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from *Ralph Martin*

RALPH & RALPH
One of the leaders of the renewal in Vasai, after having read some of Ralph's books, felt inspired to name his son Ralph!



Proclaiming Jesus through Catholic Renewal and Evangelization

April 2017

Dear Friends,

Let me begin by expressing my tremendous gratitude for your prayers and support that made possible our mission to India this January. The Lord was clearly at work, and I believe much fruit will come from our combined efforts.

The welcome we received by all four bishops and their main collaborators couldn't have been warmer. I also want to say a special thanks to Romeo Fernando, who interpreted for us in Vasai and helped us in Pune.

Our time in Vasai was very blessed. We stayed with Archbishop Machado (pictured at right), who said he has been reading my books since he was a seminarian. This gave us the opportunity to share many meals and get an in-depth "seminar" on the Indian Church and the pervasive Hindu culture.



Archbishop Machado told us an amazing statistic—



While the Indian population of more than one billion people is less than three-percent Catholic, Catholics carry out forty percent of the country's education, healthcare, and social services, and are highly respected.

However, the growth of a more fundamentalist Hindu Nationalism is putting heavy pressure on their ability to continue providing these services and this witness. While open evangelization is not possible in many parts of India, the witness of these institutions and person-to-person faith sharing is indeed powerful.

On our first day, we dove in with two talks to an open evangelization meeting oriented to "Sunday Catholics," but which Hindus and others periodically attend. I gave two talks, and Deacon Dan Foley, the chairman of Renewal Ministries' American Board, gave a talk as well. The next day, we conducted a day-long conference for members of the Community of the Good Shepherd, which organized all the events of our stay.

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We then did a day-long conference for prayer group leaders in the diocese. Over 500 attended, and I gave three talks there as well. Deacon Dan often offered commentary after my talks. The next day, I gave three talks to the priests of the diocese. In the evening, we all spoke at a meeting with about fifty young people.

The day after that, we met with the nuns of the diocese, and again I gave three talks. In the evening, I gave two talks at an event in a huge outdoor field, where about 5,000 people had gathered, very much surprising the archbishop!

We then were blessed to travel to the “tribal area,” where the diocese has about sixteen mission stations, at which they do excellent work in providing education, healthcare, and social work services, all while quietly evangelizing.

They are currently preparing 165 people for baptism this coming Easter! Praise God!



Ralph and Anne praying with one of the nuns in Vasai.

When we arrived, we were greeted by hundreds of school children in uniforms who were throwing flower petals and singing for us with music provided by their native instruments. This was a very moving experience for all of us, and tears came to our eyes. I gave three talks to about fifty of the priests and nuns who work there.



On our way to the airport in Mumbai the next day, we stopped to see Fr. Fio Macarenhas, who was the third chairman of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council and who now runs a Catholic Bible school in Mumbai. Then, we visited a shrine at the top of a steep hill, where a miraculous statue of Mary was recovered by fishermen centuries ago.

On the way up the hill, a man on a motorcycle called out my name. Twenty years ago, the last time I visited India, he took me to the conference center on his motorcycle. He had hoped to make it to Vasai to hear me again, but couldn't, and then the Lord brought him across my path as I walked up the hill! How utterly amazing! He invited me to hop on his motorcycle once again and gave me a ride up and down the hill a few times. Talk about finding needles in the haystack, or the Lord numbering the hairs on our head!

Our next stop was Trivandrum, in the far south of India, which is the “heartland” of the Catholic Church in India. Christians make up about twenty percent of the population of Kerala and run many highly regarded schools, hospitals, and universities. There is a different atmosphere here and many open signs of Catholic presence and faith.





About 5,000 people gathered in a field in Vasai to hear Ralph speak!

Fr. Matthew George picked us up at the airport; he was one of the first graduates from the STL program at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Fr. Chas Canoy, a graduate of Sacred Heart Major Seminary's STL program and a pastor of a parish in Jackson, Michigan, also arrived to help us with the upcoming week-long retreat for priests in Pune.

We stayed with Cardinal Cleemis, the president of the Indian Bishops Conference, who had scheduled an annual theological colloquium during the time I was in India, so that I could present a paper at it. Almost all of the nearly one hundred seminarians in his diocese, and some of India's leading theologians, were there. I discussed whether it is still important to evangelize, given

the fact that it is sometimes possible to be saved without hearing the Gospel. You know my answer:

ABSOLUTELY! People's salvations are at stake!

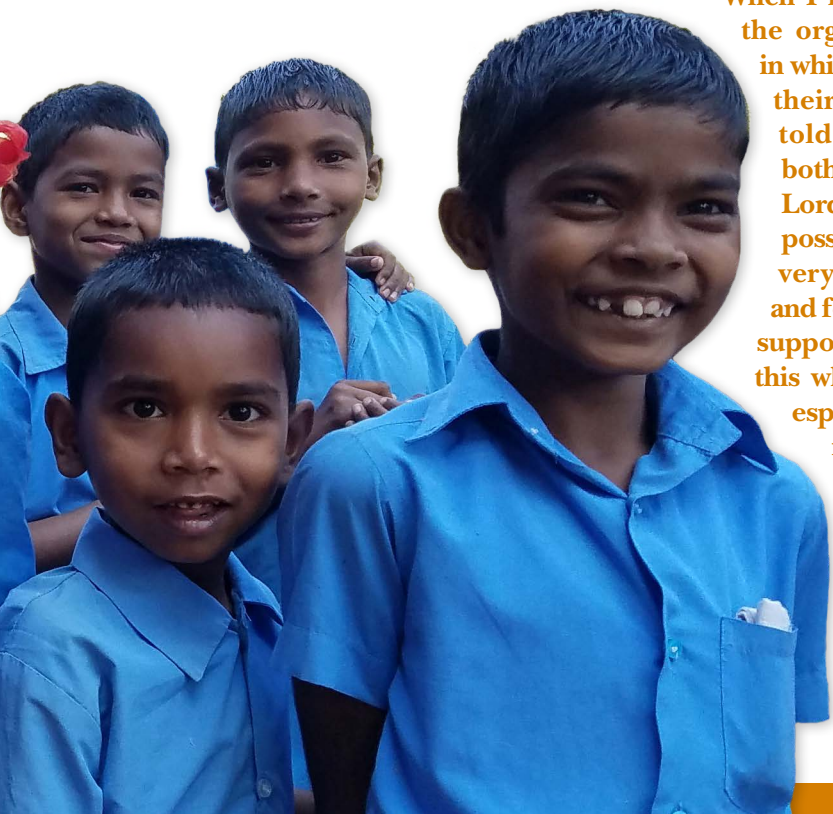
After two nights in Trivandrum, we boarded a train for Kochi (Cochin). It soon became apparent that I was having some stomach issues. However, upon our arrival, I was told that 500 priests, nuns, and lay leaders were waiting, and they asked if I could come immediately to the auditorium. I begged for a few minutes to go to my room and "freshen up." I wasn't sure I could continue, and I asked Fr. Chas and Deacon Dan if they could be ready to do the first talk.

When I mentioned this to the organizers, the way in which they expressed their disappointment told me I had to do both talks, trusting the Lord that it would be possible. It was. I am very grateful to God and for your prayers for supporting me through this whole mission, but especially for getting me through that particular day.

Archbishop Koriloos, the archbishop of Tiruvalla, hosted the gathering. I gave two talks, one on evangelization and one on the new Pentecost. Later that afternoon, we met with about forty key lay leaders, who told us amazing stories of how they are evangelizing. **One couple told us how they lead 250 laypeople who work as full-time missionaries throughout India. If they are short on funds, they fast for three days, and the Lord provides!**

The leader of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Kerala told us they have **3,000 prayer groups!** He travels as an evangelist all over the world. Another woman told us of her ministry to professionals in the work force. Someone else told us of their amazing ministry to children; they have trained over 300 counselor/evangelists that work in camps for children in India and other countries. Someone else told of their successful efforts to translate the Bible into sixteen Indian languages that had never had the Scripture before. We were all "blown away" by the zeal, courage, and dedication of these brothers and sisters.

That same night, I was unexpectedly invited to address all thirteen Latin Rite bishops, who were meeting on a topic related to marriage and family life. Bishop Sebastian, who was a priest at the wedding of my niece, had asked if he could invite me. God gave me amazing strength that day that began with wondering if I could go on or not!





➡ Pictured from left to right: Fr. Matthew George, Ralph Martin, Cardinal Basileos Cleemis Thottunkal, and Fr. Chas Canoy in Pune, India. Fr. Matthew and Fr. Chas are both Sacred Heart Major Seminary STL graduates.



Renewal Ministries' team for the mission to India included Ralph & Anne Martin, Deacon Dan & Dolly Foley, Fr. Chas Canoy, Erin Campbell, and Michelle & John Kazanjian.

On Mission in India continued...

Our host at the pastoral center in Ernakulum (the “new city” area of Cochin) was Fr. Varghese Vallikatt, another graduate of our STL program at the seminary and now the deputy director of the Kerala Bishops’ Conference—he serves as the primary executive for coordinating the work of all three rites in Kerala, he himself a Syro-Malankara, as well as for the Syro-Malabar, and Latin Rite bishops.

We then travelled to Pune for our last events. John and Michelle Kazanjian joined our team at this point—a great blessing! They taught the priests how basic Gospel truths—like

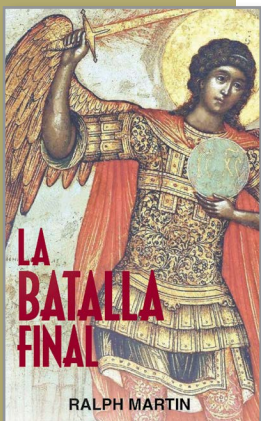
- ➡ *repentance*
- ➡ *forgiveness*
- ➡ *and renunciation of the devil*

—can be applied in practical ways in order to bring freedom in areas of people’s lives that are afflicted or in bondage. This is known as the Unbound method. We formed teams to pray for priests individually, and many experienced wonderful freedom and deliverance. Deacon Dan and Fr. Chas preached at all of the daily Masses, and our team worked beautifully together. I helped as a prayer warrior for a number of these sessions; one night the demand from priests led me to do my first “solo” prayer session, and it went well.

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Please Pray...

- ✠ That we all would have missionary hearts, ready to serve and proclaim the Good News of the Lord wherever He calls us, be it our home, our place of work, or more distant lands.
- ✠ That we may find time, during these last days of Lent and in the rejoicing of Easter, to rest in the Lord, to trust in His love of us, and to say with full confidence: “Jesus, I trust in You!”
- ✠ For the prayer intentions of all our supporters and their family members, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty.



Leave a Legacy of Faith

Romeo Fernando spent most of the week with us in Pune and was a big help to the priests, many of whom asked him to return to teach them how to lead Life in the Spirit Seminars and help their people experience greater life in the Spirit. Since our return, we already received an email from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team in Pune, saying, "We have received many requests now to put on the Life in the Spirit Seminars in parishes here, thanks to your team!"

We spent our last weekend giving eight talks to a general conference of mostly Charismatic Renewal Catholics.

I have been invited to return to India to do a retreat for all fifty-one bishops of Kerala and then all the priests and nuns. We all feel doors have opened in India that we should continue to walk through, for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Thank you so much for your prayers, financial support, and other sacrifices that allow this and all other missions to take place.

Your brother in Jesus, our Lord,

Ralph Martin

Ralph

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of so many people who strive to be the Lord's light in this world, and recognize Renewal Ministries' instrumental role in keeping the flame of faith burning through our efforts to:

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By *Lloyd Greenhaw*
COUNTRY COORDINATOR
for RWANDA

Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw minister in the United States, Haiti, Papua New Guinea, Ethiopia, and several other countries in Africa. They conduct missions, conferences, and retreats for adults and youth. They also are involved in prison ministry and work with the homeless.

Nancy and Lloyd live in Texas and have two daughters, fourteen grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren.

Spreading the **GOSPEL** in Rwanda

Our time in Rwanda with an amazing and gifted team was very rich, but one especially beautiful fruit to come of it was our relationship with Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, who you can learn more about at www.frubald.com.

One of our team members, Katsey Long, is a social worker who is filming a documentary on Fr. Ubald. For the past eight years, she has spent her time between Rwanda and the US.

Fr. Ubald has a harrowing story from the Rwandan genocide. He was a participant in our first Unbound training sessions in Rwanda and found freedom in Christ. His story, from Katsey, follows:

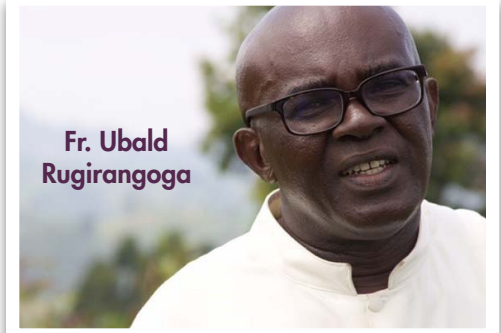
During the genocide, Fr. Ubald was pastor of a parish. He had hired guards and was trying to protect his 45,000 parishioners, when the mayor and the district leaders suggested he leave. They told him they wouldn't hurt anybody if he left. This was in May, and genocide had been going on for a little while. Fr. Ubald called his bishop, who came to get him.

When it was time for him to leave, the people formed an aisle for him, and he walked through the pathway out to the car. Everyone was sobbing, because they knew they were going to die after he left, so the bishop said he would stay with them that night.

The bishop left the next day, and within two days, they started killing everyone.



About 45,000 people died within three days.



**Fr. Ubald
Rugirangoga**

At the time, Fr. Ubald wanted to die; he wanted to go back with his people and die with them. He was devastated at what happened and that he had trusted the leadership.

Soon after, a friend warned him about plans to kill him: "They will put your head on a stake and process it through the parish so everyone will know you have no power."

Fr. Ubald escaped and paid for five other people to come with him, although



one priest did not make the rendezvous point and was killed. The rest of them escaped in the middle of the night to the Congo. Once he got there, Fr. Ubald continued on to Lourdes, France, where people paid for him to come to find healing.

In fact, he was healed at Lourdes. While going up the hill during Stations of the Cross, a priest said, “Jesus accepted His cross,” and Fr. Ubald heard a voice say, “Ubald, pick up your cross; the genocide is your cross.” Once he accepted it as his cross, Fr. Ubald stopped crying. When he returned to Rwanda in January of 1995, he started preaching forgiveness, because he knew forgiveness is the only way to find healing.

At that time, people did not want to hear the message of forgiveness, but Fr. Ubald continued to preach it and to visit the prisons of Rwanda to tell the perpetrators to ask for pardon for what they had done. One day, he was preaching in a prison, when a man came up to him and said, “I need to ask something of you, Fr. Ubald. I was the one that ordered your mother to be killed, and I would like to ask for your forgiveness.”

Fr. Ubald wept, then hugged the man and said,

**“In the name of Jesus,
I forgive you.”**

Many Gathered in Kibeho for the thirty-fifth anniversary of Our Lady of Kibeho apparitions.



To read about the team’s time in Rwanda with Immaculee Ilibagiza celebrating this event, visit our blog: www.renewalministries.net.

On his way home, he wondered whether the man really believed he had been forgiven. **Fr. Ubald decided he wanted to do something to prove his forgiveness.**

Later that day, Fr. Ubald learned that the man’s children were now basically orphans. Their mother had died, and since the father was imprisoned and could not pay the school fees, they were kicked out of school.

Fr. Ubald adopted both of those children and continues to help them. One is at medical school, and he pays her educational expenses. The father will get out of prison next year, and Fr. Ubald will help him find a way to make a living and help people. Fr. Ubald continues to preach the message of forgiveness all over the country.

It is not uncommon for 30,000 people to be at Fr. Ubald’s healing services. Sometimes 80,000 people will come to hear him preach about forgiveness and reconciliation. He sees many, many healings: physical, emotional, trauma, cancer, HIV, bones healed, lame walk, blind see. **However, he considers the greatest miracle when someone chooses to forgive and to be free.** His services are not just for Catholics, but for everybody, including Muslims and Pentecostals. He also comes to the United States twice a year.

The Five Keys is an important part of Fr. Ubald’s work, and he learned it from one of Renewal Ministries’ earliest retreats in Rwanda. Prior to that, he had often done hands-on healing in small groups. He had told his bishop that people were coming back to him saying they had been healed. The bishop said,

**“That gift is not for you;
that gift is for the world.”**

After five years of having a healing gift, the Lord gave Fr. Ubald the gift of the word of knowledge. He continued to pray faithfully that God would heal, and He did. And then, five years after receiving the word of knowledge gift, he learned the Five Keys from Renewal Ministries. With that knowledge, and with the experience of processing with a monstrance amidst a huge crowd at Lloyd Greenhaw’s request, Fr. Ubald found the confidence to start doing healing services on a large scale.



With the help of donors, he has since purchased land on the shore of Lake Kivu for large missions—200,000 people can attend events there. A huge statue of Divine Mercy (above) overlooks the venue. Fr. Ubald also has started a center for forgiveness and reconciliation at that location, called The Center for the Secret of Peace. He brings perpetrators and victims together to participate in the process of reconciliation.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Christ in Rwanda!✝



On the Road

April 2017 ENGAGEMENTS

Lincoln, NE
Diocesan Retreat Center
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Canton, MI
Young Adult Conference at St. John Newman
April 1
Peter Herbeck
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Sandusky, OH
Parish Mission
April 5
Pete Burak
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Ann Arbor, MI
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April 6
Diane Leoni
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Ann Arbor, MI
Renewal Ministries' Annual Gathering
April 7-9
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Details: www.renewalministries.net/gathering

Chicago, IL
Legatus*
April 11
Ralph Martin

Ann Arbor, MI
St. Francis Parish' Men's Ministry
April 21
Peter Herbeck
Details: www.stfrancisa2.com/faith-fellowship/men/

Kaunas, Lithuania
National Charismatic Conference
April 21-23
Dr. Mary Healy
Details: relay-network.org/index.php/conference-2016-kaunas.html

Rome, Italy
Pontifical Biblical Commission*
April 24-28
Dr. Mary Healy

Liberty Township, OH
Parish Mission at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
April 24-26
Peter Herbeck, Sr. Ann Shields, Pete Burak
Contact: zhinger@st-max.org or 513-777-4322, ext. 107

MISSIONS

Mexico
April 18-24
Jim Murphy

Ghana
April 25-30
Emmanuel Tamakloe

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Linthicum, MD
ChristLife National Conference
April 25-26
Ralph Martin
Details: christlife.org/training-conferences/national-conference

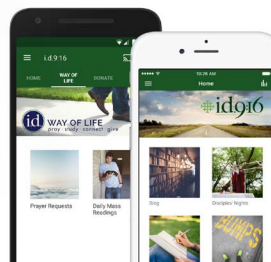
Plymouth, MI
Our Lady of Good Counsel Mother-Daughter Event
April 29
Debbie Herbeck
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➔ **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**



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