



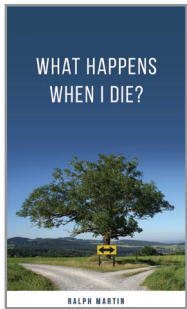
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Proclaiming Jesus through Catholic Renewal and Evangelization

March 2018



A letter ▶ from Ralph Martin



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booklet from Ralph Martin
[See reply card for details]

Dear Companions on the Journey,

Isn't it good to have companions on the journey? Yes, it is. And even though many of us have never met, we strengthen each other through our common support for the message and mission of Renewal Ministries. We are all part of the spiritual family of Renewal Ministries, a small network that is nevertheless very real in the greater communion of saints of which we all are a part.

Over the past few months, I've shared about how deeply struck I have been by the Fatima children's wholehearted, single-minded, obedient, and fervent response to Mary's requests to pray and offer sacrifices for the conversion of sinners and reparation for sin, and to pray the rosary every day, asking God to have mercy on the world and grant us peace. The Scripture passage that continues to come to mind when reflecting on St. Jacinta, St. Francisco, and Lucia is this: "Unless you become like little children you will not enter the kingdom of God" (Mt 18:3).

Here in the Detroit area, we've had our own strong affirmation of this truth. Fr. Solanus Casey, an American-born Capuchin friar, was recently declared "blessed" by Pope Francis. This is the next-to-last step in the process of canonization, and required both a medically attested miracle and proof of a heroically lived holy life. **Since Fr. Solanus spent many years serving in the Detroit area and both died and was buried here, the ceremony was held at Detroit's Ford Field, home of the Detroit Lions. It was filled to capacity.**

I first heard about Fr. Solanus when I was standing in line one cold day outside the Basilica of the Little Flower near Detroit, waiting to enter the church and be inspired by the relics of St. Therese of Lisieux that were in the area on a worldwide tour. St. Therese wanted to be a missionary, and even though she never left the cloistered Carmelite convent in France during her lifetime, she certainly has been an active missionary ever since then! While talking to people near me in line, I heard many testimonies about St. Therese's intercession; surprisingly, I also heard many similar stories about Fr. Solanus' intercession!

A few months later, a friend invited Anne and me to a dinner at the Capuchin friary in Detroit where Fr. Solanus had lived and died. We were fortunate to visit with Brother Leo and Brother Richard, who were actively involved in advancing Fr. Solanus' "cause" and knew a great deal about him. Brother Leo had actually lived with Fr. Solanus for many years in the very monastery where the dinner was being held, and Brother Richard had met him as a young boy.



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Katie, Ralph, & Pete

SLS 2018: EMPOWERING A NEW GENERATION

by Ralph Martin

I recently spent time with i.d.9:16 team members Pete Burak and Katie Perrotta at FOCUS' (Fellowship of Catholic University Students') Student Leadership Summit in Chicago. The powerful five-day event united eight thousand student leaders, lay leaders, and clergy from around the country to dive into our Catholic faith and learn to better preach the Gospel. I was encouraged by the thirst for spiritual growth evident throughout the event.



↑ I spoke on *The Fulfillment of All Desire: The Four Principles of Spiritual Growth According to John Paul II*. The room quickly reached its capacity at 1000 people, and many were turned away!

↓ After the talk, our team offered *The Fulfillment of All Desire* for purchase. We sold out! Signing books gave me the opportunity to meet many faithful young adults.



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From all that they told us and from all that I've subsequently read, do you want to know what strikes me most about Fr. Solanus?

His life seemed so very ordinary.

He was pious and a bit eccentric, but no one realized the depth of his holiness. They teased him about many things, most notably about his violin playing. When he offered to play the violin for the friars, they would often disappear or turn on the radio to prevent the performance. Fr. Solanus would then go and play his violin—poorly, they said—before the Blessed Sacrament.

There was even some debate about whether to ordain him, because he struggled with his studies, partly because they were mostly conducted in German and Latin, and he wasn't gifted in languages. Finally, they decided to ordain him a "priest simplex"—a priest who could say Mass and give simple homilies, but who couldn't hear confessions. They also assigned him to the lowly position of porter, or doorkeeper, whose responsibility was to answer the door and attend to the needs that people brought to the monastery. One of his goals in meeting with people was to enroll them in the Capuchin Mass Association and request from them a small donation to help support the missions, in return for prayer from the Capuchins. **He felt very strongly that, if people expected God to answer their prayers, they needed to "put some skin in the game" by giving alms!** He kept a close record of every person who enrolled and their prayer intentions, and he recorded answer after answer to their prayers—thousands of answered prayers, cures, employment, conversions, etc.

When he died of a painful skin disease, more than 10,000 people came to the funeral. This totally astounded his brother Capuchins, who had no idea what was going on in his door-answering duties. They were overwhelmed by testimony after testimony of people who, through Fr. Solanus' help, received answered prayers for healings and prophetic guidance and encouragement.

What was going on at the door? Fr. Solanus would patiently listen to people pour out their hearts, and then he would often speak a prophetic word to them and promise to pray for them. Many healings have been attributed to his prayers, and his prophetic words are reported to have come true time after time.

If you're ever in Detroit, there is a visitor center there that allows easy access to his tomb, where people continue to pray and have their prayers answered through Blessed Solanus Casey's intercession. But of course, you don't need to be in Detroit to invoke his intercession!

St. Jacinta, St. Francisco, and Blessed Solanus, pray for us, that we may become like little children in our wholehearted devotion to the Lord's will. May we be obedient in carrying it out and so enter, with you, into the kingdom of God!

And this, of course, is what we try to do through all the many avenues in which Renewal Ministries preaches the Gospel—get as many as people as possible to join us in seeking first the kingdom of God!

Thank you for your companionship on this privileged journey.

Ralph Martin

Ralph

Please Pray...

- ✚ That the Lord will help us extend forgiveness wherever it is needed in our lives, especially during this season of Lent.
- ✚ For a true spirit of contrition and the gift of hope this Lent—as we reflect on both our frailness and the Lord's immense mercy and love.
- ✚ For the prayer intentions of all our supporters and their family members, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty.

ARISE!

*“Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”*
(Is 60:1)



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ANNUAL GATHERING
April 6-8, 2018
Ypsilanti • Michigan

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF HOPE AND CONFIDENCE IN GOD!

“Darkness is covering the earth, but the Lord has given us the baptism in the Holy Spirit for precisely this time. This is not a time to grow timid, discouraged, fearful, passive, or confused. We must join our Lord and our Lady in rising up and going forth in confidence in the light and glory of the Lord!”

—Peter Herbeck

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT AT THE GATHERING?

- » **COMMUNITY:** Spend quality time with fellow Catholics on fire for the faith who are hungry for the Lord.
- » **GROWTH:** Powerful talks from Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck, and popular speaker Sr. Miriam James, SOLT, as well as a testimony from former Pentecostal minister Barbara Heil.
- » **PRAYER:** Adoration, Mass, and more!
- » **PRAISE & WORSHIP:** Talented musicians lead us in song to help us lift our hearts to the Lord.
- » **EMPOWERMENT MINISTRY:** Led by Peter Herbeck and Barbara Heil, this is a time to help you grow into the fullness of God’s plan for your life!
- » **i.d.9:16—On Mission in a New Generation:** Pete Burak and the i.d.9:16 team share the impact their work is having on young adults and parishes across the country.

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RenewalMinistries.net/gathering



Words of Thanks

We at Renewal Ministries regularly receive letters of gratitude for the work accomplished through YOUR support and prayers. Here is just one of those letters. Thank you, and God bless you!

I want to thank Sr. Ann for her Advent CD. After listening to the Advent series, I was motivated to do something that my grandchildren would remember and that would teach them about the coming of Jesus as well. This led to planning a Nativity shadow play. I wrote the words of the Christmas story into a poetry form that I read while the children, who range in age from six to twenty-six, were the various characters behind the white curtain. It was a big success! Everyone loved it! Behind all the fun, however, is the hope of communicating the serious message of our blessed Jesus coming to us.

*“ In the modern era,
humanity has achieved
extraordinary scientific and
technological progress, while
at the same time often losing
track of the true answers to
the great questions of life.
This is tragic.
How can we be authentic
Christians in a world where
so little is Christian? It is
necessary to swim against
the stream. Faith is a
decision in which each of us
is required to invest himself
with his personal convictions
and defy the surrounding
environment. ”*



St. John Paul II

THE CHOICES WE FACE 2018

This month, EWTN will begin airing the thirty-fourth season of *The Choices We Face*. This widely acclaimed program is the longest-running Catholic television show in history! Each week, hosts Ralph Martin and Peter Herbeck explore important topics concerning the faith. They interview guests from various callings, including priests, evangelists, catechists, parents, and theologians.

HIGHLIGHTED BELOW ARE THE 2018 GUESTS AND TOPICS.



▶ **Sr. Ann Shields, SGL · *Back to Basics***

Sr. Ann Shields talks with Ralph about the importance of never losing sight of the basic elements of life with God.

▶ **Bishop Scott McCaig · *Life is Not a Game***

Bishop McCaig preaches at the 2017 Lift Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto and talks with Ralph about Fatima.



▶ **Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse · *Facing the Facts***

Dr. Morse, founder of The Ruth Institute, shares about the ongoing tragedies of the sexual revolution.

▶ **Debbie Herbeck · *Hope for Young Women***

Debbie, founder of Be Love Revolution, shares about her outreach to teens and St. Mother Teresa's impact on her life.



▶ **Patti Mansfield · *Celebrating the Renewal***

Patti and Ralph discuss the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal that took place in Rome.

▶ **Andy Comiskey · *Courage and Chastity***

The founder of Desert Stream Living Waters Ministries shares the wisdom he has learned about sexual wholeness.



▶ **Fr. John Riccardo · *What is the Spirit Saying?***

Frequent guest and popular speaker Fr. Riccardo shares what's on his heart about the state of the Church.

▶ **Barbara Heil · *A Surprising Catholic***

The founder of From His Heart Ministries relates how, after being a Pentecostal evangelist for years, she came into the Catholic Church—without losing her ministry.



Will Heady · *Out of the Depths*

A single dad shares his deliverance from drugs and how he found his way back to the Church.



Deacon Tom Cabeen · *The Real Truth*

A former leader in the Jehovah's Witnesses discusses his life with them and how he found the fullness of truth.

Sharon Morris · *Still Bearing Fruit*

Ralph's sister Sharon shares stories from their family life while growing up, her own family with husband Bob Morris, and how God launched her into new service late in life.



Brig Sorber · *Get Real*

The founder and CEO of Two Men and a Truck tells the story of his conversion to Christ and the Catholic Church.

Tom Graves · *Everyday Witness*

Tom, a medical doctor, shares how his Catholic faith came alive and how he brings it into everyday encounters with patients.



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"I wanted to say how much I enjoy The Choices We Face. You are always guided by the Holy Spirit! I want to give my profound thanks for your show; it is a great way for me to prepare for my day of remembering to try to bring Jesus to everyone we meet."

- The Choices We Face viewer



Deacon Zoli Kunszabó
COUNTRY COORDINATOR
for HUNGARY

Deacon Zoltán (Zoli) Kunszabó and his wife, Panni, live in Budapest, Hungary. They have five children and one grandson. Deacon Zoli is the founder-leader of the New Jerusalem Catholic Community, a permanent deacon of the Archdiocese of Esztergom-Budapest, and the current president of the National Service Committee for Hungary's Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He has worked in full-time missions since 1994. He began collaborating with Renewal Ministries in 1996 and is the Country Coordinator for Hungary, Serbia, and Croatia. He also aids in outreach to Romania and the Ukraine.

Spreading the GOSPEL in Hungary

I recently was blessed to serve with a “dream team” of Peter Herbeck; Sr. Ann Shields, SGL; Kathleen Kittle; and Fr. Graham Keep.

Our mission got off to a strong start at Hungary's Twenty-Sixth Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference and Golden Jubilee celebration. Twenty-five hundred people were in attendance.

Peter opened the first worship time by sharing that the goal of Jesus' redemption is to unify the created man with God Himself through the Holy Spirit. He said the Charismatic Renewal is a sign and an agent to fulfill God's plan. We then had an abundant time of prayer ministry.

Sister Ann built upon Peter's theme by speaking about deeper conversion and how the Holy Spirit wants to lead the Renewal further on the path of obedience. Fr. Graham then led a time of Adoration. Many words of knowledge came from the stage. Peter said the Lord wanted to heal somebody's blind left eye. His translator explained what happened next:

(The woman) told us she had been blind for two years, and that the doctor declared her case to be without any hope of recovery, because of damage to her visual nerve. Peter prayed for her and kept asking what she was experiencing. She felt a strong pain, then tears came from her eye, and then she began to see faintly. Her left eyeball gradually turned into a normal position. Finally, she could see quite clearly! It was an unbelievable experience!

Later, we had a very important moment for Hungary's Catholic Charismatic Renewal—the fruit of many years of work. The country's Catholic Charismatic communities formed a covenant, and as president of the National Serving Committee, I proclaimed it. The leaders of seventy-five communities then came to the stage with candles and prayed the prayer of unity and devotion according to their status.



The team: Kathleen, Panni, Sr. Ann, Fr. Graham, Josh Herbeck, Deacon Zoli, & Peter.

This unity brought an incredible peace and joy. The spiritual atmosphere of the whole day was extraordinary, with the Spirit-led, very high quality performances of the American team, elevated times of worship and ministry, and Holy Mass.

Many leaders said the Holy Spirit used this event to lead the Renewal to a higher place. I am grateful to the team, without whose help it could not have happened. Renewal Ministries' very bold and high-level service just a few years after the fall of communism here twenty years ago opened a new era of evangelization in the Hungarian Catholic Church. Our feedback suggests something similar is happening today:

“God made something different; He turned on some ‘power-switches.’ I believe it is a part of a new era of the Holy Spirit.”

—Borbála Nyuli, co-leader of a community in Budapest, Hungary

“The Saturday event was historical. The Spirit went through me as in early times, totally seizing and empowering me. The power of unity broke through all the walls between us, as I haven't experienced in our days. During our covenant prayers, I felt that we went back to biblical times: God wanted to show Himself, to manifest His power. All the words of the teachers influenced us with the power of the Holy Spirit.”

—Kata Berta, Effata Community media director



KATHLEEN KITTLE
Missions Administrator

Deacon Zoli did an amazing job planning and orchestrating the mission; the Holy Spirit clearly guided him. It is electrifying to get out of the office and into the mission field to participate in the work of the Lord and to witness first-hand how God uses our country coordinators' unique gifting and anointing.

A particular highlight was spending time with Deacon Zoli's wife, Panni, at the Only One homeless day shelter. Each visitor to the shelter is treated as a beloved, unique child of God. Through the staff and volunteers, each visitor experiences the love of their merciful Father in heaven. (**Read more about Only One on our blog! Visit renewalministries.net/wordpress/only-one.*)

As the mission concluded, we all had a strong sense that God is building up the Body of Christ in Hungary and is blessing His people there with renewed energy and greater boldness for proclaiming the Gospel to the European nations and evangelizing both the culture and individuals.

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PETER HERBECK

Vice President & Director of Missions

During this mission, I saw the amazing fruit that has come from our Hungarian brothers' and sisters' single-hearted devotion and docility to Holy Spirit. We're grateful for the privilege of having collaborated these past twenty years with these inspiring leaders. Their zeal for the Lord and passion to spread the fire of God's love—a fire that has now spread powerfully to the next generation—has made them a sign of new life and hope for the Church in Hungary and beyond. May the Lord continue to pour out His grace and power upon them!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

One-hundred-and-twenty community leaders and ministers gathered on the day after the Golden Jubilee celebration. Our desire was to learn how to know God's will in our prayers, communicate it with our groups, and live a prophetic lifestyle in which family life is shining and attractive.

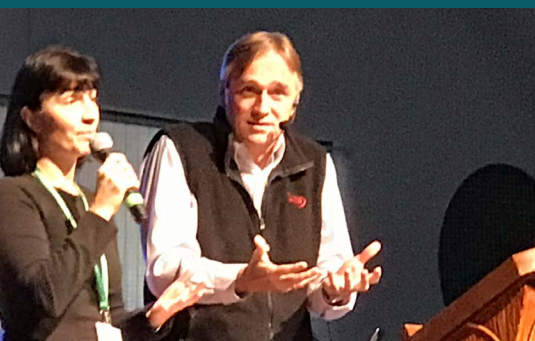
Sister Ann taught about the prayer life of the leader. She awoke our desire to put the most important things first in our lives! Then Peter taught on the up-in-out model, using a triangle to depict the three primary directions of Jesus' own life and ministry: up toward the Father in prayer, in toward the community He was building among the apostles and other disciples, and out toward the "lost sheep of the House of Israel" (Mt 10:6).



Sr. Ann entreated the leaders to put the most important things first in their lives.



Peter taught on the up-in-out model and led an anointed time of ministry.



We then experienced a detonation during worship time! I haven't seen such a powerful prayer time since Hungary's revival twenty years ago. Following worship, Kathleen shared her conversion testimony and Fr. Graham taught on missionary discipleship. Finally, Peter led an anointed time of ministry. The Holy Spirit touched many people in a significant way, especially the young leaders.

PRIESTS' RETREAT

After the leaders' retreat, our team continued its intense-but-fruitful time of service with a priests' retreat. We served forty-two priest participants—a high number for a non-obligatory priest retreat in Hungary.

Fr. Graham opened the day by asking the priests to confess their sins to each other to make room for the Holy Spirit. It surprised everybody, since priests' retreats usually start in a very formal way, but the air changed, and the Spirit of meekness and brotherhood arrived. At the end of the day, almost everybody came forward to receive prayer.

Many priests said the retreat enabled them to experience the Father's love again. Others emphasized the importance of good spiritual and pastoral practices like Unbound, Alpha, and Divine Renovation—all of which Peter had discussed earlier in the day. Some asked us to continue a series of priestly gatherings, because only the Charismatic approach gives this deeply spiritual, but also very practical, approach.

CONCLUSION

Cardinal Péter Erdo, archbishop of Esztergom-Budapest, was very happy with Renewal Ministries' service. He shared with us his prophetic vision for the evangelization and renewal of Hungary and said we have very deep roots of hope here. He also asked our help with the International Eucharistic Congress in 2020 in Budapest!

During our time with the Renewal Ministries' team, Hungary's Renewal experienced a breakthrough and entered into a new period in many ways. Now we must stop and listen and allow the Spirit to lead us on the next step of this new path.



Twenty-five-hundred people participated in Hungary's Catholic Charismatic Golden Jubilee celebration.

On the Road

March 2018 ENGAGEMENTS

Green Bay, WI Legatus Meeting*

March 1
Ralph Martin

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

March 1
Martin Doman
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Goa, India Colloquium on Catholic Charismatic Renewal

March 2-4
Dr. Mary Healy
Details: nccrs.org

Toronto, ON Lift Jesus Higher Rally

March 3
Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter
Herbeck, & Pete Burak
Details: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

London, ON Young Adult Discipleship Workshop*

March 7
Pete Burak

Cleveland, TN Roman Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue* Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting

March 8
Dr. Mary Healy

Atlanta, GA Men's Conference

March 10
Peter Herbeck
Details: mmosatlanta.com

Novi, MI Unbound Conference

March 10
Debbie Herbeck & Pete Burak
Details: unbound-michigan.net/con-
ferences.html

Charlotte, MI St. Mary's Parish Mission

March 11-13
Sr. Ann Shields, SGL
Contact: 517-543-4319

Detroit, MI Legatus Meeting*

March 13
Debbie Herbeck

Jacksonville, FL Eucharistic Congress

March 16-17
Peter Herbeck
Details: floridaeucharist.org

Virginia Beach, VA Making Disciples Conference

March 17
Dr. Mary Healy
Details: makingdisciples2018.com

Grosse Pointe, MI Encounter on the Lake

March 18
Pete Burak

Swartz Creek, MI St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish Mission

March 19
Sr. Ann Shields
Contact: 810-635-3667 or
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MISSIONS

Ethiopia

Feb. 19 - March 6
Lloyd & Nancy Greenhaw

Serbia

March 7-10
Deacon Zoltan Kunszabo

Ghana

March 13-17
Emmanuel Tamakloe

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Redwood Falls, MN Bishop Lucker Lecture

March 20
Dr. Mary Healy
Details: www.dnu.org/bishop-lucker-lecture

Brevard/Hendersonville, NC Healing Retreat

March 23-24
Dr. Mary Healy
Contact: annegrufant@gmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD...

Ypsilanti, MI Annual Renewal Ministries' Gathering

April 6-8
Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck,
Sr. Ann Shields, & Pete Burak
Details: renewalministries.net/gathering

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