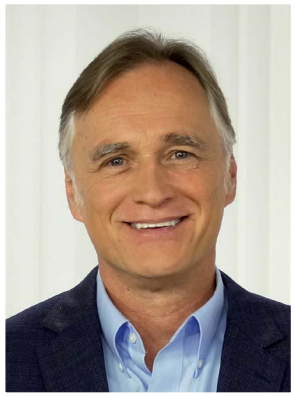




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A letter ▶
from Peter Herbeck

“
JESUS CHRIST
IS LORD:
HE POSSESSES
ALL POWER
IN HEAVEN
& ON EARTH.”

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

HAPPY EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN!

After forty days of a Lent that contained more than the usual mortifications, including the inability for many of us to receive the Eucharist, we're now making our way through fifty days of celebration, giving thanks for Jesus' victory over the power of sin and death, the gift of eternal life, and the beginning of the new creation.

As I write this, in late March, I cannot say for certain what form our celebrations will be able to take. However, I do know for certain that the resurrection of Jesus has changed everything, forever. He is the beginning of the new creation. A new humanity was born in Him. The new humanity comes to be through the new life, the eternal life, that is in Jesus. He is the second Adam, who St. Paul tells us "became a life-giving spirit" (1 Cor 15:45). Jesus said, "As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he chooses" (Jn 5:21).

In just a few weeks, we will be celebrating the Ascension of our Lord—the day that Jesus takes human flesh, in his person, into the glorious presence of God the Father:

Christ's Ascension into heaven signifies his participation, in his humanity, in God's power and authority. Jesus Christ is Lord: he possesses all power in heaven and on earth. He is "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion," for the Father "has put all things under his feet." Christ is Lord of the cosmos and of history. In him human history and indeed all creation are "set forth" and transcendently fulfilled.¹

This is our hope, in Jesus: A race of people who had fallen from glory has now been raised to glory in Him. One of us is now sitting at the right hand of God the Father in heaven! Blessed be the name of the Lord! It's because Jesus has been glorified and now sits

in a place of "authority and power and dominion" (Eph 1:21) that the words of St. John become a reality: "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God" (Jn 1:12).

Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that Jesus' entire mission—his life, passion, death, and resurrection into glory—leads to its fulfillment in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. He said,

*"Christ's entire mission is summed up in this: to baptize in the Holy Spirit, to free us from the slavery of death, and 'to open heaven to us.'"*²

The Catechism describes it this way: "Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out his Spirit in abundance."³

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost is the visible sign that Jesus has entered into full glory and has taken his seat upon the throne of heaven. St. Peter tells us that Jesus was "exalted at the right hand of God" and from that exalted position, He "received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33), which He poured out on those gathered in the Upper Room (Acts 2:1-4).

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Jesus opened heaven that day. Pentecost was the beginning of something entirely new that continues to this day and will continue until the Lord comes again. It's not simply a past event to be commemorated; it is an ongoing reality that is meant to be experienced, received, and lived. It's ongoing, because the Holy Spirit's coming never ceases.⁴

The Holy Spirit's special mission is to reveal Jesus to every human heart:

The Spirit manifests the risen Lord to men, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist.⁵

Cardinal Seunens wrote beautifully about the relationship between the Eucharist and Pentecost:

The Church is founded on the Eucharist and Pentecost. Indeed, Easter and Pentecost make up a single reality. In the light of their mutual interpenetration, we should look upon Pentecost as the culmination of the Paschal mystery and open ourselves to the action of the Holy Spirit.⁶

And, "the Church lives the two mysteries of the Eucharist and Pentecost."⁷

All genuine renewal in the Church is tied to these two great mysteries, which both manifest the reality of the open heaven Jesus has created. The renewal that we need so badly in the Church today is found here, in these two gifts, which are the permanent, perennial sources of new life and power for the Church.

"Our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again."⁸ In this sacrament, Jesus ensures that his perfect offering of love will be made to the Father from the earth until the end

of time. The Holy Spirit makes present this act of love by which we have been saved, and through it, He feeds us with supernatural food and enables us to transcend time and eternity by uniting us to the heavenly liturgy.⁹

A recent Pew Forum study made it clear that the majority of self-identified Catholics are not living the mystery of the Eucharist. Nearly seventy percent of those polled said they don't believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.¹⁰ Many have pointed out that this sad state of affairs is the result of bad catechesis. That is, no doubt, a factor. But its not the main reason.

The main reason belief in the Eucharist is declining is that too many of the baptized are not living the mystery of Pentecost. Pope Paul VI's words nearly fifty years ago still provide the clearest expression of what is needed, the antidote for the spiritual malaise of our time:

What do we feel is the first and last need of this blessed and beloved Church of ours? We must say it, almost trembling and praying, because as you know well, this is the Church's mystery and life: the Spirit, the Holy Spirit. He it is who animates and sanctifies the Church

. . . the Church needs her perennial Pentecost; she needs fire in her heart, words on her lips, prophecy in her outlook.¹¹

As we celebrate our fortieth anniversary at Renewal Ministries, we are committed, more than ever, to do all we can to help as many people as possible experience the grace of Pentecost.

Your Brother in Christ,



Peter Herbeck

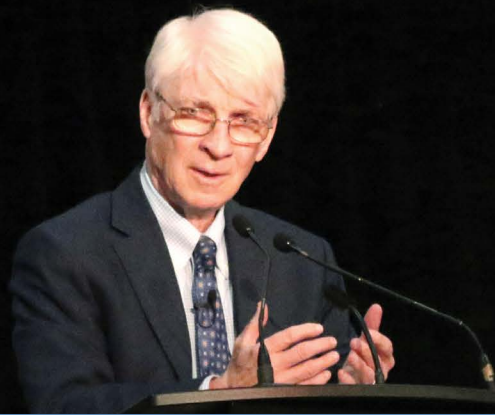
P.S. In this moment of great global trial and upheaval, the Lord is speaking to the world, calling us back to Him. One small way that came to mind today is the image of nearly the entire world washing its hands many times throughout the day in an attempt to ward off infection, to keep oneself purified and clean. The challenging words of Jesus to the Pharisees in Matthew 23:25-26 came to mind. Don't just clean the outside of the cup, but first cleanse the inside. Are we taking similar concern throughout the day to cleanse the inside of our cup? Do we have the same urgency to cleanse and to protect ourselves from the infection of sin, which when it goes unchecked not only infects us, but those we touch? We wash ourselves diligently to protect ourselves from sickness and natural death. What about the sickness of sin that leads to eternal death? My prayers are with all of you during this time.

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"JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

//RALPH MARTIN



LIFT
JESUS
HIGHER

The theme of this year's Lift Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto, Ontario, was "Jesus, Light of the World." Held March 7, it happened just a week before many conferences were cancelled due to concerns about the coronavirus. Every year, the theme is chosen after much prayer and discernment, and it seems fitting that all of this year's talks reminded us to bring Jesus' light into the world and that He will be victorious! All of the talks on the following three pages have been condensed from their original form.

God has permitted darkness to fall on the world because He has a plan for overturning it and rescuing his people, to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Scripture says, "Let no one deceive you in any way" (2 Thes 2:3). The only protection against deception is to know what Scripture really says. To know God's Word is to know Jesus. Jesus says, "My own will recognize my voice"—and as we deepen our relationship with the Lord and grow in holiness and prayer, when someone says something that doesn't sound quite right, we're going to recognize that.

For the first time since Emperor Constantine, we're seeing a repudiation of the way Western nations based themselves on Judeo-Christian principles. The difference between light and darkness is getting clearer.

Paul tells us that when it seems evil is engulfing the world, the Lord Jesus will appear and achieve victory. Just when all hope seems lost, Jesus will return in glory to judge the living and the dead, to gather his faithful ones to Himself, and to separate from the kingdom forever those who have persisted in unbelief and immorality.

If we love others, we're not just going to be concerned about their temporal welfare; we're going to be concerned with rebellion against God. We need to encourage our priests not to fall silent in the face of darkness. We need to fear God more than men.

At Fatima, Mary said, "Pray the rosary every day." She also asked the children, "Are you willing to accept sufferings God gives you and offer them as reparation for sins and for conversion of sinners? Are you willing to offer voluntary sacrifices for the salvation of souls? Are you willing to give up little things?"

Lucia wrote, "We enthusiastically said 'yes,' but we had no idea what we were saying yes to."

Don't be afraid to say "yes" to God's call to real holiness. God will give you the grace to live out your yes, even though you're painfully aware of your weakness.

Unless we wholeheartedly accept Jesus' amazing gift, we won't enter God's kingdom. Only He has the words of eternal life. Even when they're challenging, where else can we go?

The world is afraid of death. It's in bondage to fear, anxiety, and depression. Suicide rates are climbing astronomically. Fear grips the world, but Jesus came to destroy the devil. Let's renounce the spirit of fear, because Jesus has come to destroy the one who, through fear, keeps us locked up inside ourselves.

Jesus wants us to be his faithful friends. We must pray, read God's Word, believe it, and be willing to offer sacrifices and fast and pray for others. Nothing

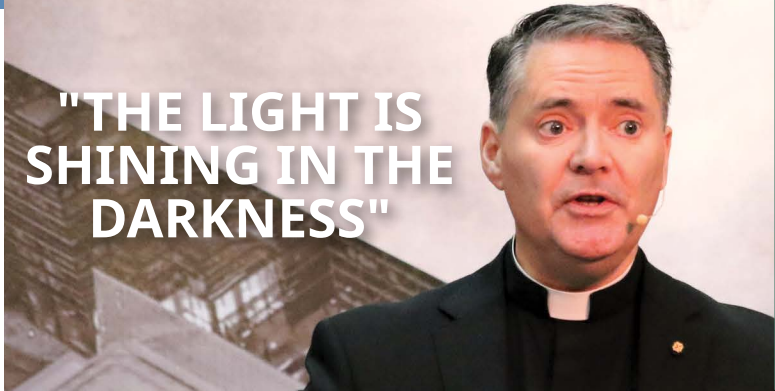
is lacking in Christ's suffering, but God's generosity lets us participate in the most generous thing a person can do—help someone be delivered from the kingdom of darkness into salvation. We can participate in that every day by accepting the suffering God gives us and offering it as reparation for sins and conversion of sinners, as Mary said at Fatima.

We need to pay attention to what Scripture says, that whoever believes in Him should not perish. There needs to be an act of surrender, an act of trust to Jesus, in order for the power of his death and resurrection to be released in our lives. We often skim over that. It's either eternal life or perish. One of the most important things Jesus taught St. Faustina was that little prayer, "Jesus, I trust in You."

It is important to not falter in faith or trust. Think about the situations you're most afraid could happen. In the midst of every situation—particularly those you are most afraid of—say, "Jesus, I trust in You." Say it every day, and every time that fear comes over you, say it again:

"Jesus, I trust in You."

He's utterly trustworthy, powerful, and wise. His love is pure, passionate, and never-ending, and He will never abandon us.



"THE LIGHT IS SHINING IN THE DARKNESS"

//FR. JAMES MALLON

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No other generation has had to digest the entire world's bad news at breakfast. We're overwhelmed with disaster, suffering, wars, and the coronavirus. But Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house" (Mt 5:14-15). It's a corporate challenge to the Body of Christ. If we walk with Him, we won't walk in darkness. Letting our light shine is letting Jesus' light shine.

Divine Renovation has identified three keys that allow churches to have a more missionary posture: primacy of evangelization, best of leadership, and power of the Holy Spirit. These move a parish toward being outward focused and as bright as it's meant to be.

Spiritual transformation begins by winning over hearts. If celebrating the Eucharist made parishes missionary, every single parish would be—and sadly, they're not.

When parish leaders are filled with the Holy Spirit and focused on evangelization, it's amazing what can happen. People not in leadership roles often feel they can't make a difference—but they can.

Leadership done properly intensifies the light given off by parishes—so they shine in the darkness. Leadership done well unleashes all the gifts. Leadership helps activate our baptism. The Church is filled with potential that hasn't been harvested for the sake of the kingdom. We have voltage to shine as a bright light in the darkness of our world, but it's never been turned on.

There are ten ways we can help our parish's light shine even if we are not in a leadership role:

1 ▶ PRAY. We talk about praying more than we actually pray. The struggle to renew parishes is primarily spiritual; the starting point is mobilizing parishioners to pray and intercede. Also, our attitudes toward pastors must be fed through prayer. It's easy to criticize. The expectations on priests today are dehumanizing.

2 ▶ ENCOURAGE. Joseph of Cypress so encouraged the apostles by giving them money from the sale of a field, they changed his name to Barnabas, "Son of Encouragement." He recognized people's giftedness. He encouraged St. Paul to go on the first missionary journey. "Encourage" means to put heart into someone. If we want to see our parishes' light increase, we must be sons and daughters of encouragement!

3 ▶ BUY IN. Don't be an armchair critic—engage in the mission of your parish. I had fourteen years of priesthood before someone asked how they could help the parish.

4 ▶ DREAM GOD-SIZED DREAMS. Why have a strategic plan that assumes God is not going to show up? Go before the Blessed Sacrament and ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and give you a dream for your parish or ministries.

5 ▶ DON'T MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR DISCONTENT WITH THE STATUS QUO. But also, don't let that discontent sour your heart. Take it to the Lord.

6 ▶ INFLUENCE YOUR SPHERE.

How much is the light shining in your parish? Studies show that three to six percent of church-goers are actually missionary disciples. If you're bought in and have a dream, you're going to have a sphere of influence. Like the parable of the talents, how are you going to use your influence?

7 ▶ HELP IMPLEMENT A TOOL OF EVANGELIZATION.

I like Alpha, because it reaches people outside of the Church who often don't get evangelized. We have to feed the sheep, but we also have to catch fish.

8 ▶ GIVE YOUR PASTOR PERMISSION TO LEAD.

The Church is like a plane, designed to take people from one place to another—but now people don't want to get off. We forget we have a mission. We just want to sit on the tarmac and throw a party. We're content to keep it all to ourselves. When the captain—the priest—recognizes the need to fly the plane, he realizes he never learned how to. When he tries to start flying, passengers get upset, because he's not serving coffee anymore. When pastors begin to lead, that is time, energy, suffering, and work. They're going to have to stop doing a lot of things.

9 ▶ BE A WISDOM CARRIER.

It's not enough to have a dream or to be tied into your pastor's dream. How are you bringing that dream to others? If we get parish renewal right, we get the New Evangelization, and if we get that right, the light of Jesus will shine like never before.

10 ▶ SEEK TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

It's not just about God with us; it's about God in us.

"WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!"



//CHRISTY DUPUIS
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I grew up Catholic but couldn't have said what it meant to me. At the university, I left the faith. My family began attending Catholic retreats and wanted me to go. On the way there, I prayed,

"God, if you are real, open my heart to whatever you have in store for me."

I know that was a grace.

The retreat was filled with people talking about Jesus like He was a real person. Someone asked, "Did you know Jesus would have died just for you?"

I went to Adoration for the first time. I saw Him in the monstrance, and music started playing, and it was like the angels started singing. I said,

"God, I don't understand, but I know You're real, and You've given everything to me."

A response welled up inside me—I need to give everything back to You.

I had a burning desire to share this life-changing truth. I led a Bible study, and a sixty-five-year-old woman said, "How have I been Catholic my entire life without knowing Jesus loves me in this way? This changes everything."

It was a reminder of why I try to know my Lord in prayer every day, and bring Him into every situation. Matthew 5:15 says, "You would not light a lamp and place it under a bushel basket." We have been given the light of Christ, but we are constantly placing a bushel basket over it.

We can't be engaged in this battle to bring his light to the world unless we are engaged in an intimate relationship with Jesus—we must seek his face every day. When gold is refined, impurities rise to the top, and the refiner scoops them away; when the gold has been made perfect, the refiner sees his reflection in it.

As the Lord scoops away the filth from our lives, his reflection will be made more profoundly evident.

Too often, we give into a spirit of fear. When Jesus was asleep in the boat and the storm was raging, the apostles said, "Lord, don't you care that we are perishing?" They lost confidence, but the moment they awoke Him, He heard their request and calmed the storm. That speaks of God's tenderness. When we feel the storm is too great, that it is submerging us, He will calm it. He will send an angel to refresh us. He will be with us in the storm.

When the storm is raging, and our hearts are breaking, we are being invited to stand like Mary "stood at the foot of the cross"—so Jesus' image might be made known in dark places.

Each one of you is carrying crosses and don't know if you can continue to wait while He is sleeping in the boat. But what might the apostles have seen if they had been willing to wait with Him in the storm—to stand in confidence with Him?

I was diagnosed with a juvenile form of macular degeneration, so I am progressively losing my central vision. The Lord has been showing me that while this is a storm and a suffering, if I am willing to open every aspect of myself to Him, He will use even this disease.

Thanks to a gift from someone we don't even know, my husband and I went on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. We met a group of Italian pilgrims, and the priest said, "I need to bless you." He started praying, and I thought, "Maybe You're going to heal me now."

He doused us with holy water, and then he pulled me in, and two things happened. He stroked my hair—something my mom did when I was young, and something I imagine the Lord doing to me. And then the priest said, "Do not be afraid." Those were the words at the beginning of Pope John Paul II's pontificate, and when I looked up into the priest's eyes, it was like my friend in heaven was there encouraging me.

We were climbing to the foot of an enormous cross, and I said, "I will continue to ask for healing, but if You ask me to carry this, I will carry it as long as You want me to. I give everything to You, and I leave it here at the foot of your cross."

It has been a great grace. When we are willing to stand at the foot of the cross and bear what we have been given with the Lord, it will be a witness to the world that we can't make happen on our own.

"We have been given the light of Christ, but we are constantly placing a bushel basket over it."

“He Can Do Even More”



Don is pictured here with Archbishop Linh, from Vietnam, and a group of religious sisters that he “adopted” as his granddaughters at the archbishop’s request.



Renewal Ministries’ Country Coordinator Don Turbitt recently reflected in his personal newsletter about his fifty years of ministry. We have shared a condensed version of his article below.

PRAYER MEETINGS: THE BEGINNING

People of God’s Love prayer meeting had its beginning fifty years ago and continues to meet! It began in our home in Providence, Rhode Island, with a Bible study given by Trappist monk Fr. Jim Henderson. After a few months, I invited a sixteen-year-old neighbor, who is now known as Dr. Marcellino D’Ambrosio on EWTN. He then invited three of his friends, and that’s when all heaven broke loose! Within a few more months, we had sixty people gathering in our home.

We began meeting in a church basement and grew to three-hundred attendees within a year; that number remained steady for twenty-five years. So many life-changing, wonderful things have happened to so many people during that time.

Pat’s parents and brother and all my five siblings and their spouses were baptized in the Holy Spirit—as were Pat and I. Spiritually, our lives changed radically and continue to be transformed to this day.

Fr. Jim spent five years mentoring us. He was an historian and taught us about the early Church Fathers and the lives of the saints. When he came to Rhode Island, he had just finished seventeen years of silence; he must have read every spiritual book written. He laid a wonderful

spiritual foundation for us, and we are eternally grateful.

COVENANT COMMUNITY

In 1975, Pat and I made a commitment to become a covenant community. We continued attending Tuesday night prayer meetings and added a second meeting on Sunday for people who wanted more. The Word of God community in Ann Arbor, Michigan, led by Ralph Martin, had excellent Christian teachings on how to grow in our walk with God. It was a phenomenal time in our lives.

We ran Ralph Martin’s *A Crisis of Truth* conference, with two-thousand people attending. We also ran the second Fire Rally at Brown University, with six-thousand people in attendance. Then we led follow-up meetings for two-thousand people each month for a few years. In the midst of all these things, our numbers stayed steady at three-hundred at our Tuesday night prayer meetings, with around one-hundred adults plus children at our Sunday meetings. We were growing in number and spiritual understanding.

Our annual retreats each produced a new gift of the Holy Spirit. At first, everyone learned to pray in tongues, then to prophesy, then healing, and then resting in the Spirit. We taught on

prayer all year long. We experienced a wonderful, blessed life, but Pat and I felt there was much more. In 1985, Pat and I attended a John Wimber conference on signs and wonders that radically changed my life. I experienced the power of Almighty God like I had never known or seen before. God had been telling the leaders of People of God’s Love that we needed to change, so when I came home from that conference, we had a greater expectation of signs and wonders. Within one year, we doubled our community numbers while maintaining three-hundred at our Tuesday night prayer meetings. I always felt like the good thief, not deserving all the good things that the Lord and his people gave to me.

A TIME OF CHANGE

Yet in 1990, it all fell apart! From 1990-92, ninety-percent of the people in the covenant community left. The hard part was that I truly didn’t fully understand why. It turned out that the leadership was too controlling and some people felt we were operating by the law and not by the Spirit. I did not learn what God was doing fast enough, and we lost community completely. For ten years, I cried out to God saying,

“Why didn’t you help us fix the few things that were wrong and keep all the good we did?”

For ten years, Pat I grieved over losing many of our friends and our community. Instead, I should have been praising and believing Romans 8:28: “All things work for good for those who love God.” In 2000, I read a small book entitled *Secrets of the Vine*, by Bruce Wilkinson. It said,

“When the vine dresser sees the vine producing good fruit, he cuts it down.”

I’m a city boy who didn’t understand why anyone would cut down a vine that produces good fruit. The answer was in the next line,

“so it will produce better fruit.”

I didn’t like the change of losing our community life, but God used the “log in my eye” to help me build the Church in the world. At the present time, thirty years after our community life ended, Pat and I have ministered in twenty-five countries and have seen God’s healing and delivering power at work when we pray with the people. We never stopped leading men’s and women’s retreats.

We need to keep on working in what God is doing. Pat has recently begun a new ministry for women entitled “HIS PRESENCE,” and I founded “Men of St. Joseph International,” which is now in eighteen countries with about 10,000 members.

A REAWAKENED FAITH

From 1990-94, Pat and I experienced some of the driest days of our spiritual lives. We lost almost all the people in our community, and with that experience, our faith in signs and wonders nearly disappeared. My personal prayer life consisted of sitting in my prayer chair, praying to the ceiling, and having my prayers fall back on my head. The “old man” must die in order to make room for new life.

In 1994, Pat and I read about a revival going on in a small church outside Toronto, Canada. A little-known Vineyard pastor, Randy Clark, was visiting the Airport Vineyard Church to preach. Reading about the small revival deeply

touched our hearts. We were desperate to experience God moving again in our lives, and so we immediately made plans to drive to Canada.

When we arrived, there were lines of people waiting around the block to get into the three-hundred-seat church. We may have been some of the first Catholics to attend these services. We were told we needed to attend for three days to understand what God was doing. And that advice was true. On our first day, I was ready to run. Half the people there were “drunk in the Spirit,” and if you were not “drunk” with them, they all looked nuts! But after the second day in the powerful presence of the Lord, we looked at this experience with the eyes of God. We were totally refreshed and joyful in the Spirit and excited to bring this wonderful outpouring home with us.

On our second visit to Toronto, I rested in the Spirit. As I lay on the floor, my legs involuntarily began bouncing up and down. A young woman said, “You are going to the missions, and that’s why your legs are bouncing up and down.” I thought that was nice, but I had no plans to go anywhere. A few months later, Dave Nodar, head of ChristLife, asked if I would go to Poland and teach at a school for evangelization. The timing was perfect! I felt restored in a stronger relationship with the Lord through my experience in Toronto. Once again, signs and wonders began to flow more freely through us. I had an opportunity to teach and pray with mostly young people from several different Eastern European countries.

A QUARTER-CENTURY OF MISSION WORK

The Holy Spirit honored our first mission with great signs and wonders. The last night of that first mission, Dave Nodar and I were walking outside the retreat house talking about all the great works that the Holy Spirit had done during our week-long retreat. I said, “I can’t imagine how God could do any more than He did this week,” and at that very second, we saw a star shooting across the sky. We both had our mouths open, and I said, “I guess He can do even more.” I was so amazed that the Holy Spirit did so much during that week, and all I wanted was more and more of His mighty outpouring and presence.

The following year, both Pat and I were invited to teach for the week. Each year after that, we received invitations to several countries by the students from each of their countries. We loved the mission call to serve in this way, but it was very expensive to travel to Europe. **As always, the Lord provides, and Renewal Ministries asked if we would become country coordinators for the Ukraine, and then Poland, and each year they added another country. We now have preached in twenty-five countries. We have met amazing people, seen incredible miracles, and had hundreds give their lives to the Lord.**

Don presented Pope Francis with information about his international ministry “Men of St. Joseph.” On his right is Archbishop Zbignevs Stankevics, the archbishop of all Latvia, who is introducing Don to the pope.



On the Road

MAY 2020 ENGAGEMENTS

The following events may be re-scheduled or canceled. For the most up-to-date info, please visit the website associated with each event, or contact the organizer.

Richmond, IN
Evangelization and Holiness Workshop
May 1-2
Ralph Martin
Details: richmond Catholics.org

Miami, FL
ECCLE Encuentro Católico
Carismático Latino Estadounidense
May 1-3
Dr. Mary Healy
Contact: andresfelipearango@yahoo.com

Plymouth, MI
Our Lady of Good Counsel Eighth-Grade Retreat*
May 1
Debbie Herbeck and BLR Team

St. Louis, MO
Millennial Church Conference
May 5-6
Pete Burak
Details: www. http://www.millennial-churchconference.com

Madrid, Spain
RCCeE Madrid Leaders Training*
May 9-10
Dr. Mary Healy

Kansas City, MO
Legatus*
May 13
Pete Burak

New York, New York
OSV Innovation Talks Live Filming
May 16
Pete Burak
Details: sheencenter.org/shows/osvtalks

Israel
Pentecost Pilgrimage: With the Holy Spirit in the Holy Land*
May 23-June 1
Dr. Mary Healy

Cork, Ireland
New Evangelization Conference
May 29-31
Ralph Martin
Contact: muiris777@gmail.com

* Not open to the public.
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For people across the world affected by the coronavirus.

That in times of uncertainty, we may turn more completely to the Lord and increase our dependence on Him.

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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May 4-17
Emmanuel Tamakloe

Haiti
May 15-21
Lloyd & Nancy Greenhaw

Croatia
May 26-30
Deacon Zoli Kunszabo

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Neither the old nor the sick should be marginalized. Their presence among us is important. We all have a debt of gratitude to them. At this time, I would like to thank all of you who have offered your suffering and your prayers. You can call down rivers of blessings from heaven and you can bestow them upon your families and your friends, your country, even all men and women the world over who are in need of God's help.

// St. John Paul II
(To the elderly in Vienna in 1983)

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