus is strong and certain and sure and loving, like your very best friend would talk to you. He's honest; He's very honest with you.

The Father gives off an authority such as I've never experienced anywhere else in my life. This authority is accompanied with complete love.

So I recognize their voices as individuals with no problem, immediately, much as if you were to come into the room to speak to me and I had my eyes closed I would recognize your voice. If my six year old daughter came in and spoke to me and I had my eyes closed I wouldn't think it was Dr. Mark Miravalle. I would know it was my daughter. I don't have any problem distinguishing.

**MM:** You have described an experience, which in classic spiritual theology we could refer to as a "mystical transport". If I understand it correctly, through your prayer you feel united with Jesus, and at times He will take you to places. Can you give us just a brief summary of your experiences of heaven? What is heaven like? Let's say for someone who is not Christian and who does not have a clear understanding of this, how would you describe heaven?

**Anne:** I would describe heaven as a place

where they will go where they will be completely at home, completely free, completely safe, accepted, joyful. There is total security in heaven and they will want to be there. They will be so welcome there. They will know that they fit in there and that they belong there. It will be home.

**MM:** And you've also had the experience of this type of mystical transport to purgatory. Can you summarize that experience of purgatory? Are there different levels of purification?

**Anne:** Purgatory was a wonderful experience. There is such truth in purgatory, that it gives you a longing to be in the heavenly Kingdom and it gave me such an anticipation of being finished with my time here and being able to go there and live permanently in the heavenly Kingdom. There were different levels of remorse in purgatory that were consistent with their rejection of God in their life. And in the deepest level of purgatory, souls were very turned into themselves and very isolated. This was a mercy because the soul in purgatory is in purgatory in order to move to self-acceptance. When they can accept themselves and the mistakes that they've made, then they can be free to be joyful and to fit in completely into the heavenly Kingdom. It's the process of becoming a saint, really. People should never be afraid of purgatory. It is all about God's mercy. I think you may have said this earlier today — there is no back door to hell. There are no gimmicks about purgatory. It is God's jurisdiction; everything is under control and orderly. There is kindness; there is complete fellowship. The fellowship alone would be worth going for. So, this is a good thing. It is an extension of our good God. It is a manifestation of God at His most merciful. It is a good thing.

**MM:** You have also reported various thematic series of messages, a couple of messages per theme, of what you refer to as the "Heaven Speaks" series. And just recently you've received a second set of 10 of those series. One subject from these series of messages was entitled, *Jesus Speaks to Those*

*Considering Suicide.* If you were Jesus' spokesperson to a person right now considering suicide, what would you say to them?

**Anne:** I would say, "Soul, hold on a minute. You are assuming that everyday for the rest of your life is going to be as painful as today. You are judging all of your future by today's pain." Everyone in our humanity spends a little time curled up in a ball thinking we can't go on. So we have to expect that so when it happens we won't be afraid. What the Lord says is, "***I can help you. I can take the pain, I can make this pain bearable until such a time I can relieve it.***" And He will do that. He promises to help these souls. And in the booklet, *Heaven Speaks to Those Considering Suicide*, the booklet, the locutions have such graces attached to them. Because you see a little booklet and you think, they are words. But as one of the saints said one day, "*I don't know how you can even lift that book, it's so heavily weighted with graces.*" It's not about the words; it's the graces. So the graces are available to any soul considering suicide. This is an example of what He says. St. Margaret Mary speaks to souls considering suicide. She says, "*Jesus suffered terribly on earth, it's true. You always feel so alone in this experience; He didn't fit in either. He carried wounds. Jesus in His most Sacred Heart understands how you came to be in such pain.*" In other words, the Lord sees how you got to this point. He is with you; you don't have to explain anything to Him. That, in itself, is liberating to a soul. It is not necessary to walk through the past with Christ. He knows more about the source of your pain and hopelessness than you do. She says, "*My beloved friend, I beg you now to turn to Jesus. He will heal you from wounds you do not even know you are carrying.*" It goes on. It's wonderful.

**MM:** Sounds like a loving survival petition, a real call to hope.

**Anne:** And heaven gets it. You know when a soul is considering suicide, what they are saying is, "This is an emergency. I can't go on." Heaven gets it. They'll send the commensurate grace.

**MM:** Anne, it is said that in the United States, that the largest religious group by population is the Catholic Church. And the second largest group is the group of fallen-away Catholics.

What would Jesus say to someone who is away from the Church for whatever reason?

**Anne:** In summary, "Come back." He is saying, "Come back." Here is an example. "***Beloved child, I am asking you, indeed I am pleading with you to consider your circumstances. If there are reasons that inhibit a full return to the sacraments for you, I ask that you discuss these reasons with one of My priests. I will protect your desire to return to the sacraments. I will not reduce the standards of My Church for your circumstances, but I will help you to adapt your circumstances to those standards.***" So what He is saying is, no matter what your condition is, come back and I will help you. We have so many priests who are willing to help people move gently back towards the sacraments. Somebody might be listening to this and say, "But I can't. I'm living in a second marriage that's not blessed by the Church." You need to go talk to a priest and begin this movement to get it regularized. You know, maybe they'll need an annulment and then their second marriage can be blessed. Jesus will help. He'll bless their desire to come back to the Church. This is not time to stay away from the Church. This is time to come back to the sacraments.

**MM:** Certainly, both inside and outside of the Church, there can be a real challenge with forgiving: forgiving spouses, forgiving children, forgiving priests, forgiving people at work. In an age where forgiveness is a challenge, does Jesus have a special message for those who find it hard to forgive?

**Anne:** Yes, and we all have trouble at times forgiving, so that just makes you human. St. Faustina spoke in that one and she said, "*Ask yourself this question. Am I angry at Jesus? If you answer 'yes' you must tell Him and talk about it with Him in the silence of your heart.*" She says, "*There's only one combatant.*" In other words if you are mad at Jesus, He's not fighting with you; you're fighting on your own. The Lord often says in this booklet, if you don't have the forgiveness for somebody, don't worry. I have it. Come to Me. I'll place it in your heart. So the Lord will put the forgiveness in your heart that will give you peace.

**MM:** So it seems like the humility theme which is so strong in the messages is so key. We don't have the ability and Jesus is saying I will give these abilities, whether it be to return to the

Church, whether it be to hesitate in taking your life, to forgive in ways we simply can't. There seems to be that whole lay apostolate theme of trying to be a recipient of His graces. That's the only way we are going to reflect Him. Sounds like a lot of humility in looking to Him instead of looking to ourselves.

**Anne:** It's true, Mark, and this is so important. If I could communicate this effectively, people would benefit. So we will trust the Holy Spirit to communicate this effectively. We are all aiming for heaven. In order to get into heaven, we will have humility when we enter heaven. It's best if we get it here. That's the Lord's plan. So if you think about fitting in with the saints in heaven, they're beautifully humble. This arrogance, or sophistication, is silly. From a saintly perspective it would be a little embarrassing to think that we are superior to anybody.

**MM:** We find ourselves in the Church, originating from Pope John Paul the Great, calling for a new evangelization; spreading the words of Jesus. What about people who don't know Jesus; who have never heard of Jesus? How does Jesus approach someone who simply does not know Him?

**Anne:** He approaches them a lot of time through us, you know, and He approaches them in a very gentle introductory manner. This is who I am. This is who you are. And here is how we fit together. You know, this kind of way.

**MM:** Through what you are saying right now, through the publications of the Volumes, the publications of your messages of Jesus, God the Father, Our Blessed Mother, the angels and saints, they're all trying to help us in this Rescue Mission for souls. What about someone who says, "Anne, sounds great. Everything I hear sounds great, but you know I am barely making it through life as it is. I am barely hanging onto my vocation as it is. I can barely stay above water. I can't take on the apostolate responsibility right now. What would you say to the person who is with this movement in spirit, but who says I can't take on a 'New Spirituality' or a 'New Movement'?"

**Anne:** I'd say, "Don't worry about it. You're already doing it." They sound like they are doing it, to me, by what you are saying. Does it matter which way you dance if you are dancing? They are connected to Christ; they are doing just fine. Mark, I think I would like to



say something about that in addition to this.

People see this mission sometimes, I see this and they say, "I don't have time for another mission." They'll say, "Oh, I'm Divine Mercy". We're all Divine Mercy and we are all the lay apostolate... We're all of these things and this mission doesn't come into your life to draw you away from the work God has willed for you. This mission comes into your life to affirm you in the work that God has willed for you. Like if someone were to say to me, "Well you know, I am called to be a lay apostle. I am going to leave my wife and children and come and serve." This would be alarming. Missed the point. So that's what I would say. This mission does not draw you away, it builds you up from within, where you are at.

**MM:** So, it's not like the lay apostolate takes you out of your first vocation as a wife and mother.

**Anne:** Oh, no.

**MM:** It appears rather to be perfect that, it gives you the grace to do what you should be doing in your first vocation. So it seems not so much like you are taking time for something new, as much as you are receiving the graces to do better what you have been already called to do.

One thing that struck me in the messages is that Jesus is repeatedly saying, "If you want to be a lay apostle, if you want to reflect Me, if you want to be a channel of the graces I want to give to others, you have to slow down." What does He mean by that?

**Anne:** Here is what He has told me. Sometimes I would have so much to do in a day, and the pressure is really on, I would feel myself getting frazzled and He would say, *"The more you have to do, the slower you have to go."* He says, *"Move through your tasks methodically, conscious of My presence in each one,"* and so we have to go slow with more silence. And if we have this we can. I am a fast mover by nature, and I move at the same speed but with a quietness in my soul.

**MM:** Let's talk about the position of the Church concerning this movement. First of all, in having the privilege of speaking to your Bishop in Ireland, Bishop Leo O'Reilly, he assured me in our interview that he's read the messages. He feels a peace and trust in permitting these messages to be circulated throughout the world. He also mentioned

that he's been in contact with the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) and they are also at peace with how things are going now. It sounds to me that every possible mode of you submitting this to your local bishop and to the CDF has been done.

And you have also spoken about the importance of obedience. What would you say to the person that says, "You know, I hear compassion in my friend, or my priest or my prayer leader, even though he dissents from the Church. He doesn't follow the Holy Father. But he sounds loving to me." How would you understand that in terms of your living of obedience to the Church? And what do you think Jesus would want in terms of obedience to the Church?

**Anne:** Jesus wants obedience to the Church. Period. Now if someone says, and this is very common in this time, "Well, so-and- so is not very obedient to the Church but he's known as very compassionate," well, I believe that that may be true. His compassion may be genuine. But see, if I am a Church leader and I say, "Oh, the Church is too harsh and I am going to, instead, do it my way which I believe has more compassion," well, what this Church leader may do is draw people to himself and they may say, "Oh yes, I find love in him." But he is a man. He won't last forever. And when he dies, who do they go to then? You know?

The most compassionate thing to do is to represent God's truth as it is revealed in the Catholic Church. Jesus doesn't allow a man to become a Holy Father and then abandon him with His Church. And the Holy Father, John Paul II, and clearly this holy man, Pope Benedict XVI, they evidence a spirit of obedience and humility. There's no arrogance. God doesn't send an arrogant man. So, if you are a Church leader and you deviate from what the Church is teaching citing compassion, you will be drawing people to you and blocking out God. Because if you say, "Well, I am compassionate." Inference: The Catholic Church is not, and, by extension, Jesus Christ is not. Do you see what I am saying, Mark? It's a mistake, in my opinion.

**MM:** In my own study of the experiences of what you have received, based on how the Church looks at things like private revelation there are usually three criteria:

1. Is the message according to the teachings of the Church?
2. Are the phenomena, the way you receive the visions or locutions, and any other concurring phenomena according to the precedence of the spiritual and mystical tradition of the Church?
3. The spiritual fruits, as Jesus tells us in Matthew 7. You will know a tree by its fruits.

My examination of what you have received is that each one of those components is really supra-satisfied in your experiences. There is no doctrinal error in what you have received. The phenomena of your locutions and visions are in the heart of the Church's precedence of mystical tradition, and the spiritual fruits are reaching the four corners of the earth. These messages began to be distributed in late December of 2003 and they are already in the several major languages.

So, as a last effort of invitation to a viewing audience: why the Lay Apostolate now? What is it about the graces and the merits that seem to be following this movement that would call someone to say, "Maybe it's time for me to consider this." Or even to ask the question, "Is Jesus asking me to be a lay apostle?"

**Anne:** I would say, consider that Jesus Christ wants to talk to you and allow for the possibility that He is doing it through these works. Because the consistent experience of people who have read the Volumes is, "It was like He was talking to me. I felt like He was talking to me." Well, He was. If you are interested to know what Jesus Christ has to say to you, pick up one of these works and see if the graces are there. They are so heavily weighted with graces. The words are put together, but the graces through the words are magnificent.

**MM:** Well, that's what happened to me. And I want to thank you, Anne, for being a daughter of the Church, for being open and receptive to this. Being a visionary is fun for the first week and then it is a cross. But this has been something that has been a real grace to the Church. So I encourage you to continue and thank you for what you've done. We exercise the ability of the Church to be open to these things as She permits and then we will let the fruits speak for themselves. I thank you for all you done for it.

**Anne:** Thank you, Dr. Miravalle.

# That Blessed Day – The Day His Glory Filled the Temple

*Sue Young, lay apostle, Louisville, KY*

After having a little time to reflect on and process the events of our “Day of Eucharistic Renewal” in Louisville on Feb. 11, the awe and wonder of the day keeps growing. We would like to keep this Renewal momentum strong in our little Marian Center, in our individual hearts and as a community, so that we can be a witness to the Renewal and help others experience it.

The comment that is heard over and over is how well organized it was. I heard this so many times in various versions that it finally made me stop and question God what this was all about. Yes, it was organized but not to the point to merit the amount of input we received. I feel what God revealed was that what people really experienced on that day was not so much just good organization but they actually experienced the harmony of the Kingdom of God, beyond the natural and into the supernatural. God’s glory was in that place that day and people actually were able to feel what that is like. The people who came were of one heart and mind, seeking God in one accord, flowing in harmony, focused on Jesus, expecting to experience something glorious. Indeed they did.

For a day the divisions and mistrust present in the Body of Christ were laid at the doorstep; we became one in Jesus and His glory shone through His Body. This is the Renewal; this is the message of Jesus, the Returning King... His glory will be made known through us.

So we need to keep awareness and gratitude present in our hearts, remembering what God did for us that day. We want to acknowledge the path God led us on to receive such a blessing and thank Him for doing something that was so beyond our own ability to make happen. For years, the core prayer group of The Marian Center has been praying that the Blessed Mother do a deep work in us that we can be a people that can be trusted to lead others to Jesus. We also, in prayer, every week invite her to Louisville. We feel those prayers bore their fruit that day. Much prayer went up also specifically for this day, asking for angels to

be present, present to bring protection, minister to us, help us to heal and open our hearts to the message the Lord has for us. We thank them so much for what they did that day. We also deeply thank those in heaven for their guidance and intercession.



Another extraordinary thing happened that day, the profound grace to spend a short time with those specifically entrusted with this mission, Anne and those He has blessed her with to travel along side her. I have a deeper understanding of holiness now. Holiness can be very natural and shine to the world with an ease. We know that there has to be a price paid to get to this point, the dying to self and opening to service. The experience of being with these apostles has made us desire holiness even more. Anne’s parting words to us were “only in heaven will you be able to fully understand what happened on this day.”

## What do You want me to do first?

*Anne, a lay apostle*

This morning I had quite a few tasks to accomplish. There were so many that I did not know where to begin. My head was kind of stuffed with them all. I closed my eyes for the briefest moment and said, “Jesus, I know You are with me. What do You want me to do first?” Immediately my thoughts went to a file that needed editing and completion. I knew in my

heart that Jesus wanted me to finish that job first and then move on to other things.

To clarify, this was after I had risen, offered God my day, fed my children and dressed them and gotten them off to school, gone to Mass, cleaned my house, and then come in to work.

My point is that my duties came first. There is no need for discernment if there are children to be fed or cared for or a house to be cleaned or a professional job to be at. My point is that the Lord wishes to help us to discern at each moment where we feel uncertainty. We will then serve the Lord as He wishes, saying “no” to our will and “yes” to His.



Direction for Our Times staff members and volunteers attended the March for Life in Washington, DC, on January 22nd. Tens of thousands of people gathered at the Capitol that day to protest the killing of our unborn. The crowd, of whom a majority were young people, marched through the streets of DC singing their prayers to stop abortion. During the march, we were able to pass out over 1,000 *Heaven Speaks to Young Adults* booklets and 3,000 *Heaven Speaks about Abortion* booklets. We were so proud to participate in such a powerful and spiritually uplifting day.



## Serving with Clarity

*Anne, a lay apostle*

**W**e are Catholics. We believe that Jesus Christ came. We believe He died, and then rose from the dead. We believe He started one Church and it is the Catholic Church. We have direct succession from St. Peter all the way up to our beloved Pope Benedict XVI. May God's peace extend to all those in other religions and let us, as Catholics, learn about our own faith. Let us rejoice in the fullness of the Catholic truth. Let us stop pointing at what our brothers and sisters in the Church did wrong and scrutinize our own souls and our own performance for heaven.

In the name of Jesus, we must reject the spirit of disobedience that blows through the world and through our Church.

We, as lay apostles, are called to be followers in God's Church. A lay apostle of Jesus Christ the Returning King should be known for his fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church. If we follow in the spirit of obedience, others will follow in that spirit and gradually the Body of Christ will move away from the deadly and destructive spirit of disobedience.

We, as lay apostles serving in our humanity, have made mistakes and will continue to make mistakes at times. For this reason, we adhere to God's guideline that we go to Confession once a month. This is how we keep our course set for heaven.

If we are trying to learn about and follow

our Catholic Faith, we are in our boat, preparing to sail.

Next, we must put our sails up.

To raise our sails, we must pray. Each time we pray, we are harnessing the power of God. Through prayer, the wind blows and our boat begins to move. The more we pray, the faster we move. Picture a sailor's face turned into the wind, hand on the tiller, with his boat moving steadily and swiftly toward his destination. What joy is in this image! What peace! This is an invigorating thought and must fill us with a determination to commit to prayer, thus harnessing God's power for our own movement to holiness and for the grace of conversion for others.



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