



RENEWAL MINISTRIES



Proclaiming Jesus through Catholic Renewal and Evangelization **December 2018**



A letter ▶
from *Ralph Martin*

Dear Faithful Friends!

While dark clouds still hover over the Church and likely will do so for some time to come, we know it is important that we carry on with as much vigor as possible the mission of Jesus to seek and save those who are lost. Jesus is still Lord and always will be! And He is certainly coming to judge the living and the dead! We want to do all we can to be ready ourselves and to help as many as possible also be ready for the judgment! And what an amazing year it has been, once again, thanks to your support.

HERE IS A QUICK RECAP OF OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS:

- 38** YEARS OF Renewal Ministries
 - » 470,000 views of our YouTube programs.
- 34** YEARS OF The Choices We Face
 - » 5,000 Facebook followers.
 - » 132,471 distinct visitors to the website from 192 countries—a thirty-two percent increase!
- 24** YEARS OF Food for the Journey
 - » Forty-one missions to thirty-four countries.
- 13** YEARS OF Fire on the Earth
 - » Tens of thousands of booklets, books, CDs, and DVDs distributed.

We were able to carry out forty-one missions to thirty-four countries, helping to strengthen the Church in those countries and helping many thousands of Catholics to surrender their lives more fully to Jesus and follow Him as missionary disciples. In about twenty-five percent of these missions, we were able to directly impact seminarians, priests, and bishops through events specifically for them. I personally have been involved in more international missions than ever with trips to Ireland, Holland, Argentina, Brazil, Uganda, and Lithuania—mostly directed to strengthening the clergy and lay-leadership in those countries, as well as retreats for deacons and their wives in both the US and Canada.

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Ralph spoke at a priests' retreat in Argentina. The priests above are enjoying a time of praise and worship.

“We are experiencing conversion to the world, instead of to God . . . We need priests and bishops who are filled with zeal for God’s house, who dedicate themselves entirely to the salvation of human beings on the pilgrimage of faith to our eternal home. There is no future at all for ‘Christianity Lite.’ We need Christians with a missionary spirit.”



Cardinal Müller

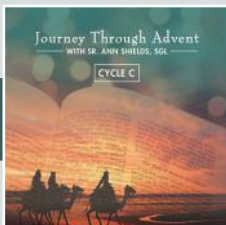
2018 NEW RESOURCES

Booklet ▶

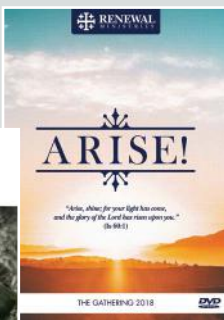
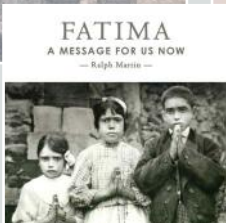


Back by popular demand!

CD ▶



◀ DVDs/CDs



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Besides the international missions, Peter, Sr. Ann, and myself, as well as our close collaborators such as Dr. Mary Healy, have done innumerable **parish missions, conferences, study days, radio interviews, newspaper interviews, and board memberships, all of which we do for one purpose only:**

TO ADVANCE THE GOSPEL.

And our outreach to young adults, i.d.9:16, continues to grow! In its eighth year, it now numbers fifteen chapters representing twelve states and eleven dioceses. Also, Pete Burak, our young adult coordinator, continues to be asked to serve on various boards and committees to help the Church reach out to young adults. This outreach has been significantly involved in putting on five Millennial Church Conferences to assist those involved in young adult ministry to grow in their effectiveness. Also, their social media presence has continued to grow, with over 4,000 new followers on Instagram.

Our overall Renewal Ministries' media outreach also has taken big steps forward. We have seen an eighty-percent increase in our YouTube channel subscribers this year, with 470,000 cumulative total views of our programs on YouTube. And we have had 132,471 unique website users visit our website from 192 different countries.

And how amazing it is that we have completed the thirty-eighth year of our mission of Catholic Renewal and Evangelization, as well as our thirty-fourth year of taping another twenty-six episodes of *The Choices We Face*, our long-running weekly television program carried worldwide by EWTN! Additionally, Sr. Ann's radio program, *Food for the Journey*, has been on the air for twenty-four years, and Peter Herbeck's program, *Fire on the Earth*, has been broadcast for thirteen years.

We also have continued to produce books, CDs, DVDs, booklets, and articles that have been distributed widely and oftentimes translated into various languages.

The Lord has continued to give us and our close collaborators the special privilege of teaching at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, helping to



Peter Herbeck interviewed Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, founder of The Ruth Institute.

form future priests and lay leaders in a dynamic vision of the Catholic faith.

My letter, *Dear Troubled Catholics*, received more response than anything we've ever sent out, was widely distributed to countless thousands and shared on many other ministries' websites, and was picked up in various publications, on-line and printed, besides being quoted by priests and bishops in their responses to the crisis. We ourselves, on our website and various social media outlets, recorded over 40,000 unique views on our website blog for this post alone.

Peter Herbeck's follow-up letter, *A Severe Mercy*, also was met with a strong response, with over 17,000 people reached just by our Facebook post.

There's more, but you get the idea. The Lord has blessed us greatly with the people, finances, and open doors that have enabled us to reach many thousands for Christ this past year.

This would not have been possible without your support. Will you please consider a special "end of the year" gift—a "Thanks offering"—that will launch us into 2019 with the strength to continue and even expand what we are doing? Ever since 1980, when we first began and I first began to speak on the "crisis of truth" in the Catholic Church, the Lord has given us the privilege of being a strong and clear voice for the Gospel in times of great confusion. **Will you help us and our great team continue to be that clear voice?**

THANK YOU.

Your grateful brother,

Ralph Martin

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Please Pray...

✚ For Christ's healing light to shine into all aspects of the current crisis in the Church.

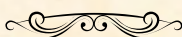
✚ That we may listen to the Lord and gain an understanding of how He wants each of us to use our gifts in "a time such as this" (Est 4:14).

✚ For the prayer intentions of all our supporters and their family members, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty.

“ I will always remember her as a beautiful, graceful, joyful, and faith-filled woman of Christ. May her faith be an example that multiplies with the years ahead. ”



Ellen Holian-Mykrantz



January 3, 1941 -
September 2, 2018

The above quote echoes the sentiments found in many of the emails we have recently received about Ellen Holian-Mykrantz, who served as a member of Renewal Ministries' Board of Directors for eighteen years, from 1998-2016. She passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on Sept. 2, 2018, at age seventy-seven, after receiving a blessing from her brother, who is a priest, and praying an Our Father and Hail Mary with family.

Ellen was an active evangelizer and prayer warrior. She had a heart for missions, and was both a Right to Life and retreat leader. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Ellen is survived by her loving husband, Christopher Mykrantz, seven children, five siblings, twenty-seven grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Ralph Martin was able to travel to Richmond, Illinois, for the wake, and Sr. Ann Shields and Renewal Ministries' Board Member Tom O'Brien were able to be there for the funeral.

As another letter noted, "A woman of noble character who can find?" We all found one in Ellen. May she be swept up into the heart of eternal love."



"THANK YOU"

We recently received this letter from a supporter in California. It's just one of hundreds we receive each year, made possible through your support!



Dear Peter,

A few years ago, my brother started talking to me about your show and encouraging me to listen. He has always been the one in the family with what seemed to be a deeper understanding of God and our Catholic faith, but in my busy life, I just didn't think I had time to listen to a radio program . . . well one day, I happened to turn on the Catholic radio station. I was commuting to work, and at 5:30 a.m., your program was playing. I haven't stopped listening since!

I want to tell you that I am so moved by the things you teach that I am usually in tears throughout most of your programs. I really believe that God has been using you to talk to me and to help me grow and develop a deeper understanding of my faith. I have a lot of books but seem to lose momentum when I'm reading them, because they get very brainy and a little over my head at times, but when you explain the Scriptures, they come alive for me and touch me at my core. I appreciate that you don't sugarcoat anything, and you really teach our faith for the truth that it is, in a way that really resonates in my heart and soul. . . .

I want to express my deepest gratitude to you for sharing your gifts, talents, and knowledge.

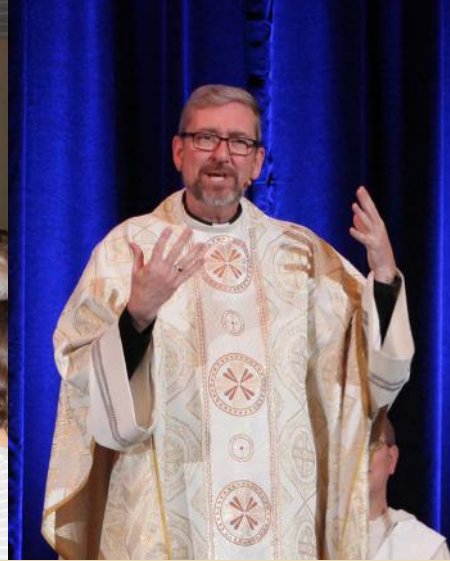


Bishop Lesanu, from Ethiopia, visited our office and said Mass for our staff.



A Fruitful Year of Catholic Renewal & Evangelization

HOME OUTREACH



Peter Herbeck addressed young adults from i.d.9:16 at this year's Gathering, where we held a special reception to empower and encourage these leaders. It was beautiful to introduce them to the wider Renewal Ministries' family.

Fr. Graham Keep celebrated his Silver Jubilee as a priest this year!



Ralph gave a week-long retreat for the seminarians of the Marian of the Immaculate Conception at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

DIGITAL OUTREACH

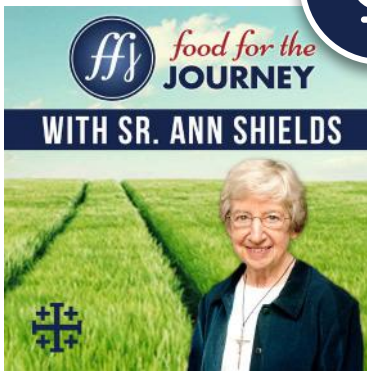
If you want to consider today's world in the light of God's Word, don't miss our television and radio programming:

- 🔊 *The Choices We Face*
- 🔊 *Food for the Journey*
- 🔊 *Fire on the Earth*

Did you know you can access all of these programs 24/7 on our website? Go to www.RenewalMinistries.net, click on "Media," and choose a program.

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Forming young adults into intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.

YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS



WELCOME!

Our newest addition to the i.d.9:16 TEAM
Katelyn Miller ▶ Chapter Coordinator

16 CHAPTERS representing
11 states, 1 province,
& 14 Dioceses



30 VOLUNTEERS on the
Mexico Mission Trip



375 MILLENNIALS GATHERED
for annual Barn Party



660 MILLENNIALS ATTEND
or tune in to monthly
Disciples' Nights



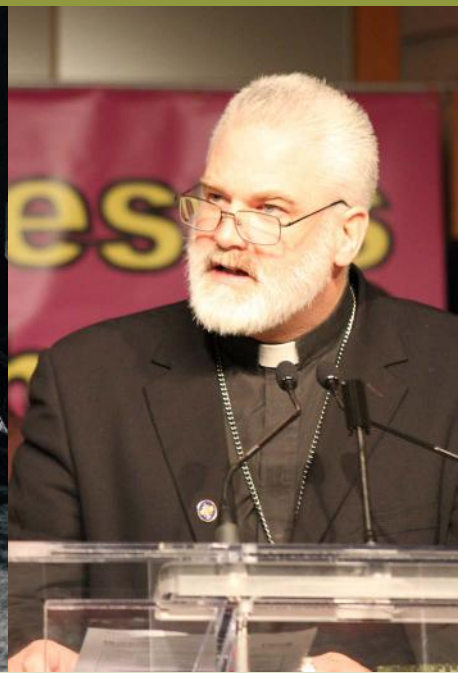
700 MILLENNIAL CHURCH
CONFERENCE ATTENDEES



4,000 NEW INSTAGRAM
FOLLOWERS



GLOBAL OUTREACH



TORONTO, CANADA

At the Lift Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto, Patti Mansfield spoke about her experience at the beginning of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Connor Flanagan brought over 1000 youth to their feet, and Bishop Scott McCaig helped open the adult event and celebrated Mass for the youth.



IRELAND

Ralph led a retreat for Dominican seminarians in Dublin, Ireland. While there, he also spoke to about 4000 attendees at Ireland's biggest annual conference.



VANCOUVER, CANADA

Ralph spoke at a retreat for deacons and their wives in Vancouver. He also gave a parish mission to about 400 people.



ARGENTINA

6 Ralph spoke in Argentina this year. The Argentinians enjoy dancing during times of praise and worship!



BRAZIL

While in Brazil, Ralph spent much of his time at one of the national Catholic TV networks. Above, he discussed issues of concern with key leaders.

UGANDA

MISSION OUTREACH



Ralph and a team from Renewal Ministries that included Deacon Larry Oney and Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw spent a week with 350 priests and bishops at the fifth annual International Priests' Retreat in Uganda.

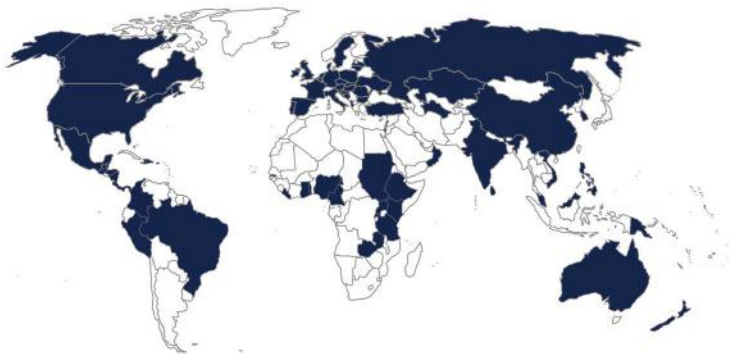


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POLAND



— IN 2018 WE CARRIED OUT —
41 MISSIONS IN **34** COUNTRIES



BELARUS

Thank You!



We also want to extend our deepest gratitude to the members of our US and Canadian Renewal Ministries' Board of Directors, for all of their prayers and support!

On the Road

December 2018 ENGAGEMENTS

South Bend, IN Women's Retreat

Nov. 30-Dec. 2

Dr. Mary Healy

Details: www.diocesefwsb.org/Womens-Ministry

Toronto, ON Renewal Ministries' Canadian Board Meeting*

Dec. 2-3

Ralph Martin; Peter Herbeck; & Sr. Ann Shields, SGL

Ann Arbor, MI i.d.9:16 Disciples' Night

Dec. 6

Contact: Katelyn@id916.com

Brighton, MI Advent Tea

Dec. 7

Sr. Ann Shields, SGL

Details: www.stpatchurch.org

Sycamore, IL St. Mary's Church Day of Reflection

Dec. 8

Mary Healy

Details: 815-895-3295

Flint, MI Advent Talk

Dec. 13

Sr. Ann Shields, SGL

Contact: smatthew@flintcatholic.org

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MISSIONS

Ethiopia

Nov. 23-Dec. 4

Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw

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or kkittle@renewalministries.net

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Annual Renewal Ministries' Gathering
Ann Arbor, MI

APRIL 5-7, 2019

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