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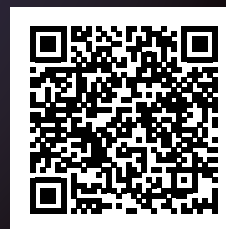
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FROM THE PROVINCIAL



Laudetur Jesus Christus!

The beneficial use of time is one of the larger challenges that we each have. Almighty God gives us a certain number of years, months, and days upon this earth. Are we pleased with the way that we spend it? If not, what can we do to make better use of it? The answer to these questions lies in both having the right attitude and in making the necessary adjustments to our days.

The right attitude means looking at our lives from the proper perspective. We know that we are created to know, love and serve God in order to save our souls and get to Heaven. Our entire life, therefore, should ultimately be lived for the greater glory of God. Does this mean we must be doing something “holy” at every moment? Yes and no. Yes, each moment of our lives should ultimately be lived for God, but no, we don’t have to be actively saying a prayer or doing a work of penance each minute.

To help keep the right attitude, we can consider why our entire life should be lived for God. The answer is very simple: without God we would not and could not exist. He created the universe with its millions of trillions of stars out of nothing, and He also created each one of us individually – creating our immortal soul and joining it to our body. He also keeps us in existence at every moment. He became man in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary and suffered and died on the cross to give us the opportunity to escape hell and spend an eternity of happiness with Him in heaven. In addition, He gave us every good thing we have, both in the orders of nature and grace. Quite simply, we owe God everything and to not live our life for Him is not only a grave injustice on our part, but also frustrates the reason for our existence.

We can keep in mind as well, that if we are in the state of sanctifying grace, everything that isn’t a sin can be offered to God and can, in fact, help us to grow in grace and make reparation for sin. It isn’t difficult to see this when we are making an actual act of a virtue such as saying a prayer, offering something up for a penance, doing one of the corporal or spiritual works of mercy, etc. It can be more difficult to see in other aspects of life like work, eating, exercising and so forth.

The key in this regard is to make certain that we don’t do these activities as an end in themselves or for selfish reasons. They need to be done ultimately for God. If a factory employee spends a tedious day cleaning the floors of the factory, what is his ultimate aim? If it is to collect a paycheck so he can spend the weekend in debauchery, it is bad. If it

is to support himself and his family, it is a naturally good thing. However, if it is for the support of himself and his family because this is God’s will and having the necessities of life will allow them to know, love and serve God, it is a supernaturally good thing. In like matter, if I eat and rest ultimately to take care of the body that God has given me so I can know, love, and serve Him, the eating and resting are “supernaturalized,” so to speak.

We can consider if any adjustments are needed in our lives for the beneficial use of time. One of the most basic things we can do is to be faithful in making a “Morning Offering.” There are different examples available in Catholic prayer books or Catholic resources online. A good offering will include the offering of all one’s words, thoughts, and acts throughout the day to God. We can also renew this at various times in the day, especially before beginning an activity such as using the internet. We can consciously pause and think before beginning an activity – especially leisure activities. If I am going to sit on the couch and relax, am I doing it for the due relaxation of mind and body or am I doing it out of sloth? Perhaps the first minutes are indeed for due relaxation of mind and body – but what about the rest? If I want to watch a movie or enjoy a drink or a dessert, is it for the due relaxation of mind and body, or does it go beyond that and become a self-centered activity that isn’t ultimately aimed at God?

If necessary, we can impose a schedule on ourselves, or at least certain limits on some of our activities. For example, apps can be used to give us an account of the number of minutes we spend each day on our smartphone or computer. If necessary, we can send this information to someone else for accountability. We can set daily goals: so much time for our daily rosary, spiritual reading, mental prayer, family time, work, etc.

With God’s help and the right attitude and adjustments to our daily schedule, we can successfully meet the challenge of beneficially using the time allotted to us by Almighty God. There can be few greater consolations at the end one’s life than knowing one has worked to the best of one’s ability to live each day, even each hour, for God. ✠

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THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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This year marks the 350th anniversary of the conclusion of a series of visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus received by St Margaret-Mary Alacoque between 1673 and 1675 at Paray-le-Monial in Burgundy, France.

Margaret-Mary was born in 1647 into a relatively wealthy and religiously devout family. Her piety was evident from a young age—she had a great love for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and she also had an acute sense of sin and its ugliness. She was attracted to prayer and penance, as well as showing great compassion for the poor. It was as a child that she first felt called to religious life, but the path towards the convent was not without its challenges. She suffered serious illness which prevented her from walking for four years, and she was entrusted to the care of a relative who denied her even basic necessities. These sufferings, however, served to prepare her for the demands of religious life, and they helped her to persevere in her vocation. Her family wished her to enter an Ursuline convent, where a cousin of hers was already a nun. However, Margaret-Mary wished to enter religious life for God alone, rather than on account of her relations. Therefore, she joined the convent of the Visitation Sisters at Paray-le-Monial in 1671, making her solemn profession in November 1672.

It was in the following year—December 1673—that Sr Margaret-Mary was to have her first vision of Our Lord in the convent chapel. While in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lord revealed His Sacred Heart to her, allowing her to “repose upon His Sacred Breast” and disclosed to her “the marvels of His love and the inexplicable secrets of His Sacred Heart”. Our Lord revealed to her His great love for men and His desire that Sr Margaret-Mary would be the unworthy instrument by which that love would be made known in order to save them from perdition. It was during this revelation that Our Lord asked for Sr Margaret-Mary’s heart, which He took and placed within His own heart. When He returned her heart, it was like a burning flame, a token of His love for whom He now called “the beloved disciple of My Sacred Heart”.

During the second revelation in July 1674, Our Lord once again showed Sr Margaret-Mary His Sacred Heart. Although

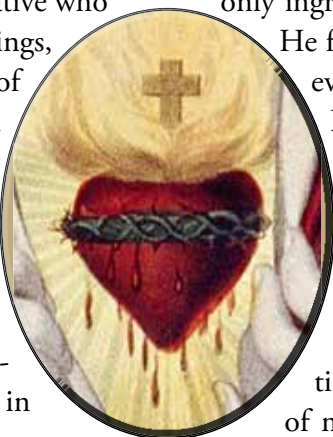
it was “more resplendent than a sun” and as “transparent as crystal”, it was punctured by a crown of thorns and surmounted by a cross, symbolizing His immense love for mankind despite the wounds which would be inflicted on His heart by sin, ingratitude and indifference. It was during this revelation that Our Lord promised to pour out the abundant graces of His Sacred Heart upon all those who honor His Heart, particularly through the image of the Sacred Heart.

The third revelation, which probably also occurred in 1674, was when Our Lord revealed His desire for the First Friday devotions in order to make reparation for the coldness and ingratitude of men. He showed Sr Margaret-Mary the lavishness of His love for mankind, “from whom He received only ingratitude and contempt”. Our Lord revealed that He felt man’s response to His love more keenly than everything He had suffered during His passion. He asked Sr Margaret-Mary to make a holy hour on the Thursday evening before each first Friday and to receive Him in Holy Communion each first Friday.

In June 1675 Our Lord revealed His Sacred Heart to Sr Margaret-Mary for the fourth and final time. On this occasion He revealed the ingratitude of many people towards the Blessed Sacrament, as well as the grief that sacrileges and irreverence towards the Eucharist cause Him—in other words, disrespect shown to Our Lord by the very people who claim to be His followers and representatives. In reparation for this, Our Lord asked that the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi be set aside as feast to honor His Sacred Heart.

Our Lord revealed many promises to Sr Margaret-Mary with regard to those who would honor His Sacred Heart. There are twelve principal promises:

- I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
- I will give peace in their families.
- I will console them in all their troubles.
- I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
- I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
- Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.



- Tepid souls shall become fervent.
- Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
- I will bless those places wherein the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.
- I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
- Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.
- In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

As is often the case—quite wisely—the Church was quite slow to give approval to the apparitions and revelations of the Sacred Heart to St Margaret-Mary. Despite the initial skepticism of her superiors, her spiritual director at Paray-le-Monial, Fr Claude la Colombière SJ, became convinced of their authenticity and became a promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart. While it must be acknowledged that there most certainly was devotion to the Sacred Heart in the Church before the revelations to St Margaret-Mary (St John Eudes, for example, had celebrated a feast in honor of the Sacred Heart in 1670), the Paray-le-Monial revelations were instrumental in causing it to become a devotion sanctioned for the entire Church. On May 8 1873, devotion to the Sacred Heart was formally approved by Pope Pius IX.

Knowing about the revelations and the promises of the Sacred Heart is one thing. However, we may well ask, “Why the heart?” Why did Our Lord specifically show St Margaret-Mary His Heart and why did He specifically request devotion to It? After all, Our Lord’s eyes had looked upon the sick and the healthy, the rich and the poor, the saints and the sinners of His day—why not devotion to His eyes? Or why not devotion to His feet, which had walked miles to share the Good News, which had taken Him into the homes of the most wretched sinners, the feet which were anointed with precious ointment by St Mary Magdalene? The short answer, of course, is love. It was out of love for sinful humanity that Our Lord shed His blood on the cross. One drop of His blood could have redeemed humanity. However, Our Lord shed every last drop of His blood for us when, even after He had died, blood and water flowed from His pierced heart. This is precisely the abundance of love that He revealed to St Margaret-Mary.

Our Lord revealing His Sacred Heart also has a deep resonance with us because the heart is often regarded as the place where the “true self” resides. We often speak of our hearts being filled with joy at a particularly happy moment in our lives. On the contrary, it is also the heart which is affected most deeply by grief and pain—often in a very physical manner when a person may grasp at their chest in a time of deep sorrow. It is in the heart that our deepest thoughts, emotions and instincts lie—we often experience a conflict between our head and our heart. When we are deeply committed to something, that commitment is usually attributed to the heart—we succeed at something because our heart “was in it” or we fail at something because our heart “wasn’t in it”.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums all of this up very well. It makes the point that Scripture speaks of the heart more than a thousand times (CCC 2562). Above all, the Catechism notes, the heart is *the* place of encounter with God—it is the heart that prays. Furthermore, it states that the heart “is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our reason and of others; only the heart of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully. The heart is the place of decision... the place of truth, where we choose life or death... the place of encounter, because as image of God we live in relation: it is a place of covenant” (CCC 2563).

When we consider the significance of the heart, we can understand why Our Lord invited St Margaret-Mary to gaze into His Sacred Heart. Just as our hearts contain depths that cannot be fathomed by anyone other than God Himself, the Sacred Heart of Jesus can be contemplated to eternity by all of us and we still will not be able to grasp the depth of His love for us, despite our sins, our ingratitude and our irreverence. He invites us to contemplate His Heart so that our own hearts may be transformed by His grace to become like His Sacred Heart.

During this 350th anniversary year of the apparitions at Paray-le-Monial to St Margaret Mary Alacoque, let us take up the invitation of Our Lord to increase devotion to the Sacred Heart. Consider a resolution to take part in devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the first Friday of each month. Another beautiful practice for Catholic families is to honor or enthrone the image of the Sacred Heart in their homes—even today in Ireland it is a very common to see the image of the Sacred Heart in a prominent position in Catholic homes. We may be sure that these devotions will not be empty or fruitless: Our Lord promises many graces to those who honor His Heart, graces which will take sinners away from the precipice of damnation and bring them along a sure road to heaven. ✠

ST. PETER'S CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT

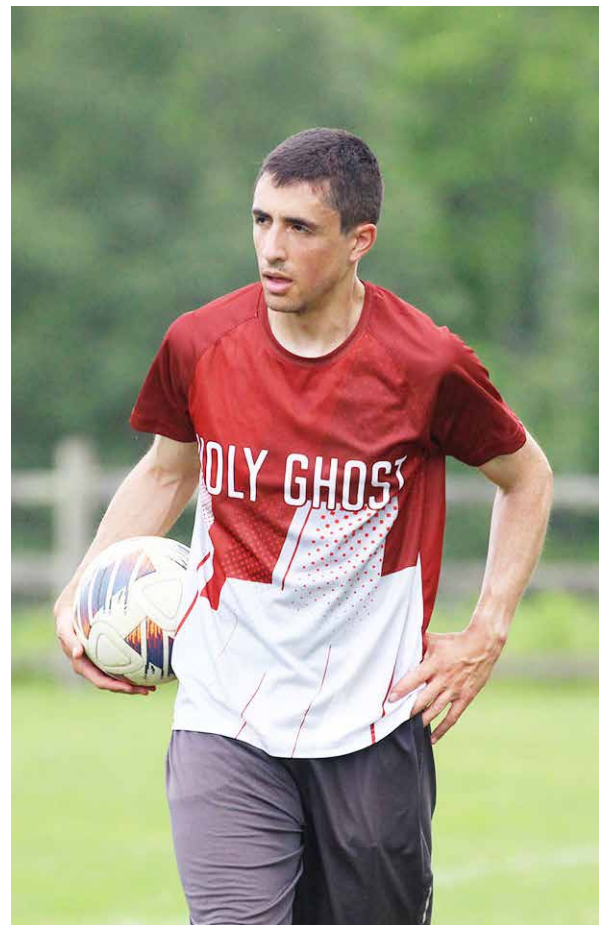
Bob Sica

On Saturday June 22nd, 2025, three FSSP Parishes journeyed to Polk Valley Park in the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania to vie for the coveted World Cup Trophy. The soccer round robin tournament began with last year's championship team, Allentown-Bethlehem's Holy Ghost, battling against Harrisburg's St. Lawrence. Wave after wave of offensive pressure pounded St. Lawrence throughout the first half culminating in a goal barrage. The second half continued the onslaught and Bethlehem walked away with a 9-0 victory.

Undaunted by the lopsided loss, St. Lawrence then battled St Michael's FC of Scranton. The two teams presented a masterclass of defensive discipline, and with a shift in tactics, St. Lawrence showed poise and grit and fought hard for a 0-0 tie at the half. The second half of the game, however, would favor St. Michael's as they found an offensive spark and put up 2 goals. The final whistle would pitch St Michael's against Holy Ghost.

In the cloudless afternoon heat, where temperatures exceeded 90 degrees, the two teams battled ferociously trying to gain an advantage. St Michael's was able to curb the offensive flurry that was a hallmark of Bethlehem's first game. At the half, the game was a 0-0 tie. After a much needed intermission and water break, both teams continued to be highly physical, and several warnings were issued by the referee but no cards were issued. While the play went back and forth, Holy Ghost took advantage of a defensive breakdown and put one on the board. In quick succession they were able to put a second ball in the back of the net, and despite a valiant effort and high offensive pressure, Scranton would fall to Bethlehem.

After the battles were over, weary participants from the three apostolates retired to the welcomed shade of the main pavilion to enjoy food, camaraderie, and the trophy presentation. Holy Ghost was crowned two-time champion, despite forgetting to bring the actual trophy to the tournament. All teams look forward to participating in the tournament again next year. ✚





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FSSP SEATTLE: SERVERS AND SOFTBALL

The last few days of June were busy and exciting ones for our North American Martyrs apostolate in Edmonds, Washington.

The parish held an Altar Server camp on June 30th, with OLG Seminarian Mr. Sean Calderon assisting vicar Fr. Brian Myers and pastor Fr. John Shannon. There were over 20 boys in attendance, (some of them rather tall!), and there was a promotion ceremony at the end of the camp.



The two Washington State parishes got together for a softball game on the 29th, with NAM facing off against St. Joseph in Tacoma. North American Martyrs won and gets to hang on to the trophy until next year's rematch. Fortunately, the weather was great—which isn't always guaranteed in June in the Pacific Northwest. We got a great picture of Mr. Calderon playing, along with some of the dads. And of course the younger kids got to have their own game too.

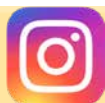


Summer Celebrations in the Missions

Processions and festivals filled the summer as the faithful of the FSSP missions poured out of their churches and brought the Church's blessings and the Blessed Sacrament out into God's beautiful creation. In Nigeria, Rogationtide saw Fr. Charles Ike giving the traditional blessing of the fields. In Colombia, the faithful of Cundimarca celebrated Corpus Christi in typically grand style with music and dancing. ✠



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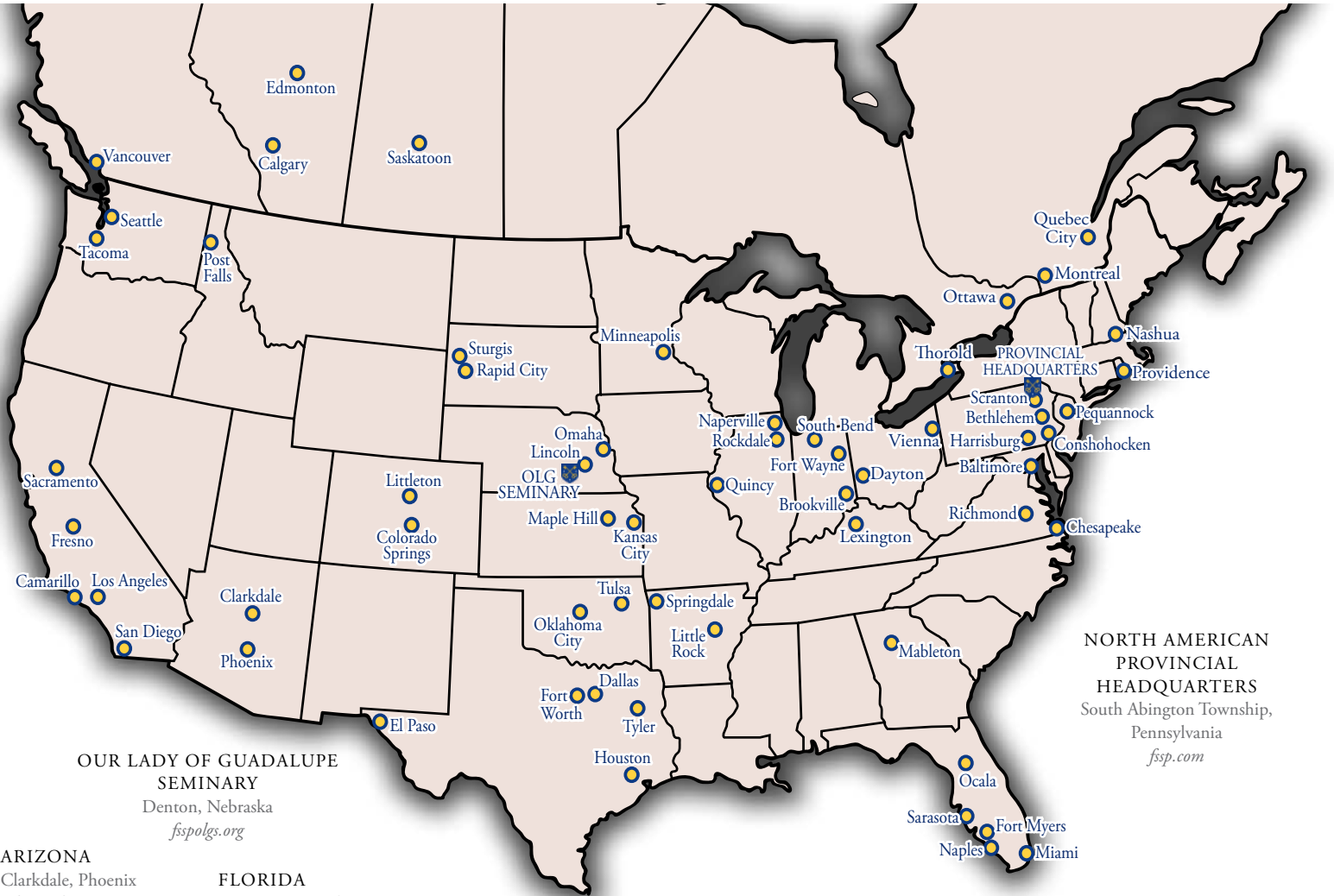
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