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THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS UNENDING GIFTS



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GIFT OF FAITH

The First Vatican Council taught that it is the Holy Spirit who "makes it easy for all to accept and believe the truth." In other words, faith is a gift. The Second Vatican Council put it even more strongly: "Human beings must have the grace of God, the interior helps of the Holy Spirit, to move and assist them, before they can exercise faith" (Dei Verbum, no.5).

Faith in a loving God and in His plan for us, faith in the Lordship of Jesus, faith in the Cross, faith in the role of the Church and of Mary are all gifts, the working of the Holy Spirit, enabling us to be "convinced of things not seen" and to be "assured of what we hope for."

The Holy Spirit can never "force" His gifts upon us if we are unwilling.

SOME MUST SEE TO BELIEVE

The Apostle Thomas was taught this in a dramatic fashion. His reply to his companions who had seen the Risen Lord was, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails...I will not believe." Eight days later Jesus said to him, "Put your finger here...do not be faithless but believing." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (Jn20:24-29)

TRUE FAITH

True faith means acting in response to the authentic Word of God, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

The lives of the saints provide us with innumerable examples of authentic faith. It was Peter's strong faith which, in spite of his weaknesses and sins, made him climb out of the boat and walk on the water to Jesus.

It was St. Francis Xavier's strong faith that made him tirelessly undertake primitive and difficult travel from Europe to India to Japan for the sake of the Gospel. It was Pope John XXIII's strong faith that made him convoke the Second Vatican Council and pray for a new Pentecost in our day. And each of us will know among our own circle of parents, friends, neighbors, teachers and leaders, some people of great faith who have influenced us. Truly, "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" of faith (Heb 12:1).

GIFT OF PRAYER

The Holy Spirit is the gift that comes into our hearts together with prayer. In prayer He manifests Himself first of all and above all as the gift that "helps us in our weakness".

This is the magnificent thought developed by St. Paul in the Letter to the Romans, when he writes: "For we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Holy Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words" (Rom 8:26).

Therefore, the Holy Spirit not only enables us to pray, but guides us from within in prayer: He is present in our prayer and gives it a divine dimension.

GIFT OF PEACE

"Your thoughts should be wholly directed to all that is true..., all that is honest, pure, admirable, decent, virtuous, or worthy of praise. ...Then will the God of peace (The Holy Spirit) be with you."

(PHILIPPIANS 4:8&9)

The Holy Spirit plays a key role in returning peace to our hearts. As our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, pointed out, "It is the Spirit of God especially that makes us aware of evil in the world and strengthens us in order that we may be able to deal with that evil in such a way that we are the victors and that evil might be dispelled. It is especially through the Holy Spirit that God overcomes the evil of the world. The Holy Spirit comes as the truth that overcomes all falsehood and the love that overcomes all hatred. That is the God who dwells within us, the God of Truth and the God of Love."

GIFT OF STRENGTH

The Holy Spirit gives this gift of strength to become fully alive in God's unending love, to live that same love and boldly acclaim it to others.

Holy Spirit, Creator, mercifully assist Your Catholic Church, and by Your heavenly power strengthen and establish her against the assaults of all her enemies. By Your love and grace renew the spirit of Your servants whom You have chosen, that in You they may glorify the Father and His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GIFTS OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus, before ascending into Heaven You promised to send the Holy Spirit — to finish Your work — in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples.

Grant the same Holy Spirit to me— that He may perfect in my soul — the work of His grace and His love.

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom — that I may not be attached to the perishable things of this world — but aspire only after the things — that are eternal.

Grant me the Spirit of Understanding — to enlighten my mind — with the light of Your divine truth— the Spirit of Counsel —that I may ever choose — the surest way of pleasing God — and gaining Heaven — the Spirit of Fortitude — that I may bear my cross — and that I may overcome with courage — all the obstacles that oppose my sanctification — the Spirit of Knowledge —that I may know God and know myself —and grow perfect in the image of the Saints.

Grant me the Spirit of Piety — that I may find the service of God sweet and enjoy showing Your goodness to others, the Spirit of Fear — that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may avoid anything that may displease Him. Mark me, dear Holy Spirit— with the sign of a true apostle — and make me alive with Your Spirit in all things .

Amen.

GIFT OF UNITY

One only Holy Spirit of Father and Son in whom all are baptized, one Giver of many gifts, one Tree of many fruits, one Speaker of every tongue, renew in our day the wonders of Pentecost. Grant that people of every race and nation may understand one another, and as one, proclaim the praises of God. Grant that all may be one as You, Spirit, with the Father and the Son are one God, one Lord. Grant unity to the Body of Christ: Grant unity to the human family. Sole breath of every living thing, may all be one who, in You, live and move and have their being.

THE GIFTS OF THE FRUITS

By the power of the Holy Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear "The fruit of the Holy Spirit:...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

Gal. 5:22-23

The beautiful fruits of the Holy Spirit help us discern whether the Holy Spirit dominates or whether we are still allowing the world, the flesh, or the devil to dominate. To grow in the fruits of the Spirit is to grow spiritually through a rich relationship with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

THE GIFTS OF LOVE

733 "God is Love"¹²⁴and love is his first gift, containing all others. "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."¹²⁵

734 Because we are dead or at least wounded through sin, the first effect of the gift of love is the forgiveness of our sins. The communion of the Holy Spirit¹²⁶in the Church restores to the baptized the divine likeness lost through sin.

GIFT OF SCRIPTURE

81 "*Sacred Scripture* is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit."⁴²

113 "And [Holy] *Tradition* transmits in its entirety the World of God which has been entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit. It transmits it to the successors of the apostles so that, enlightened by the Spirit of truth, they may faithfully preserve, expound, and spread it abroad by their preaching."⁴³

82 As a result the Church, to whom the transmission and interpretation of Revelation is entrusted, "does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence."⁴⁴

-From *Catechism of The Catholic Church*

GIFT OF TRUTH

FIND IT - LIVE IT -SPEAK IT

Christ came into the world “To bear witness to the truth”. In today’s world we are all victims of falsehood. The Holy Spirit guides us in finding the truth.

FIND IT

2465 The Old Testament attests that God is the source of all truth. His Word is truth. His Law is truth. His “faithfulness endures to all generations.”²⁵⁴

Since God is “true,” the members of his people are called to live in the truth.²⁵⁵

LIVE IT

2466 In Jesus Christ, the whole of God’s truth has been made manifest. “Full of grace and truth,” he came as the “light of the world,” he is the Truth.²⁵⁶ “Whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.”²⁵⁷ The disciple of Jesus continues in his word so as to know the truth [that] will make you free” and that sanctifies.²⁵⁸ To follow Jesus is to live in “the Spirit of truth,” whom the Father sends in his name and who leads “into all the truth.”²⁵⁹ To his disciples Jesus teaches the unconditional love of truth: “Let what you say be simply Yes or No.”²⁶⁰

SPEAK IT

2471 Before Pilate, Christ proclaims that he “has come into the world, to bear witness to the truth.”²⁶⁵ The Christian is not to “be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord.”²⁶⁶ In situations that require witness to the faith, the Christian must profess it without equivocation, after the example of St. Paul before his judges. We must keep “a clear conscience toward God and toward men.”²⁶⁷

GIFT OF GRACE

2003 Grace is first and foremost the gift of the Spirit who justifies and sanctifies us. But grace also includes the gifts that the Spirit grants us to associate us with his work, to enable us to collaborate in the salvation of others and in the growth of the Body of Christ, the Church. There are *sacramental graces*, gifts proper to the different sacraments. There are furthermore *special graces*, also called *charisms* after the Greek term used by St. Paul and meaning “favor,” “gratuitous gift.” “benefit.”⁵³ Whatever their character - some-times it is extraordinary, such as the gift of miracles or of tongues - charisms are oriented toward sanctifying grace and are intended for the common good of the Church. They are at the service of charity which builds up the Church.⁵⁴

-From *Catechism of The Catholic Church*

GIFT OF HOPE

THE HOLY SPIRIT GOD OF HOPE

Jesus gave us the great gift of the Holy Spirit to enable us to lead the life that He taught us. This gives us hope. To prepare for the future.

There is... a need for a better appreciation and understanding of the signs of hope present in the last part of the 20th century, even though they often remain hidden from our eyes. In general, such signs of hope include scientific, technological, and especially medical progress in the service of human life; a greater awareness of our responsibility for the environment; efforts to restore peace and justice wherever they have been violated; a desire for reconciliation and solidarity among different peoples, particularly in the complex relationship between the north and south of the world.

THE GREATEST GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Greatest gift which the Holy Spirit imparts to the soul is **Sanctifying Grace**, a gift so sublime, so precious and Divine that it surpasses comprehension. It gives to the soul a resemblance to God, corresponding to His infinite sanctity, and imprints upon it the supernatural likeness of God. Through grace, the soul is clothed in such heavenly beauty that, in comparison, all earthly beauty seems vile.

The value of Sanctifying Grace cannot be expressed. St. Thomas Aquinas says, “The least grace outweighs all the riches of this world.” This is astonishing. We cannot comprehend it. Yet it is so and it can be thus explained:

Whosoever has the lowest degree of Sanctifying Grace is a friend of God. If he dies in this Grace he will be happy forever in Heaven. God will give him a palace of inestimable worth, will make him a prince of the heavenly kingdom and will give Himself to him as his eternal reward. Now since all the treasures of Heaven and earth are comprised in God, and God is of infinitely greater value than anything created, it follows that if man receives God Himself as a reward for Sanctifying Grace, he must have gained infinitely more than all the treasures of the world.



Prayers to the Holy Spirit

“Come, Holy Spirit”



Give Us Love

Holy Spirit, Love's own Fire,
fill our hearts with
love of God and neighbor.
Without that twofold love,
we cannot be pleasing to you;
without it no other gift avails.

Give us a love which is patient, kind,
never jealous, boastful or conceited;
a love which does not seek its own,
is not easily provoked, thinks no evil,
does not rejoice at the injury done to another,
but delights in the truth.

Give us a love which bears all things,
believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things.

Give us faith and hope;
but above all and in all, give us love.

Cf. 1 Corinthians 13



FOR THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Holy Spirit source of every good and perfect gift,
enrich our hearts with the consoling light of Your sevenfold grace. Yes, Spirit of love and gentleness, most humbly do we implore Your assistance! You know our faults, our failings, our necessities, the dullness of our understanding, the waywardness of our affections and weakness of our will. Therefore, when we neglect to practice what we know, do visit us, we ask You, with Your grace. Enlighten our minds, O Holy Spirit; purify our desires; correct our wanderings and pardon our omissions, so that by Your guidance, we may live in good conscience and eventually reach the heaven of eternal peace.

The Holy Spirit is the gift of the risen Christ and his loving Father. Through him we pray to the Father and share in the fruits of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the inspirer of all prayer. He is united with us in every thought, word and action which we offer to the Father so that the life of the risen Christ is always at work in us through his inspiration.

FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.
Let us pray.

O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. **Amen.**



“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love”.

Come, Holy Spirit, creator, come from your bright heavenly throne, come, take possession of our souls, and make them all your own.

You who art called the Paraclete, best gift of God above, the living spring, the living fire, sweet unction and true love.

You who art sevenfold in your grace, finger of God's right hand; his promise, teaching little ones to speak and understand.

O guide our minds with your blest light, with love our hearts inflame; and with your strength, which ne'er decays, confirm our mortal flame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe; true peace unto us bring; and through all perils lead us safe beneath your sacred wing.

All glory to the Father be, with his co-equal Son; the same to you, great Paraclete while endless ages run.

A HEART WARMING STORY

“Tomorrow morning,” the surgeon began, “I’ll open up your heart...”

“You’ll find Jesus there,” the boy interrupted.

The surgeon looked up, annoyed “I’ll cut your heart open,” he continued, “to see how much damage has been done.”

“But when you open up my heart you’ll find Jesus in there,” said the boy.

The surgeon looked up to the parents who sat quietly. “When I see how much damage has been done, I’ll sew your heart and chest back up, and I’ll plan what to do next.”

“But you’ll find Jesus in my heart.” The Bible says He lives there. The hymns all say He lives there. “You’ll find Him in my heart.”

The surgeon had had enough. “I’ll tell you what I find in your heart. I’ll find damaged muscle, low blood supply and weakened vessels. And I’ll find out if I can make you well.” “You’ll find Jesus there too. He lives there.”

The surgeon left.

The surgeon sat in his office, recording the notes from the surgery, “...damaged aorta, damaged pulmonary vein, widespread muscle degeneration. No hope for transplant, no hope for cure. Therapy: painkillers and bed rest. Prognosis,” here he paused, “death within a year.”

He stopped the recorder, but there was more to be said “Why?” he asked aloud. “Why did you do this? You’ve put him here; You’ve put him in this pain; and You’ve cursed him to an early death. Why?”

The Lord answered and said. “The boy, My Lamb, was not meant for your flock for long, for he is part of My flock, and will forever be.

“Here in My flock, he will feel no pain, and will be comforted as you cannot imagine.

His parents will one day join him here, and they will know peace, and my flock will continue to grow.”

The surgeon’s tears were hot, but there was something that needed to be said. “You created that heart, He’ll be dead in months. Why?”

The Lord answered, “The boy, My lamb shall return to My flock, for He has done his duty; I did not put My lamb with your flock to lose him, but to retrieve another lost lamb”

The surgeon wept. The surgeon sat beside the boy’s bed; the boy’s parents sat across from him. The boy awoke and whispered, “Did you cut open my heart?”

“Yes” said the surgeon

“What did you find?” asked the boy.

“I found Jesus there,” said the surgeon.

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ST. FRANCES DE SALES

St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622) was a bishop of Geneva. He is known for his writings on spiritual direction and spiritual formation. In the 19th century numerous religious institutes were founded for men and women desiring to live out his vision of spirituality. These included the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. In 1923, Pope Pius XI proclaimed him a patron of writers and journalists.





“When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved, he said to his mother: “Woman, behold, your son.”

Then He said to the disciple: “Behold your Mother”. And from that hour the disciple gave her into his home”

*(Gospel according to John, 19,26-27)**

Today, Jesus turns His loving eyes to you and invites you to experience an extraordinary moment out of which incomparable and unimaginable graces will pour into your life.

This is the moment when you encounter His Mother, known by thousands of Her children under the title of Our Lady Undoer of Knots, and welcome Her into your life from this day forward.

Look upon Her resplendent triumphant beauty, full of tenderness. See Her as She comes to meet you, Her heart overflowing with love for you as She tells you that it is Her desire to be with you, at your side, to undo the knots which exist in your life that render you so unhappy. She is your Mother, and She will wipe away your tears.

As Consoler and Mother of the Rising Sun, She comes bringing hope into your life, for in Her hands, there is no knot that cannot be undone. As Queen of Heaven and Earth, all evil that exists in your life will be crushed under Her feet.

What more can you ask?

Allow Her to embrace you... Embrace Her...

Get to know the one who will bring back your smile for She is the one who can undo the knots at the root of your great sadness and bitterness.

But what are these knots?

They are the knots of problems and difficulties that we have carried with us throughout all our lives. Our Lady wishes to undo them for us, for without Her assistance we are unable to do so. They are knots of family disputes, lack of understanding between parents and children, lack of respect, and violence; knots of profound resentments existing between spouses, and the lack of peace and joy within families.

Knots of anguish and despair as a result of marital separation, knots brought about by the drug addiction of a child who is sick and who having left home lives far from the house of God; knots of alcoholism, knots of our own vices and of those whom we love. Knots of rancor and resentment which torture our hearts, feelings of guilt caused by having had an abortion, illnesses that never heal, knots of depression, unemployment, fear, and loneliness..., knots of disbelief and pride..., the knots of a life of sin, and knots of sadness.

Oh, the knots in our lives! How they weigh down our souls, crushing us and robbing us of joy even to the point that we no longer wish to live. The knots that keep us far from God, chaining our arms and legs, our faith and our entire well-being, and prevent us from throwing ourselves, child-like, into the arms of God to give Him thanks.

Our Lady Undoer of Knots desires all this to stop. She comes to you today so that you will place these knots into Her capable hands so that She can undo them one by one.

CHANGE THE WORLD

CONSIDER PRIESTHOOD

COMMIT YOUR LIFE TO
BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS
AND JESUS TO PEOPLE.

WHY PRIESTHOOD?

God made you for a unique purpose. Even before you were born, he knew your vocation, your mission in life. And if you are a faithful Catholic man, God may be calling you for a higher purpose—to become a Catholic priest.

Priests have a critical mission: to bring people to Jesus and Jesus to people. They are spiritual fathers to thousands of Catholics. They preach the Gospel and offer the sacrifice of the Mass. In short, priests are living witnesses of Christ in the world—men of strong character who stand out in our secular culture.

In Persona Christi

Priests act *in persona Christi capitis*, which means “in the person of Christ, head of the Church.” That’s why the priest speaks in the first person at Mass: “This is *my* body, given up for you.”

A good priest is a spiritual hero, a man who sacrifices himself for the people of God. *Is Jesus calling you to be his priest?*

DISCERNMENT

Pray Daily

To discern your vocation, be faithful to daily prayer. Try to attend daily Mass if possible.

Read Scripture

Prayerfully reading scripture can spark profound conversation between you and the Lord. Try Matthew 19:16-30, John 1:35-51, and Luke 14:25-33.

Seek Counsel

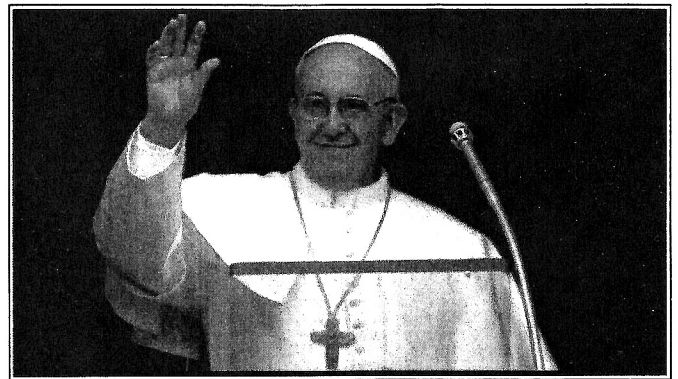
Find a priest you trust and talk to him about your spiritual life and your attraction to the vocation of priesthood.

Pray for Courage

Considering a celibate life is difficult because our nature draws us toward family life. Give your concerns about celibacy to the Lord. With God’s help, your discernment will be much more peaceful.

Make a Move

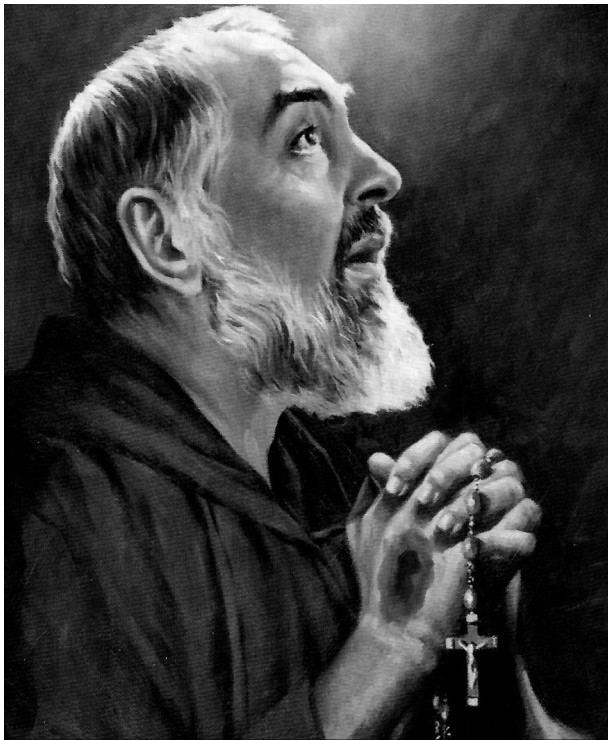
When the time comes, you must make a prayerful decision. If the Lord is calling you to the priesthood, do not delay! Trust in his love for you—then *act*.



“**W**e Christians were not chosen by the Lord for small things; push onwards toward the highest principles. Stake your lives on noble ideals!” ~Pope Francis, *World Youth Day*

“**T**he faithful expect only one thing from priests: that they be specialists in promoting the encounter between man and God. The priest is not asked to be an expert in economics, construction, or politics. He is expected to be an expert in the spiritual life.”

~ Pope Benedict XVI



*Pray, hope and
don't worry.
Prayer is the key to
God's heart."*

Saint Pio

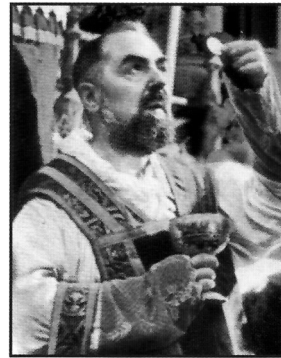
Stay with me, Lord

Prayer after Communion by *Saint Pio of Pietrelcina*

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You I am without meaning and hope.



Stay with me, Jesus. I do not ask for divine consolations because I do not deserve them, but I only ask for the gift of Your presence. Oh yes! I ask this of You!

Stay with me, Lord, for I seek You alone, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and I ask for no other reward but to love You more and more, with a strong and active love.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I wish it to be a place of consolation for You, a dwelling of Your love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late; the days are coming to a close and life is passing. Death, judgment and eternity are drawing near. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way, and for that I need You. It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need you, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Stay with me, Jesus, because in the darkness of this life, with all its dangers, I need You.

Help me to recognize You as Your disciples did at the Breaking of the Bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the light which disperses the darkness, the power which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death I want to be one with You, and if not by Communion, at least by Your grace and love.

**ONE CANDLE
MAY LIGHT A THOUSAND**

**When you are finished with
your Bulletin pass it on.**



FROM THE COUNTRIES

China—China’s two-child policy has done nothing to stop forced abortions, according to an anonymous source in China, who went into hiding following the birth of his third child. “The local government carries out pregnancy examinations every three months. If we weren’t in hiding, they would have forced us to have an abortion,” he said during a phone call with BBC reporter John Sudworth.

Sudworth sought to investigate the claim. Visiting a family planning center in Eastern China, Sudworth asked the family planning officials whether or not forced abortions ever took place in the operating rooms, the official replied, “very few” but that it had been some “ten years” since any had taken place. Yet, the one-child policy prevented over 400 million births from 1979 to 2015.

Sudworth then had a female colleague call Chinese family planning centers pretending to inquire about her fate were she to turn herself in for the hypothetical crime of being pregnant with her third child. One official responded, “We’ll definitely find you and persuade you to do an abortion.” Another guaranteed that she would also face a heavy fine for having the baby (up to ten times the family’s annual income). When she asked a different family planning official whether or not she could simply have the baby and pay the fine his response was, “No. You just can’t.”

After the investigation, John Sudworth explained that “what we have discovered suggests that the brutal machinery of enforcement is

still in place along with the Chinese state’s insistence on the right of control over women’s wombs.”

Russia—The Russian “For Life!” movement has launched a petition to ban abortion, as well as the morning after pill, in Russia. The petition includes a ban on the morning after pill because the movement considers the pill “legal infanticide.” The petition has received over 300,000 signatures, and has been backed by the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, as well as the Supreme Mufti of Russia Talgat Tadjuddin, and Russia’s Chief Rabbi, Berl Lazar. The effects of abortions in Russia are listed on the petition and include “demographic damage to the nation, damage to women’s health and psyche, as well as ‘the loss of divine blessing’ by the people as a whole which, in turn, could lead to the loss of sovereignty, political and military defeats, and social disasters.” The petition also states that the current laws regarding healthcare in Russia, which includes coverage for abortion, “violates the rights of pro-life citizens who have to pay taxes from which healthcare is funded.” Russia’s deputy Prime Minister for social affairs, Olga Golodets, said that “currently for every 1.9 million newborn babies, Russia has 700,000 abortions” while addressing the Upper House of Parliament on the issue of abortion last autumn. He also stated that the final decision on abortion must be handled so as not to “cause any serious consequences.”

Canada—262 euthanasia deaths were reported for the first seven months that Quebec’s euthanasia law was in effect. Before the law was passed in December 2015, Quebec’s Health Minister had predicted that there would be an estimated 100 deaths in the first year and was reportedly shocked that there were 262 in just the first seven months. Of the 262 deaths, 21 cases failed to comply with the medical assistance in dying regulations. The regulations require that anyone requesting assisted suicide be given permission to do so by the patient’s primary doctor as well as a second physician. This second physician regulation was put in place to ensure objectivity in the final decision.

18 of those 21 cases failed because they did not receive a second, independent opinion. Two of the 21 failed cases failed because the patients were euthanized without proof that they were at the end of life. One failed because it was never proven that the patient was facing a serious and incurable disease. In light of these noncompliance cases, the Health Minister of Quebec is hoping to make “adjustments to simplify the paperwork and ease the obligation of seeking a second opinion from an objective and independent doctor.”

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SACRAMENT OF LOVE



THE POWER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Blessed Mother Teresa Speaks:

I make a Holy Hour each day in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All my sisters of the Missionaries of Charity make a daily Holy Hour as well, because we find that through our daily Holy Hour our love for Jesus becomes more intimate, our love for each other more understanding, and our love for the poor more compassionate. Our Holy Hour is our daily family prayer where we get together and pray the rosary before the exposed Blessed Sacrament the first half hour, and the second half hour we pray in silence. Our adoration has doubled the number of our vocations. In 1963 we were making a weekly Holy Hour together, but it was not until 1973, when we began our daily Holy Hour, that our community started to grow and blossom. there is now a long waiting list of young women waiting to enter.



JESUS WILL BLESS YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND THE WHOLE WORLD FOR THIS HOUR OF FAITH YOU SPEND WITH HIM IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

“Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe...”
 “Faith can move mountains...” “What is needed is trust...” “Behold I come to make all things new.”
 (Jn 20:29; Mk 11:23; Mk 5:36; Rev. 21:5)



Thanksgiving For The Sacrament Of Love

My dear Jesus, I thank you with all my heart for coming to me and nourishing my soul with Your Sacred Body and Most Precious Blood. I thank You for all the graces and blessings I have ever received through the merits of Your sacred passion and through the institution of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. With the help of Your grace, I will endeavor to manifest my gratitude to You by greater devotion to You in the Sacrament of Your Love, by obedience to Your holy commandments, by fidelity to my duties, by kindness to my neighbor, and by an earnest endeavor to become more like You in my daily conduct. Blessed be Your Holy Name! Amen.

OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD IS THE GREATEST TREASURE OF OUR FAITH

The second Vatican Council and all the Popes of this century have frequently stated very emphatically that “the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith as Catholics.” Our Eucharistic Lord is the greatest treasure of our faith. Why? Because it is really Him present in the Eucharist, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity! Though we can see Him only through the eyes of faith, we can see and experience the results of His true presence both interiorly and exteriorly. When we receive our Eucharistic Jesus in Holy Communion we are reformed, transformed and strengthened. We are reformed into true Christian disciples, transformed into His image and strengthened and nourished for our daily walk with Him. We are fed by Jesus in the Sacred Host, He is our “Soul Food”. Just as our bodies need food for energy, so do our souls lest we grow weary from spiritual starvation. **We need Jesus in the Eucharist for our very survival and revival.** When we receive and spend time in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist we are energized and empowered to love and serve God and others.

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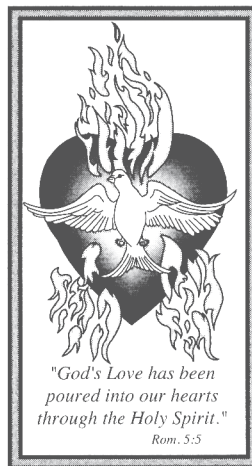
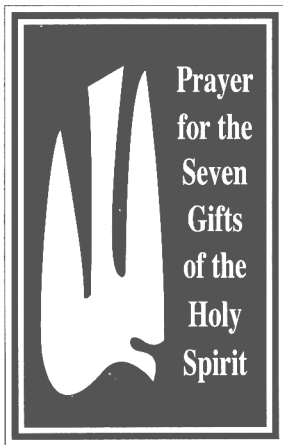
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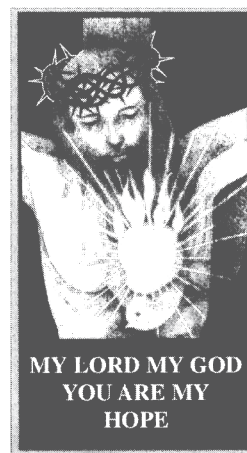
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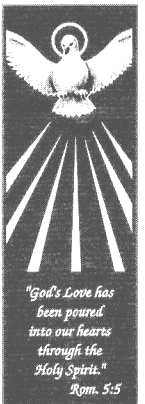
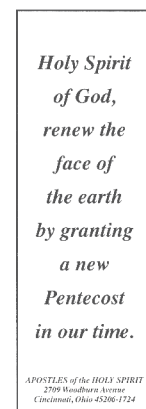
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We offer this material to you free of charge for stuffing your Christmas Cards.

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