

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

— A Letter from Ralph Martin —



We have been blessed with many opportunities throughout this year to bring an empowering message—a call to action—to men's conferences across the country. Above, Ralph speaks to nine-hundred men at a conference in San Antonio, Texas.



Dear Faithful Friends,

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Some of you have been supporting our mission since 1980, some of you just in the past few months. We are grateful that God has inspired you to do so, and much of what has happened these past forty years (we celebrate our fortieth anniversary as Renewal Ministries next spring) would not have happened without you.

So many people have been reached with the saving, redeeming, freeing message of Jesus over all these years. I don't think it would be an exaggeration to say that we have reached not only hundreds of thousands, but millions of people with the message of Christ's love and the path to redemption. Each month, you read of all the amazing things that continue to happen in countries all over the world and also here in North America.

This past year has been especially significant. Hearing the cries of parents and grandparents, we have seen the Lord bring to us young men and women with a passion to reach their peers for Christ. One of the newest ministries under the Renewal Ministries' umbrella is Be Love Revolution, which is reaching hundreds of young girls here in Ann Arbor and has already inspired additional chapters to be

established in three other cities. Another of our newest ministries is Zion, focused on reaching young men. And the work of i.d.9:16 continues with its focus on reaching young adults in their twenties and thirties, with sixteen chapters throughout the US and Canada, and more on the way. Another ministry now under our umbrella is Live Free, which has taught many of our country coordinators how to pray with people to set them free from lies, deceptions, traumatic events, and demonic influence in a balanced, peaceful way.

While adding these new ministries, we have continued to proceed full-steam ahead with our TV and radio ministries—we are very happy to have Sr. Ann back recording all new programs!—and our mission work in more than thirty countries.

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"SOME GIVE BY GOING TO THE MISSIONS. SOME GO BY GIVING TO THE MISSIONS. WITHOUT BOTH THERE ARE NO MISSIONS." //ST. MOTHER TERESA

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We also continue to have truly remarkable opportunities to minister to priests, bishops, and deacons very extensively in North America, but also throughout the world. We estimate we have reached 10,000 priests over the past number of years. **And through our publications and speaking, we are increasingly a voice in the Church continuing to give a “clear sound” in this time of confusion.** With the confusing statements and images coming out of Rome these days, such a voice is more needed than ever. Part of our “founding inspiration” was alarm and amazement at how the most basic Christian truths were being undermined way back in 1980, when I first began to speak about *A Crisis of Truth*. **It seemed that during the pontificates of St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, the crisis was being dealt with, but now it is back more powerfully than ever and needs to be directly addressed. We will continue to do so.**

All this growth has stretched our budget and required us to move

Your support of Renewal Ministries helps us reach priests around the world with a message radically different from that being shared by most today. Ministering to priests is among the most important work the Lord has called us to in recent years. We strive to fill our shepherds with zeal for Christ and his Church! Earlier this year, Ralph, along with Drs. Scott Hahn and John Bergsma, had the opportunity to speak to 220 priests at the annual East Coast Priests' Conference. ☺

to larger quarters. Fortunately, a generous local benefactor offered us a very favorable lease rate at his office building. This enabled us to pay a little less per square foot than what we were paying at our old location; however, we also doubled our amount of office space in order to accommodate our new ministries. Therefore, while we are paying a price-per-square-foot that is significantly under market rate, the move nevertheless doubled our rent cost.

The expenses this year have been unusual, and our available fund balance is the lowest it has been in many years. We are putting some of our international missions scheduled for next year on “hold” until we see how the Lord provides this month. All of this is to say:

WE NEED YOUR HELP RIGHT NOW.

I know many of you are already giving sacrificially. How moving it is to receive notes from you that say you are giving from the social security you are living on! We pray for God's blessing and provision for you! I know many others similarly are already giving all they can or should. We continually give thanks for you! But I also know that there are some of you who truly love and value our mission who are able to do more and perhaps are being

nudged by the Lord to do so, now that you know of our additional need. If so, please respond!

FOREVER GRATEFUL!

Your brother in Christ, by the grace of God, forty years and counting!

Ralph Martin

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P.S.

If you have prayerfully considered that you are able to donate more at this time—or even to join with us more closely in prayer—thank you!

Here's how to give:



ONLINE
renewalministries.net/donate



PHONE
734.662.1730



MAIL
See the enclosed form to donate via cash, check, or credit card.





"THANK YOU"

We continue to regularly receive letters from people whose lives are significantly blessed by your generous support, which makes all of this possible.

“ I am a former Baptist, in the process of converting to the Church. I really enjoy *The Choices We Face*. I have ordered a few of your booklets and books and those all have made a major impact as well. I believe God is working through you and your team in an effective and amazing way. . . . I hope that through prayer and ministries like yours, the Church will have a re-awakening. I’m grateful that God is using your team to wake up folks to the reality of our times. May Christ bless you and keep your ministry strong and relevant, as you certainly are now.”

“ I saw one of our deacons the other day and asked him about the deacons’ retreat for the Diocese of Lansing. He said he was grateful for Ralph’s talks and that what you shared was very powerful and inspiring. Today, I thanked him for his homily, and he said, ‘Well, you knew who I was just listening to the other day who really inspired me!’ (It was Ralph!) Thank you for all you do for our priests and deacons. We have a seminarian who has been your student at our parish right now. He has an anointed way of ministering to people. We are so blessed!”

“ I have full sets of Ralph’s Doctors of the Church CDs. I have found them to be so good, so helpful, and so interesting! I love them—thank you!”

“ I read Ralph’s recent Manifesto with great interest, and I decided to translate it into Polish. I hope the Polish readers will benefit a lot from reading these thoughts.”

“ Please thank everyone (from Live Free Unbound) for taking the time to do such a work of mercy with someone they had never met, and for committing completely to the process and walking so gently and lovingly through it with me, for holding me. You will all be in my daily prayers from this day forward!”

“ Dear Sister Ann, I’m so glad to hear you back on the podcast. You sound wonderful and I give my thanks to God for your recovery from the stroke. I have listened to your podcasts for several years, and I can’t tell you how much they mean to me and help me. When my husband and I listen to your podcast, he is blessed by your reflections too.”

“ I am ordering five-hundred copies of *The Final Confrontation*. It needs to be distributed far and wide! I think it is more relevant today than it was four years ago.”

“ Zion is a gift—thank you for answering this call! You have captured my son’s interest and imagination for Christ! I am grateful to see him pursuing holiness with brothers in the Lord! This is so needed in our times!”

“ *The Fulfillment of All Desire* is one of the best books ever. I was totally blessed by it.”

“ I am a Protestant (Baptist), but I derive a great deal of inspiration from your ministry. I follow through *The Choices We Face* as well as books and Renewal Ministries’ newsletter. I have been heartened and inspired by the way Ralph and Peter have stood firm on what’s been going on in the clergy, but remained focus on the real mission God has called them to. It helps me to desire the same in a world that’s crumbling around us. Keep up the good work and following the Holy Spirit.”

“ I am writing to thank you again. I watched your *As by a New Pentecost* talk on 'Growth'; my second viewing in as many years. . . . This wisdom from our beloved Doctors, faithfully passed on by you, reached my heart. Thank You, Jesus, for the gift of Renewal Ministries.”

“ I enjoy reading your newsletters. They are filled with joy and hope in these dark times for our beloved Church.”

“ We need Renewal Ministries’ teaching on the Catholic faith, moral compass, and support more than ever now. Please guide us as we enter what I fear will be a further downfall. You are a beacon of light for me and I know for many.”

“ Thank you for the newsletter—it’s very informative, especially in these confusing times.”

“ Thank you for your continued sacrifice in evangelizing the nations through your witness of life and writings.”

“ Thank you for your time in prayer and preparation leading up to yesterday’s [i.d.9:16 chapter training] to allow the Holy Spirit to speak through you. Jesus is our King and I have to continue changing my life to reflect that. I was confirmed by the Holy Spirit that I’m right where I need to be in this ministry, and I’m confident that the Lord will be with our group and within our hearts.”

“ I felt so much joy to hear Sr. Ann’s *Food for the Journey* episode this morning! Please also thank Peter Herbeck for *Fire on the Earth*. These aid prayer greatly. Finally, thank you, Ralph, for ALL you do in proclaiming the Word courageously in your talks and teaching, and for your dedicated, faithful work behind the scenes.”

Sr. Ann is back in the studio and recording new episodes of *Food for the Journey* at Ave Maria Radio in Ann Arbor, MI.



WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

The following pages include photos from our broad expanse of outreaches during the year. Thank you—your generous support helps make all of this possible!



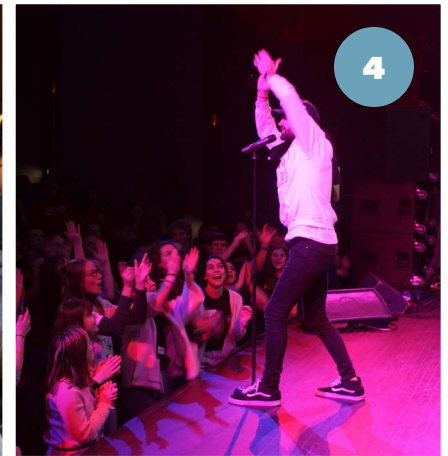
1 | RENEWAL MINISTRIES' ANNUAL GATHERING

Nearly four-hundred people once again participated in the annual Renewal Ministries' Gathering, which featured guest Patti Mansfield. Patti attended the Duquense Weekend that helped start the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the US.



2-3-4 | LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY IN TORONTO

Over 4500 youth and adults attended the Lift Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto, Ontario, with guest speakers Fr. Mark Goring and Connor Flanagan (#4), who also performed for the youth. As Peter Herbeck said at the event's opening, "We are here to declare Jesus' Lordship and to lift Him high with our hearts. He's going to win His victory in the Church in this hour."



5 | BISHOP LUCKER LECTURE

Peter Herbeck spoke on the Holy Spirit and the Christian life at the Bishop Lucker Lecture in Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

6 | SEEKING TRUTH BIBLE STUDY ANNIVERSARY

Peter Herbeck joined speakers Fr. John Riccardo and Sharon Doran at the Seeking Truth Catholic Bible Study's Ten-Year Anniversary Conference in Omaha, Nebraska.



7 | MALTA PRIESTS' RETREAT

Ralph gave ten talks during a week-long priests' retreat. Malta has been succumbing to secularist pressures, and this retreat helped fill the priests with greater zeal for the Gospel.

8 | FRANCE

Ralph addressed a crowd of one-thousand people in France. Pictured here are participants praying for each other.

9 | STEUBENVILLE

Peter Herbeck spoke at a conference for bishops in the hope of helping them engage more fully in the New Evangelization.



10 | MEN'S CONFERENCE

Peter Herbeck and Pete Burak are pictured with Bishop Jerry Vincke at a men's conference in Hays, Kansas.

11 | CHALDEAN MENS' NIGHT

Ralph spoke to about one-hundred Chaldean young men regarding why the New Evangelization matters.



12 | RALPH ON CATHOLIC ANSWERS

Ralph had the opportunity to be a guest on Catholic Answers Live radio direct from their studios in San Diego.

13 | TV & RADIO PROGRAMS

A great lineup of guests came to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to record the 2020 season of *The Choices We Face*. Below is Ralph with guest Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle.





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15 | MILLENNIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Pete Burak spoke to 560 people from the Diocese of Toledo at the Millennial Church Conference recently hosted there.



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14 | i.d.9:16

Above, Ralph Martin spoke to 120 young adults at i.d.9:16's annual Summit. Retreatants were able hear the Lord's invitation to grow deeper with Him and consider how the Holy Spirit is prompting them to engage the battle in their daily lives. Highlights of i.d.9:16's year include adding five new employees and four new chapters, helping lead three Millennial Church Conferences (see photo to the right), and hosting two Summits—one of which was in Canada.



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16-17-18 | YOUTH MINISTRIES

Pine Hills Boys' and Girls' Camps continue to serve large numbers of youth, and now also provide a springboard for many youth's involvement in Zion and Be Love Revolution. Zion, under the leadership of Co-Leaders Joey McCoy and Adriel Gonzalez, incorporates physical competition as well as spiritual and corporal works of mercy into a rhythm of life for young men. And Be Love Revolution, under the leadership of Debbie Herbeck, mentors young women in both small and large group settings. At right are pictured the members of one of BLR's two weekly Bible studies that meet before school starts in the morning.



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“ I cannot write ‘thank you’ enough for what you have done for my daughter through Be Love Revolution. She now has a special relationship with Jesus, who has also granted to her new, healthy friendships with other girls.

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19.20 | COUNTRY COORDINATORS' MEETING

We were blessed at this year's Country Coordinators' Meeting to have Ulf and Birgitta Ekman join us to share their testimonies. While in town, they also filmed episodes for the 2020 season of *The Choices We Face*. (Below) At the closing dinner, the Ekmans shared important insights for the future of Renewal Ministries. (Left) Our country coordinators and friends joined us for a tour of Renewal Ministries' new offices at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor, Michigan. We are so grateful for these Spirit-filled disciples who bring their gifts and their love of God to those thirsting to hear the Good News.

21-22 | WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS

43 MISSIONS TO 33 COUNTRIES IN 2019

The Lord continues to bless the work of proclaiming the Gospel through our international mission trips. A major emphasis has been on training and equipping Church leaders and laity in healing and deliverance ministry using the Five Keys from Unbound, and retreats and ministry to priests and seminarians. Amazing testimonies of encounters with the living God, healing, and conversion abound.



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22 MEXICO



23 | LIVE FREE

"We are delighted to be serving under the umbrella of Renewal Ministries. Unbound is a simple, gentle, and effective way for people to find more freedom to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Last year, we prayed with about 220 people in scheduled appointments alone! Almost every one of these people afterwards reported a new level of joy and empowerment."

//Michelle Kazanjian, Live Free Ministry & Training Director

Members of Live Free ↻



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A SPECIAL 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 2019 ENGAGEMENTS

Bruno, Saskatchewan

St. Therese Institute Conference

Nov. 29-Dec. 1

Dr. Mary Healy

Details: www.sttherese.ca/programs-events/upcoming-events

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Renewal Ministries' Canadian Board Meeting*

Dec. 1-2

Ralph Martin and Peter Herbeck

Wixom, MI

St. Catherine Academy Senior Class Retreat*

Dec. 2-4

Debbie Herbeck

Ann Arbor, MI

i.d.9:16 Disciples' Night

Dec. 5

Contact: intentionaldisciples916@gmail.com

Cottleville, MO

Twentieth Annual Advent Tea

Dec. 6

Debbie Herbeck

Contact: sarahmokane@gmail.com

Portland, OR

Holy League Catholic Men's Conference

Dec. 7

Ralph Martin

Contact: thurman.jb0511@gmail.com

Columbus, OH

"From the Cathedral Pulpit" Series

Dec. 7

Dr. Mary Healy

Details: www.saintjosephcathedral.org/

Grand Rapids, MI

"Give Free!" Workshop: How to Pray with Others for Freedom

Dec. 7

Michelle Kazanjian

Register: www.livefreeub.net

Bloomfield Township, MI

ECRC Advent Retreat

Dec. 7

Pete Burak

Details: www.ecrc.us/advent-retreat

Newtown, CT

Advent Night

Dec. 8

Debbie Herbeck

Contact: Liz at lizbrestovankys@gmail.com

Plymouth, MI

OLGC School Youth Alpha Retreat*

Dec. 13

Debbie Herbeck

Elizabethtown, KY

Advent by Candlelight

Dec. 14

Lavinia Spirito

Contact: Sister Augusta, OP, at sranickel@stjames-etown.org

Ann Arbor, MI

"Forgiveness Opens the Door" Retreat

Dec. 15

Michelle Kazanjian

Details: www.livefreeub.net

* *Not open to the public.*

For a complete listing, visit: RenewalMinistries.net/Events

Save the Dates!

☉ Toronto, Ontario
Lift Jesus Higher Rally
March 7, 2020
www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

☉ Ann Arbor, MI
Renewal Ministries' Annual Gathering
April 24-26
www.renewalministries.net/gathering

“Mary being ‘full of grace’ could be translated, ‘You are full of the Holy Spirit; your life is intimately connected with God.’ Grace in the proper and deepest sense of the word is not something that comes from God; it is God himself who as the Holy Spirit is in communion with us. Mary is the only wholly open human who boldly places herself in God's hands without fear for her own fate.”
//Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Please Pray...

- ✚ For the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide marriages and families.
- ✚ For the grace to enter more fully into Advent, that we may become more like “little children” and be welcomed into His kingdom.
- ✚ For the prayer intentions of all our supporters and their family members, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty.

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