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Over the last few years Our Lord revealed to Anne His wishes for a unique place of prayer and Adoration for this apostolate.

Specifically, the Lord revealed He will give to pilgrims who come to this site seeking truth, the special grace of clarity in relation to God's plan for their life and God's view of the condition of their soul. We could say that God has promised an outpouring of truth to those who come seeking Him. In His generosity, Jesus will make this grace available to all who seek His truth, wherever they may be, but He has promised this grace in a special way to all who visit this place.

The site is Holy Trinity Abbey in Kilnacrott, County Cavan in Ireland. The abbey currently serves the needs of the faithful in the area and is owned by the Norbertine priests.

The importance of this outpouring of truth is described in *The Mist of Mercy*, in which Anne describes a principle element of purgatory as "a time and place where each soul sees and accepts his life in truth with the Creator." Pain in purgatory comes from understanding and accepting the times in each life when a soul rejected God's plan in favor of a selfish or sinful choice or decision. As each soul comes to understand and accept his mistakes, he draws closer and closer to God. When perfectly at peace in the truth, the soul is ready and enters the heavenly kingdom for eternity. God wills



that this process be completed during each person's time on earth, of course, but allows purgatory for situations when this process has not been completed by the time of the person's death.

On January 24, 2008, Direction for Our Times – Ireland signed a contract to purchase Holy Trinity Abbey. We are now actively working to raise the necessary funds to complete the purchase.

Once the purchase is completed this site will be known as Holy Trinity Centre for Prayer. All activities at the Centre will be developed around prayer and Adoration. Open to the public, Holy Mass, Confession, and Eucharistic Adoration will be available. Large events, such as Eucharistic Days of Renewal, will be held on a scheduled basis.

This special issue of our newsletter contains information about this project.



*Dedicated to
Mary, Queen
of Apostles*

News of the Mission

Steve Logan, DFOT Vice President and Treasurer

Holy Trinity Centre for Prayer

As noted on page one, Direction for Our Times – Ireland signed a contract to purchase Holy Trinity Abbey on January 24, 2008. If you would like more information regarding the Abbey, as well as to see photos of the property and read testimonies of two pilgrims who travelled to the Abbey, please visit our website at the following address:

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

New Audio CDs

Volume Nine is now available as a CD audio book. This single CD audio book, titled *Angels*, contains all of the messages as recorded in Volume Nine. Jesus and our Blessed Mother explain that angels are eagerly waiting for us to call on them for assistance.

Volume Nine – Audio CD is available for \$11.00 on our website at:

<http://directionfourtimes.com/store/page3.html>

Volume Ten is also available as a CD audio book. This single CD audio book, titled *Jesus Speaks to His Apostles*, contains all of the messages as recorded in Volume Ten. In this Volume, Jesus speaks encouraging words to His apostles about their role in the rescue mission. Jesus tells us our reward will be great and that we must help Him reclaim the souls of our brothers and sisters.

Volume Ten – Audio CD is available for \$11.00 on our website at:

<http://directionfourtimes.com/store/page3.html>

We are happy to announce that we now have the recording of the Eucharistic Day of Renewal with Anne, a lay apostle, available in CD format. Taped live on location in Tinley Park, IL, this 4 CD set is 240 minutes total in length and is available for \$24.00 on our website at:

<http://directionfourtimes.com/store/page3.html>

Translations

In order to honor Jesus' request to spread His words worldwide, we are making the Volumes and other works available in as many languages as possible. Translations are steadily progressing in the following languages:



- Spanish
- French
- Polish
- Lithuanian
- Chinese.

We are in the initial stages of translation into six additional languages.

Donations

We would like to thank all of you who support this mission. We rely on the support and hard work of lay apostles through prayer, practical assistance and financial help. Any contribution, no matter the size, can help make a difference. Please prayerfully discern whether you can assist the Lord's mission by making a donation as it is a constant challenge to continue translations and printing.

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

If you wish to donate online, please visit our website at:

<http://directionfourtimes.com/store/donations.html>

For all other donations, please contact either our United States or Ireland office.

Booklet Display Case for Churches

Jesus has asked all of us to make the spreading of His words a top priority. One way to accomplish this is to set up a display case for the Heaven Speaks booklets in the back of your church, making the booklets easily visible and accessible. Direction for Our Times has located a vendor who can supply a custom display case that displays the booklets in an organized and compact manner. This is a great way to make these messages from heaven available to your fellow parishioners.

Information regarding the Booklet Display Case is available by contacting our United States or Ireland office as well as on our website at:

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



A Letter from Anne, a lay apostle

My dear friends and fellow lay apostles,

This year, as I looked at baby Jesus in the manger this Christmas, I thought of the feelings a mother has when someone places her newly born child in her arms. The very breath goes out of a mother at that moment. One has to admit to the awesome power of God when one looks into the face of a new baby.

As I contemplated Jesus in the manger, I thought of what it would be like to pick Him up and hold Him in my arms. Imagine. How would you lift Him? And hold Him? Well, I think you would be reverent in the extreme, filled with awe, filled with wonder at what God intended to do with this little infant in His lifetime.

It came to me so powerfully that this is what He, the Lord Jesus Christ, asks of each one of us. He longs for this kind of reverent, awed, and tender treatment for each of His children on earth. Most likely, we have not been treated like this by others, or at least not all the time. But surely it is God's plan that we go out into our days and treat everyone we meet like this, with the same wonder at what God desires to do for and through each person in the world.

A single mother complained to one of her friends about the difficulties she was having with her son, who was misbehaving. The things he was doing were age appropriate, not serious but annoying and frustrating for his mother. The mother said to her friend, "What in heaven's name is God going to do with this boy?"

The friend replied, "From the looks of things, He's going to make you a saint." This made the mother laugh, as it should have, but there is great truth to it.

We have all felt, at times, terrific frustration with someone in our

lives. But if we can treat those who are the most difficult for us with the tenderness and gentleness we would offer the newborn Savior, we will make progress with them. This is a powerful goal for each lay apostle.

Another important task for us at the beginning of the year is that of examining our prayer life and our prayer commitments. Many apostles trip because they do not have a disciplined approach to prayer. Consider which part of the day belongs to the Lord. Where is your silence that Jesus requests and so badly needs? Let each of us determine again, with Jesus, what needs to be adjusted in our prayer life.

At this time, the time of the New Year, we are prone to looking over the last year. Surely we all see some sufferings and perhaps a big cross or a cross that became heavier and more difficult to carry. We will also see crosses that were removed or that became lighter and easier to carry. Looking back, we see opportunities for holiness that Jesus presented us with and in those opportunities we no doubt see some failures as well as some successes. We, as lay apostles, see, in looking back over the past year, somewhere around 365 allegiance pledges to God our Father. And this, my friends, is cause for rejoicing.

There is one thing I know for sure. The past year was not always easy for any of us. On some days, we presented ourselves to heaven filled with confidence and enthusiasm. We felt we had great things to offer heaven. On other days, we presented ourselves to heaven filled with doubts and discouragement, anxiety and perhaps even frustration and anger and, very possibly, fear. Perhaps, on those difficult days, we felt we were a liability to the family of God.

But in it all, the successes and the failures, the ups and downs of our confidence and clarity, we persevered. We returned to Jesus, again and again. We offered Him our days, despite feeling at times that what we had to offer was not good or not good enough.



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The Beauty of the World

Fr. John Murphy

*“The cloud-capped towers, the gorgeous palaces, the solemn temples, the great globe itself,
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve, and ... leave not a rack behind.”* – William Shakespeare

It is everything's destiny to come to an end, whether it be a great temple in Jerusalem, destroyed in 70 AD, the Twin Towers in New York, the very earth itself, all shall come to an end and maybe we ourselves are destined to have no small part in its ending.

And while all that happens, all those other 'scary' things in the Gospel, earthquakes, wars, famines, revolutions, bogus warnings, scare-mongering, persecution and betrayal, all these things will be the part of life between the 1st and 2nd coming of Christ.

This world, where people “sit and hear each other groan,” where hate and hope, faith and unbelief live side by side, this world will end so that a new world which we call the kingdom of God can be born.

So we are to think not of the world being destroyed but of the world being reborn and transformed into the glorious kingdom of God, where there is harmony between creator and creation.

God uses all world events, leaders, political and other, to achieve His purpose which is to make all things new.

What is our role?

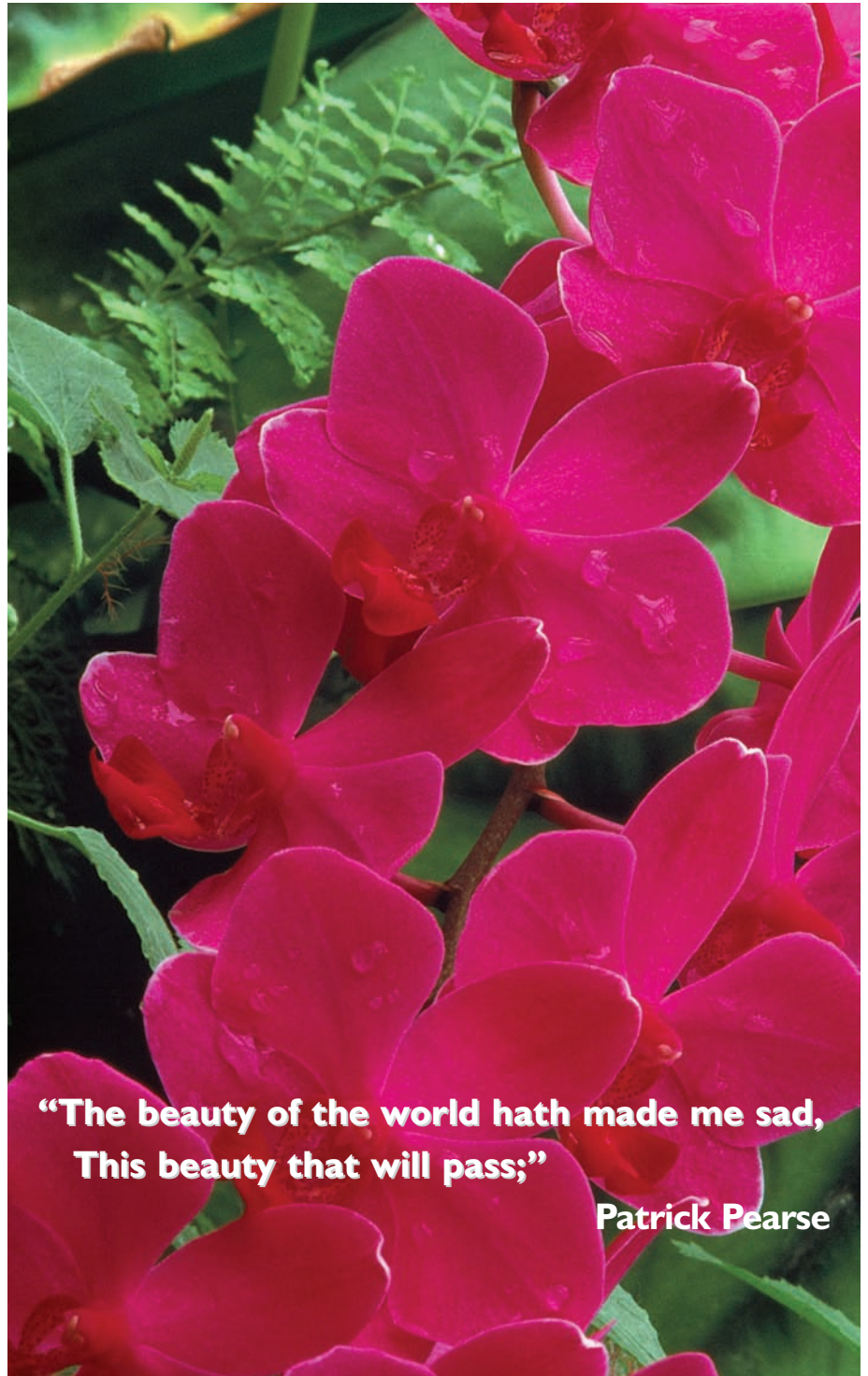
We are to be faithful. We are to act as if Jesus was coming again tomorrow, in fact, as if He was already here.

And is He not? Of course He is present. The risen Lord is with us now. We invite Him to our hearts, our world, and our homes.

Come, Lord Jesus, for Your heavenly kingdom is found not in centers of power, not in political capitals, but in every human heart, mine included.

“The kingdom of God is within you.”

Lord Jesus come to us, that we may come to You eternally.



**“The beauty of the world hath made me sad,
This beauty that will pass;”**

Patrick Pearse

Events

Direction for Our Times is pleased to announce two summer events to be held on the grounds of Rosary Hill in Justice, IL, outside of Chicago:



Eucharistic Day of Renewal at Rosary Hill

When: Saturday, July 12, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Gates open at 7:30 a.m.

Where: Rosary Hill

9000 West 81st Street, Justice, IL 60458

This will be an outdoor event. Tents and Chairs provided.

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

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

Scheduled speakers for the Saturday event include the following:

- Rev. Darragh Connolly, Anne's spiritual director
- Dr. Mark Miravalle
- Char Vance
- Steve Logan (Mission Update)
- Nora McCarthy (Re-Charge Youth Division)
- Anne, a lay apostle (via two taped presentations prepared in Ireland especially for this event)
- Music provided by Mark Forrest

Re-Charge Youth Event

For young adults after Confirmation age. All are welcome.

When: Friday evening, July 11, 2008

6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Rosary Hill

9000 West 81st Street, Justice, IL 60458

This will be an outdoor event. Tents and Chairs provided.

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

Scheduled speakers for the Friday evening event include the following:

- Rev. Darragh Connolly, Anne's spiritual director
- Nora McCarthy (Youth Director)
- Rob Kaczmark of SpiritJuice Studios
- Point 5 Covenant and Sammy Blaze providing musical entertainment. These are two Catholic groups who incorporate their faith into hip hop music.

The evening will include a Holy Hour.

Other planning items for these events:

We are requesting that those who plan to attend one or both of these events complete a "let us know you are coming" form on our website to help us with our planning for these special days. We will try our best to accommodate all lay apostles who wish to attend. Unfortunately there can be no reserved seating and the seating will be on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Please "let us know you are coming" to either event, or both events, by completing the form at the following link: <http://www.directionforourtimes.com/register.html>

Restaurant availability close to the site of the event is very limited and will be very difficult to navigate due to parking arrangements. We are strongly encouraging people attending the Saturday event to either pre-purchase a box lunch through the Direction for Our Times website or bring their own lunch. Coolers will be allowed on the premises.

The box lunches can be pre-purchased only and will not be available for purchase on Saturday.

Drinks will be available for purchase at both events.

SAVE THIS DATE

A Eucharistic Day of Renewal
with Anne, a lay apostle

With Rev. Darragh Connolly, Sr. Briege McKenna,
O.S.C., and Rev. Kevin Scallion, C.M.

Holy Trinity Abbey
Saturday, August 16, 2008

More information and updates on this event will be
posted on our website at:

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

The Lord's Plans

Anne talks about Holy Trinity Centre for Prayer



Eucharistic Day of Renewal at Holy Trinity Abbey in April 2007

In November 2006 Anne talked with Char Vance and described Our Lord's plan for giving extraordinary graces to pilgrims who come to Holy Trinity Abbey in Kilnacrott, County Cavan, Ireland. The entire interview can be found on the "Anne in Ireland" DVD produced by Focus Worldwide Network and sold on our website. Below are excerpts from this interview:

"There is definitely an abundance of heavenly grace available here and the Lord's plans are magnificent."

"It was clear to me in the experiences of purgatory that the blessing was the truth. In the light of God's truth, a person can see where they stand. They can readily identify their flaws and failures but, more importantly, they are able to understand where they have missed opportunities to love others. In purgatory, we know we are loved by God. The Lord can heal the wounds and then we can walk into our lives with the Lord's will more clearly in front of us. It's a way to get our minds off of ourselves and our failures and concentrate on the divine will. The Lord intends to give this gift of clarity to souls who come here [Holy Trinity Abbey]. This will be a place of heavenly clarity for souls; a place to sustain souls to go out and fuel the renewal; to move this renewal out into the world."

"This place will be a place of silence, in general, of quiet, of heavenly calm, of communion between heaven and earth."



"The people who come here will obtain great graces and they will go home and bring them back. So, it's not to say that you have to come here to get this. You don't have to come here to get this. Jesus will bring it to you where you are if you ask Him for it. And what you would be asking for is the clarity with which to view yourself in God's light. And with that will come healing, not condemnation."

"People will come here and be renewed here. The Lord will be generous."

Where We Are Now

On January 24, 2008, Direction for Our Times – Ireland signed a contract to purchase Holy Trinity Abbey. The price for the buildings and land, totaling approximately 44 acres, is 2,500,000 euros. Closing is scheduled for December 8, 2008, and we are now actively working to raise funds to complete the purchase. If you would like more information regarding the Abbey, please visit our website at the following address:

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

are Magnificent

A Lay Apostle Describes the Grace

In the spring of 2007 Nancy Tanner was at her Lay Apostle Prayer group when she heard about the extraordinary graces promised by Our Lord to pilgrims who come to Holy Trinity Abbey in Ireland seeking clarity. In November 2007 she decided to visit the Abbey herself. Below are excerpts from the testimony she sent to Direction for Our Times in December 2007. To read the full text of her story, please go to our website at www.directionforourtimes.com.

“Let me tell you that it was the most intimate experience with Jesus that I have ever had ... I was blown away by the level of the love, mercy and acceptance that Jesus showed to me in that chapel at the Abbey ... Gently, I was made aware of how my past sins had caused wounds in my heart, how my mistakes had hurt myself and others, but instead of wanting to punish me, Jesus only wanted to heal me. I also saw wounds on my heart that had been caused by others. I saw that those who caused these wounds were acting from their own wounds, and I was flooded with mercy. There was instant forgiveness for everyone who had ever hurt me in any way.”

“... Jesus let me know how He had been in control of everything that ever happened to me. That He had been there for me and with me, even in my darkest hours when I had turned my back to Him and rejected Him. He had been loving me and protecting me as much as I had let Him, never leaving me for an instant through it all.”

“... I could see how I had hurt Him with my sins and I felt so

remorseful. How could I have ever hurt this sweet God, whose love for me was so personal and so deep?”

“... He showed me it's His very nature to love me and that I was very precious to Him. At the same time I was aware that He had this same deep love, a love beyond words, for every single person ever created.

“I did experience clarity, of His love for me, of His forgiveness and mercy. Within this ocean of love I did have a review of myself, where I could see myself from a bird's eye view, like a movie, where I saw my unproductive activities, where I am wasting time, eating bad foods, tearing down instead of building up, the terrible busyness that fills my time and keeps me from spending more time in prayer and loving others. I saw missed opportunities. I was given instant knowledge of where I am not measuring up and where there are lapses in my love for others, as well as what needs to be done.”

“There was grace to see my 'failings,' grace to see how to respond better, with more love, patience and a spirit of service. I was made to know that I do not love enough. I was shown specific things to do better and was encouraged to continue in the good I am doing and in the ways I please Jesus. I was given a deeper understanding of the infinite love of the Father in His sacrificing His Son for us. And how Jesus sends His Spirit to build us up and how the angels and saints are all working for us. What love! What encouragement! How I was flooded, in turn, with such reciprocal love, thanksgiving and awe of Our Lord!”



Outdoor Stations of the Cross



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Small Marian Chapel

The Blessings and Rewards of being a Lay Apostle

Kevin Finlay

In the late Autumn of 2005 I began reading the revelations from heaven as given to Anne, a lay apostle. I was so impressed with these messages I immediately wanted to share these Volumes with everyone. So I decided to become a lay apostle. It was only some time later that I realized that it wasn't me who made this decision but that Jesus Himself had called me just as he had called the 12 some 2000 years ago.

Allegiance Prayer

Dear God in heaven, I pledge my allegiance to You. I give You my life, my work, and my heart. In turn, give me the grace of obeying Your every direction to the fullest possible extent. Amen.

A letter from Anne, a lay apostle, continued from page 3

In this apostolate, we receive many graces, it is true. There can be no denying that Jesus blesses our families. He pursues the healing and conversion of our loved ones.

No, my friends, there is absolutely no denying the fact that Jesus rewards us even while we remain on earth. We get more than we give.

And what is it that we give?

In all of the contact I have with lay apostles from around the world, one thing stands out. We are an apostolate of showing up. We keep coming back. We present ourselves for service regardless of our doubts about our personal condition. We believe, because Jesus tells us, that what we have to offer, our willingness, our sometimes flawed commitment, our love for Him and for each other, is valuable, and indeed even priceless. Alone, each one of us pledging our allegiance to the Father would impact the renewal.

It has changed my life completely. Jesus speaks so often of peace and calm and do not be afraid as I am always with you. This experience really came home to me on the 15th of December 2007 when I had to have an operation for an aneurism in my stomach. As I lay on the operating table with these large TV screens above me I just kept talking to Jesus in my own words. I felt totally at peace and a complete absence of fear. I felt that this is where Jesus wants me to be at this time.

The operation was a complete success and I firmly believe that this was because I had become closer to Jesus through this apostolate. He tells in His promise to lay apostles:

That He will defend and protect us and we will know peace as only heaven can bestow peace on a soul.

Over the last two years I've come to know this peace and calm in many situations. Jesus will reward you. You have only to say "yes" to Him.

Together, our allegiance prayers and our willingness to present ourselves for service each day give heaven a powerful force with which to push God's healing renewal into the world.

I think next year we can anticipate more failures and more triumphs. We can anticipate old crosses, new crosses, and opportunities to assist others with their crosses. This is life and it is the life Jesus has willed for us. In the midst of our living out the next year of our life, if, in fact God wills that we remain on earth for another year, we will, all together, pledge our allegiance to the Father each day. And next January, when we again look back, I believe we will all be a little holier, just as I pray we are all a little holier now than we were last year. If this is how it goes, my friends, it is good.

We must have complete confidence that we will have all that we need to cope with anything that comes our way. Our confidence comes, not from our trust in ourselves but from our trust in our beautiful Father, God.

With love and prayers,

Anne, a lay apostle

Promise from Jesus to His Lay Apostles

May 12, 2005

Your message to souls remains constant. Welcome each soul to the rescue mission. You may assure each lay apostle that just as they concern themselves with My interests, I will concern Myself with theirs. They will be placed in My Sacred Heart and I will defend and protect them. I will also pursue complete conversion of each of their loved ones. So you see, the souls who serve in this rescue mission as My beloved lay apostles will know peace. The world cannot make this promise, as only heaven can bestow peace on a soul. This is truly heaven's mission and I call every one of heaven's children to assist Me. You will be well rewarded, My dear ones.

Recent Monthly Messages

As given to Anne, a lay apostle

February 1, 2008

Jesus

My friend, heaven has accomplished many things with your service to the kingdom. Shall I tell you what we are achieving together? First of all, we have increased your holiness. It is true, dear apostle. With your cooperation, I have been able to advance you in virtue. Consider where you were in the holiness walk when you first committed to serving as My apostle. Consider where you are now. You will see that you have advanced, even though you also see that you have additional work to do in this regard. I want you to understand, though, that progress has been made so that you will rejoice and have hope for additional progress. This is good for you and good for heaven. Next, your service to the kingdom has been used to bring light to other souls. Think for a moment. Is it not true that you have tried to treat others more like I treated others? Is it not true that there have been times when you returned love for hostility? Have you not discovered that you view even your enemies with greater compassion? Think, dear apostles. Have you shared My merciful message with others? Have they benefited? Without your cooperation, this could not have happened. Yes, many have benefited because you have chosen to serve Me. Would you like to know of another result of your service? Heaven, as you know, is filled with perfect love and comfort. I love all of humanity, of course, but not everyone returns My love. Because of your cooperation, I, Jesus Christ, have received a greater amount of love and comfort from your world. You, in your determination to serve Me, have bestowed upon Me the greatest consolations. The light from your willingness to serve as I wish you to serve has given Me comfort in a time when My heart aches with loneliness for so many. You have truly become My friend and I hold you in My heart most protectively. All of the intentions in your heart now move to the regular beating of My heart. I will not abandon you and I will not abandon your intentions. Together, we will see to each one of them. The loyalty you feel for your loved ones is shared by Me in that your holy desires become personal to Me as they are personal to you. Just as you are determined that your loved ones be healed, so I am determined that your loved ones be healed. These are joint projects embarked upon by the Savior and His beloved apostle. You are never alone

in your concerns or your crosses. I thank you for helping heaven to accomplish so much and I will reward you, in part, by keeping the promise I have made to seek conversion of all of those dear to you. Be at peace in every trial, please, because I am with you.

January 1, 2008

Jesus

I am always with you, dear apostles. You move through your days of service learning greater and greater lessons in holiness. I am the teacher. When you offer Me your day, you pledge to remain with Me throughout it. This in no way diminishes the need for you to experience your humanity with all of its joys and sorrows. On the contrary, it is through your daily joys and sorrows that you are learning the lessons of love. You might think that your cross is heavy and perhaps in truth the cross that you carry is heavy. You might think that you would proceed more easily or more swiftly without the cross. This is possible, My friends, but to what purpose? Surely, I, Jesus Christ, could have advanced more quickly and comfortably to Calvary without the jeering of the crowds, the physical infirmities or the weight of the cross. This is an obvious statement. But you were destined to be saved by My Passion. The whole world benefited by My decision to accept God's will, which included suffering. In the same way, the world is benefiting from your decision to accept the crosses in your life. You offer Me your day. This is such a simple thing from the eyes of the world and yet, from the eyes of heaven, this is a very large offering indeed. Do not be afraid of the cross in each day. Do not think that your cross will interfere with the plan that I have for you. The truth is the opposite. The plan that I have for you includes suffering, and your holiness will increase because of your crosses. I do not rejoice in the suffering of My friends. No, I do not. I do rejoice in the willingness of My friends to suffer, for Me and with Me. This will never change. My gratitude toward each of My beloved apostles increases as each day's commitment flows into the past. A stream of allegiance pledges trail behind you as you proceed into tomorrow. Be at peace in your crosses, I beg you, because your crosses benefit you in ways that you cannot understand. It must be enough for you that the Savior understands. If you are weary, do not be afraid. You will have what you require to cope and I will

sustain you. I was weary, also. If you falter, do not be discouraged. I faltered, also, and I will lift you back to your feet. There are no circumstances that should cause you to be anxious because just as you pledge your allegiance to the Father, I, the Savior, pledge My allegiance to you. I will take care of you, My beloved ones. You will not be abandoned

December 1, 2007

Jesus

We are a faith of waiting. You wait for Me to return to the world and I wait for souls to return to Me. You feel a longing for Me and for goodness that causes you pain at times. I feel a similar longing for souls in the world who have rejected Me and so suffer the pain of separation from Me. How they hurt. How their wounds disturb them and cause them to hurt others. My heart sighs with loneliness for them. I ache to comfort them and console them. I long to heal their wounds. You, My beloved apostles, comfort Me in this grief by sharing this experience with Me. I am comforted by your fidelity to Me which is reflected in your fidelity to the cause of your brothers and sisters. As I wait, so do you wait and as I suffer, so do you suffer. I speak to you today, though, to remind you of something. As I rejoice, so should you rejoice. Rejoice with Me at the return of many souls just as perhaps others rejoiced at your return. Rejoice with Me at the healing of many souls, just as perhaps others rejoiced at your healing. You will rejoice that others return to Me through your consistent and humble service. We are a faith of waiting, it is true, but we are also a faith of rejoicing. The Father's goodness spreads out over the earth in this time in waves of kindness and benevolence. You, My beloved apostles, gently push these waves out with your commitment to My service. The great mercy of the Father draws souls to My heart, the heart that burns steadily, a furnace of divine compassion and love. We are waiting, yes. But while we are waiting, we are preparing. You prepare to receive your King and I prepare to receive the fruits of your service. Be at peace, My beloved friends. We serve together, we suffer together, and we rejoice together. Be assured that you are loved and that your loneliness is temporary. I am returning.



Heaven Speaks to THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM FINANCIAL NEED

December 17, 2006

Jesus

I speak today with such love in My heart. There are those among you who suffer from financial need. You do not have enough money to sustain your family. Perhaps you do not have what you need to buy food or to pay for your shelter needs. My friends, you are not forgotten. Heaven will not abandon you. I see your distress and recognize your need. I want to ask you to look at your situation fearlessly. Ask yourself if you are in real danger of going without food. Are you in real danger of losing your place of shelter? Consider these two things as your basic needs. I am asking that you begin to think of your time on earth differently. Consider exactly what your body needs to continue in service to Me. Some of My children on earth have been blessed with great abundance. In some cases this great abundance has created a craving for more that is undermining heaven's goals for the soul. Additionally, this craving for more has become a distraction, diverting some of God's children from the task of growing in holiness. My beloved ones, if this describes you, if you routinely have enough food to eat and a safe

place to rest, yet you continue to worry about money, then you must change your standard immediately. What will you do when it comes time to leave all of this? Will you object when Jesus does not supply you with these extra things in heaven? You may not want to come to heaven because there is no excess of material goods here. This is silly, of course, and I am being playful with you but please try to understand My point. Excessive material goods are a distraction. If you have financial needs that can be rectified by cutting back on your standard of living, do so at once. I will help you and I promise you this today because this is very important for you and for your family. I am asking all to reconsider their needs and use less when possible.

For those who cannot sustain basic food and shelter needs, I have something else to say. You are loved. You should ask Me to send help and I will begin to do so at once. My beloved children, I did not create you to go hungry. I did not create you to sleep in circumstances that prevent safety. I want you to know that during My time on earth, I often experienced hunger. I very often did not have a place to rest My head. Indeed, I was born into poverty and I understand poverty of the physical type. I want you to know something today. Financial poverty, physical need, does not equal spiritual poverty, meaning spiritual need. I am saying that you can be far wealthier than any king or queen, even if you are the poorest of the poor. Perhaps you are hungry more than you are fed. Perhaps you have no home. My beloved child, you will have a beautiful home here in heaven and in it you will entertain your loved ones with great bounty. You will have enough of everything in heaven and you will be treated as a royal personage by Me, your Jesus. Your time of poverty on earth prepares you for a time of great wealth in heaven. You must accept your circumstances in peace, even while you try to change these circumstances. I will not accept that you did

not want to work to support yourself or your family. That is not an acceptable reason to suffer need. I want you to try to sustain yourself and those for whom you are responsible. But if, through no fault of your own you suffer poverty, I assure you today that if you accept this in peace I will reward you beyond your furthest imagining. In places where people are poor, I am there with My greatest graces. Dear beloved ones, believe Me today when I tell you that people who come to heaven do not regret anything they suffered on earth. Rest in this thought. You will not regret your sufferings. You will only regret the times you failed to love. Ask Me for help and I will help you. Be at peace. You have not been abandoned.

St. Augustine

Dear brothers and sisters, we in heaven remember being on earth. We remember having great wants and suffering from poverty. Some of God's saints were wealthy on earth, of course, but many were not. The time in which you live is a time of great abundance for some. It would make God happy if this abundance were shared so that few experienced hunger that resulted in disease and death. There will always be poor people, it is true, but this fact does not excuse anyone from failing to assist them. If you are wealthy, you may say, "What can I do?" I will answer you today. Give. Give often and give more. Work for others with your power and influence. Spread holy principles of responsible use of material and financial wealth. Also, deprive yourself of something. Sacrifice. Perhaps you are in a situation where you were accustomed to a high standard of living and now you find that you have had to reduce your standard. Praise God for this. Rejoice because in this circumstance you will learn many things. You will learn to trust God. You will learn to have compassion for others. You will learn that not everything has to do with bodily comfort.

In looking back at my time of service on earth, I am aware that the time of greatest growth

for me was the time when I suffered. This is basic spirituality, of course, in that it is hard to become holy if you never deny yourself. In order to become holy you must take up your cross. This cross can come in many forms and the best response to the cross is always to pick it up and walk with it. Move. Do not lament that the cross has been placed on your doorstep. Accept the cross as coming from heaven and, putting one foot in front of the other, climb the mountain toward Jesus. There are always those who suffer more than you and there will always be those who suffer less. Do not let poverty make you bitter. To do so would be to reject God's generous offer of holiness. During this time, many are suffering from financial difficulties. Is heaven any less present? This is the same as in many periods of history. Be at peace in all circumstances around you and you will find that God gives you what you need to serve Him in each day. If you are hungry, offer this to God, even while asking Him to provide you with more food. God will make you a saint quickly in these circumstances and you will experience spiritual richness. If you have enough and you are not hungry, deny yourself food periodically. Simply do not eat for a day and offer your hunger to God so that He can take your little sacrifice and obtain graces with which to feed others. Heaven will help you to understand God's will in either situation, either poverty or affluence.

St. Augustine

In a world where many have rejected God, it is necessary for many to learn about trust. Reliance on God is something that liberates a person. God can teach this lesson by withdrawing financial security. If you have lost your financial security and you are fearful, talk to God. Tell Him your fears. Tell Him about your obligations, particularly those you find you cannot meet. God will help you. There is no shame in not having enough money. Jesus Himself seldom had money. Did people look down on Him? Yes, they did. Did people have to take care of Him? Yes, they did, and they are being eternally rewarded for doing so. If you find that others have to help you, accept this with grace. Perhaps this is painful for you. Perhaps you find it humiliating. I understand. I am with you in this humiliation. Humiliation brings humility, though, and while I know the humiliation part is difficult, the humility part is heavenly and makes you open to God's love in a way that delights heaven. If others have to care for you, sharing their food, shelter, time or wealth with you, accept this in peace.

You may not have anything with which to reward them but God has all of infinity to bless them for their kindness to you. Indeed, your situation may be the best opportunity these people have to obtain holiness. Here is a snare. Do not become angry at the ones who help you, even if they give with superiority. If your circumstances make them feel superior, then they are in greater trouble than you and they have their own lessons to learn. You must pray for them and concentrate on the lessons God is teaching you today. Accept the help of others as though it were directly from the hand of God. You are in financial trouble. You pray. God sends help. Be grateful to Him and rejoice. Do not criticize the manner in which God sends the help. That is like being on a road walking, certain that you cannot continue as you are too tired. You have miles to go. A car comes along and offers you transport. You get into the car and begin to criticize the color of the seats. Would you not shake your head at this foolishness? Would you laugh at the ridiculousness? Would you feel sad for the one who offered his help, only to be mocked and ridiculed by a mean-spirited one? Be loving. Look with favor on those whom God sends to assist you.

St. Augustine

Dear friends, we in heaven see your needs. We hear your prayers. Come to God with everything. Be at peace in everything. Be like trusting children who know that their father will provide for them when the time is right. You will not regret trusting God. Trusting the Father becomes a habit and it will serve you well in every area of your life. Perhaps you have enough money and you always have had enough money. You, even more than a poverty-stricken one, must learn trust because there is a temptation when you are wealthy to rely on your wealth to protect you. Such folly. Such perilous folly is this. Truly, this is living in a house with no foundation. All may be well when it is sunny but in life storms must be expected as they come with regularity. An abundance of material wealth makes it even more imperative that you learn to rely only on God. Ask me for help with this and I will teach you everything I know about trusting God.

If you fear for the financial protection of your family, ask me to intercede for you. Jesus has the greatest tenderness for the poor because He Himself was poor. Jesus understands that you worry about providing for your children and taking care of each other. Jesus accepts that this desire to provide for your loved ones is a holy inspiration that comes from Him. He will reward this by giving

you all possible assistance. Do not think that you are working outside of God's will if you strive to protect your family financially.

Also, do not be afraid that God will punish you if you are wealthy. God Himself has allowed you to be wealthy but God did not allow your wealth simply for your personal comfort. God allowed wealth for you so that you could steward this wealth in such a way that God could assist others through you. You will want to allow God to do this with freedom, which means you need to be praying for God's direction at all times.

Be at peace in all circumstances. God loves His children and you will not be abandoned. We, the saints in heaven, will assist you to find the right answers to all of your financial difficulties. There will come a day when you finish your life and all of these problems will cease. On that day, I, Augustine, will be waiting for you so that I can congratulate you on the holy way in which you faced your financial circumstances.

Blessed Mother

My dear child, I am with you. There is a holy way to conduct yourself in your situation. If you pray, you will know which is the holy way that leads to my Son. I will protect you from choosing an unholy way that leads away from my Son. You see, my child, in everything you face there is opportunity for holiness. Heaven can use your day to move our goals forward if you are the poorest of the poor or the richest of the rich. All we need is your "yes" to Jesus. Say "yes" to my Son. Accept any crosses you have. We will help you to provide for your family. We will help you to have peace in any suffering. You will not be abandoned. I am a mother and I had many worries because of our lack of means. Many people assisted my little family. My gratitude for the generosity of others is still with me and God's gratitude for their generosity is still with them. Do you see? If you help others you will be rewarded for eternity. If you accept the help of others with dignity, you will become holy and set an example of dignified suffering. Beloved ones, I promise you that you will have what you need to become holy. Do not think that heaven abandons you with financial problems. Heaven helps in these matters as much as heaven helps in spiritual matters because we understand that all that happens in your life shapes your spirituality. Walk each day with heaven and you will see our help. I am your mother and I will not abandon you to these troubles. I will give you peace in all of your troubles.

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