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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Things have definitely heated up again – not only in the world and in the Church but also in Renewal Ministries' increasingly packed travel schedule. Peter just returned from preaching at a conference in Milwaukee, and as I write this, I just returned from four days in Phoenix, Arizona.

While in Phoenix, I spoke at the Summit West Conference of Legatus, the organization founded here in Ann Arbor to help Catholic chief executives deepen their faith and witness their faith in their businesses. During the main session, I gave a talk on *A Church in Crisis* which had a big impact. I did an Open Line Friday interview with EWTN radio, gave a live Zoom interview for a virtual conference on marriage and the family that was going on simultaneously, met new friends, and strengthened relationships with old friends. As we begin traveling again, it gives us a chance to preach and teach in person, which is a wonderful thing.

At the same time, everywhere we go, we hear how much our weekly YouTube videos, *The Choices We Face* television program, our books, and our radio programs are helping people grow in their faith. Just today, I received word – and a photo – announcing the translation and publication of *A Church in Crisis* in Poland!

It's pretty humbling to see how God is using Renewal Ministries – is using your support, prayers, and friendship – to help many souls. This month I'd like to devote most of the space for this letter to sharing with you what your support is making possible in people's lives.

Your brother in Christ,

Ralph Martin

Ralph



*A Church in Crisis:
Pathways Forward*
is now being published
in Polish!



➡ Ralph Martin speaking in Phoenix, AZ,
at the Summit West Conference of Legatus.



➡ Ralph giving a live Zoom interview on
EWTN's Open Line Friday while in Phoenix, AZ.



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. . .

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I want to thank you for your ministry as it has brought me to a deeper conversion and relationship with our Lord. As the world seems to be growing darker in sin, the light and truth you bring to the world is a sign of hope for me!

Thank you for answering the call. What you do so feeds the Church!

As a seminarian, thank you for your content. Please continue preaching the truth in love and not "blushing for the Gospel." Thank you especially to Ralph Martin. *The Fulfillment of All Desire* and *A Church in Crisis* have been very good to me and my vocation.

God bless you all for being open to the grace of the Holy Spirit, and helping us to know Christ and his zeal for souls!

I just discovered that I can listen to your TV show in the car as a podcast. Your ministry blessed me as a teenager in the 1970s (*New Covenant*, a wonderful conference at Notre Dame, and books), then as a nondenominational missionary overseas for fourteen years, and now as a happy revert (through your TV and podcast ministry).

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With all that's happening in my life, Peter's YouTube video, *Settling the Question*, comforted me. Thank you.

Thank you for sounding a clear trumpet call to the Church. Thank you for your courageous faithfulness to the Lord and your outreach to all of us. I am eternally grateful to all of you!

Thank you and blessings to Dr. Healy. I am grateful to Renewal Ministries for these teachings during the four Pentecost Missions.

I listen to Ralph Martin on YouTube and recognize the sense of urgency in his message. I also want to reach as many souls as possible.

Thank you for standing publicly and so boldly against the difficult issues. I have a renewed and strengthened spirit after listening.

Thank you for your evangelization ministry! May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire you to spread the Gospel and God's love around the world. Ralph and Peter's videos have been wonderful and powerful.

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I am a new convert to Catholicism. I have gotten so much inspiration from your YouTube videos. You are truly a man of God. It is because of your ministry and others like yours that I can experience the fulfillment of my faith.

I recently watched Peter Herbeck's lecture on demonic deception. Truth is so reassuring amidst tribulation. God bless all your fervent efforts.

Thank you for your ROCK-solid faith ministries.

I recommend *A Church in Crisis* to all Catholics who wish to understand the current crisis in the Church and what we can personally do about it. I'm very impressed with Ralph Martin and grateful for his devotion to the faith.

Thank you for the beautiful messages of hope from our Lord Jesus Christ!

Thank you so much for preaching Jesus! I'm very blessed by your focus on Him!

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Thank you for speaking the truth and for lifting us out of the darkness in the world.

God bless all that you do. You have helped me weather some storms and really brought me back into the faith.

In thanksgiving for offering the Pentecost mission. This was my first awareness of Renewal Ministries, and I felt deeply blessed through the mission.

We appreciate that you are clearly explaining what we are going through right now. More people need to understand this.

The Fulfillment of All Desire is a spiritual jewel I am blessed to hold. Thank you. Thank you for great inspiration and for ushering my heart well into the presence of the Lord.

Thank you for telling it like it is and giving us the way out of the cynicism and confusion of the world. I watch *The Choices We Face*; and want to rewatch all the shows that I record.

Thank you for being a beacon of light for the flock.

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Thank you, Jesus! I am healed from spine arthritis and pain in my ears. Thank you, Dr. Healy, for your prayers.

Wonderful affirmation in *Glorify the Lord with Me* that you are "right where God wants you" when miracles happen. Thank you, Peter, for sharing on YouTube.

We receive your monthly newsletter and truly appreciate your courageous fight for the truth.

Thanks for all that you have done for me, Ralph, by researching and answering my questions. During this social isolation and church lockdown and afterward, your missions have given me a lot of support, encouragement, and grace.

I appreciate your courage to speak the truth about our Church and the world. I am learning and am inspired by your talks and books. Reading *The Fulfillment of All Desire* is helping me grow in union with Jesus and tell others of his great love, mercy, and truth.

Thank you for your great work in keeping us close to Jesus, for telling the truth, and for always allowing the Holy Spirit to speak through Ralph and Peter. Great partners in Christ!

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Your mission is definitely a gift from God! I can count on you to be an authentic voice in these confusing and dark times.

I've been listening to Ralph's recent messages. We find great hope in your inspired words.

I want to thank you for your ministry. It has brought me to a deeper conversion and relationship with our Lord.

Your sense of the Holy Spirit along with your decision to lead us through the trials of faith and culture has led us to try and be a supportive couple of Renewal Ministries. We are grateful for your weekly messages.

I want to thank Dr. Mary Healy for helping me honor Jesus and heal my spine and relieve my back pain.

Peter Herbeck and Ralph Martin are now among my favorite teachers and carry on Christ's work.

Thank you, Dr. Martin, and all the Renewal Ministries' staff. You have been a lifeline for me, and I can't express in words just how comforting it is to know you are there.



A FULL & FRUITFUL SUMMER 2021 FOR

the love revolution

By Debbie Herbeck

Be Love Revolution (BLR) is a Renewal Ministries' outreach to young women of high school age and below. It is a dynamic ministry focused on helping young women know the personal and transformative love of Jesus and on empowering them to be God's love in the world today. As our attention turns to a new school year, we pause to thank the Lord for an incredibly full and fruitful summer and to share some of those highlights with you.

🕒 RUN THE RACE! PINE HILLS JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' CAMP 2021

This summer was our thirty-fifth year of camp! Despite the challenges of Covid restrictions and lots of rain, once again, Jesus showed up in a powerful way! He equipped and anointed our amazing staff of seventy-plus young women, revealed his personal love to almost 150 campers, and infused us with the courage to live out this year's camp motto:

“Get in the Race, Stay in the Race, Finish the Race!”

🕒 BELOVED NIGHTS FOR TEEN GIRLS

One of our highlights was welcoming the Abiding Together Podcast team. More than 170 young women gathered to hear an inspiring presentation on spiritual friendship by Sr. Miriam James, Michelle Benzinger, and Heather Khym. Our time together included Adoration and a dance party!



🕒 TALITHA KOUM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Following Pine Hills Camp, we launched a new initiative for seventh and eighth grade girls called Talitha Koum. Our time together included a powerful talk, small group discussion, Adoration, and praise and worship. Each week more than seventy girls gathered; it was beautiful to help them encounter Jesus in a personal way. We sense a great need for more ways to help middle school girls be firmly rooted in their faith as they navigate our challenging, contemporary culture and prepare for high school, so we will continue to minister to this age group throughout the school year.

🕒 DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

More than eighty, seven-to-eleven-year-old girls gathered for a fun and faith-filled evening of singing, dancing, crafts, a photo booth, snacks and a message about their identity as God's precious and beloved daughters.





🕒 WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Each Tuesday at 9 a.m. this summer about twenty high schoolers showed up to study Philippians. We learned practical ways to apply God’s truth to our lives and be more firmly rooted in Christ. Our study of Ephesians continues Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. throughout the school year.

🕒 ABIDE SMALL GROUPS FOR TEEN GIRLS

Our small groups meet year-round providing a place for teen girls to grow in prayer and experience personal support and friendship with other girls in their grade.



🕒 SERVICE—BEING LOVE

This summer BLR girls served at Pine Hills Camp, Talitha Koum, Hope Clinic, Arbor Woman, Flint Summer Mission, and Ave Maria Fest.



MINISTRY FOR BOYS IS FLOURISHING

With great praise to the Lord for its growth and flourishing, the Tribes of Zion (Zion) is Renewal Ministries' outreach to high school boys. Now in its third year, Zion is not only meeting the spiritual needs of ninth- through twelfth-grade boys but also building spiritual fellowship among its leadership team of young adult men.

According to Zion’s director, Joey McCoy, the ministry grew out of a highly successful, middle-school summer camp for boys. McCoy explains;

“Zion began as an attempt to help boys coming out of one week of Pine Hills camp to grow in their faith over the rest of the year. We assign each boy to a small group called a ‘tribe’, and each tribe meets once a week. We endeavor to help the boys get the feel of being on a spiritual team, in a spiritual family, and having a communal place of belonging and spiritual growth. During our weekly meetings, tribe leaders guide the boys through physical challenges, practices, or competitions designed to help form the masculine soul. Last summer we had nights focusing on repentance, how to resist temptation, and training in the habit of silence. Although Zion grew from our desire to meet the needs of Pine Hill’s campers, we welcome any high school boy interested in deepening his faith.”

This past summer, thirteen Zion tribe leaders ministered to approximately forty high school boys from five area high schools. One high-energy activity enjoyed by the boys was a supervised, trivia-based race through the streets of Ann Arbor. After the race, tribe members engaged college students in conversation on the campus of the

University of Michigan. They posed serious questions to the college students such as,

“What is your source of truth?”
and *“Who is Jesus to you?”*

McCoy recalls that the experience was formative and unifying.

“Each of our souls was on fire with charity as we listened diligently to these strangers engage with questions of extreme significance.”

Over the next year, tribe leaders will help the high schoolers learn, experience, and practice what Zion calls the five core identities of Christ’s humanity. These core identities carry the titles of:

Pilgrim, Warrior, Heir, Friend, and Story-Bearer.

Rightly concluding that they cannot give the high-schoolers what they do not have, the Zion leadership team of young adult men also meets weekly to share a meal and to be formed in the faith. McCoy shares,

“When Zion men gather there is an otherworldly peace, a oneness, and a stillness that settles into us. We feel God dwelling amidst his people. The leadership team has become a brotherhood, encouraging each other in big life events like getting engaged, married, and having children. Two Zion guys have even headed off to the seminary!”

Looking to the future, McCoy adds that the group has begun to wonder if the Lord might intend Zion to be transformed into a school. **“The need is great to form boys into men,”** says McCoy. “Please pray for us to have wisdom and patience as we strive to zealously, courageously, and obediently stick to God’s will for Zion.”



WHAT DO WE HAVE TO LOSE?

Finding Courage to Help "Lead All Souls to Heaven"

The following interview is condensed from a recent *The Choices We Face* episode with Dan Burke. You can view it on our YouTube channel, at www.youtube.net/renewalministriesrm.

Ralph Martin (RM): I was very moved by your *National Catholic Register* article about your dad while he was dying. People need to hear that, because we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, and those last moments matter. I've been grieved during Covid to hear of so many situations in which priests aren't allowed to or don't want to help dying patients. I'm concerned about people dying without the opportunity to receive assistance in being reconciled to the Lord.

Dan Burke (DB): There's also a theological position that's been popularized in our time – the view that we don't have to worry. That's horrifying. My dad was dying, and I knew he was going to hell. And he's a good man, so how does that work?

RM: Explain that.

DB: He was agnostic and never went to church his whole life, except for funerals and weddings, yet he wasn't against religion. The priest who helped me help him at the end of his life said people usually die as they live. Last minute conversions are not common – but I prayed so hard. Every time I went to see him, I prayed the rosary and asked the Blessed Mother to ask him to ask me a question. He was a self-made man. He didn't have any education, but

by the time he was thirty, he had made a million in revenue in his company and owned two homes. His dad was a philanderer and an alcoholic, his mom was a single mom, and he was poor. And he did so well, and he was a self-made man. He had a very strong and imposing personality. It was very difficult to show the faith, but I fought to do so.

RM: The interest had to come from him, so that's what you prayed for.

DB: That was my secret! I was forward with him, but it was hard. It was easier when he led. One time he asked me,

"Dan, does it bother you that I'm not religious like you?"

I was like, "Oh, God, thank you." I gave a terrible answer in the moment because I was really tired, but it gave me the opportunity to write a letter, and I said,

"I love you, and you're a good man, but that's not what solves the problem of sin."

He had an aortic aneurysm in April 2019 and became very sick. He had always been very strong in body. I was in a hotel down the street from the ICU, and I prayed, "Lord, please give me one more chance to share the Gospel with him, when he's lucid and alone."

I woke up at 1:30 a.m., and I heard, "Go now." I thought he was going to die. I didn't think it was an answer to that other prayer. I called my wife and asked her to start praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. I started praying it too, and when I got there, he was lucid and almost alone. My estranged brother who had been on drugs for a long time, and who I didn't have a relationship with, was there. I knew it was the moment that I had asked for. I said, "Dad, I really want to see you again when this is all over. And I want you to see Linda." She was my sister, who died in her thirties. He loved her dearly, and she was the only other Christian in the family.

He asked, "What are you talking about?" I said,

"You're going to die. You've been a good man, but that does not solve the problem of sin. That's why Jesus came – to give his life on our behalf that we might be reconciled to the Father and that we might be able to go to heaven. I really want to see you in heaven."

I said, "Dad, do you want to be forgiven?" And he said, "Yes."

I said, "Dad, just ask Him for forgiveness." He said, "I don't know how." He'd never prayed in his life.

I said, "Just say, 'God, please forgive me.'" He balled up his fists and prayed with all of his might,

“God, please forgive me. God, please forgive me. God, please forgive me.”

I said, “Dad, can I baptize you?” I knew canonically we can do that in a difficult situation. I found a Styrofoam cup in the hospital ICU. I don’t know what I was doing. I dipped my thumb in the water and crossed his forehead, saying, “In the name of the Father.” My dad is not religious, and he was like, “Wow.” And then I crossed him again, “In the name of the Son.” And he said, “Wow.” And then I crossed him again, and he said, “Wow.”

And my brother, who I hadn’t talked to in fifteen to twenty years, was bawling on the other side of the bed.

Later, my dad asked, “Does this make me a Catholic now?”

I said, “It does.” He said, “Great.”

After that, he just kept recovering. And my wife Stephanie, an evangelist extraordinaire, said, “You’ve got to get him confirmed, and you’ve got to get him Eucharist and Last Rites.”

RM: She’s sending you back for more work!

DB: I got him to say yes to forgiveness, and I didn’t want to hear no; it would kill me!

I asked, “Dad, will you please see a priest to pray over you?” He had never agreed to this before, but he said yes – baptismal graces. I called a priest who confirmed him and gave him Eucharist and Last Rites.

When I asked how it went, he said, “Great. I picked St. Christopher as my Confirmation saint. Is that OK?”

I said, “Yeah, how did you pick St. Christopher?”

“Only saint I ever heard of!”

Then, we went back to spend time with him in the ICU. He woke Stephanie up one night and said, “I’ve been talking to St. Christopher” – he wasn’t a religious guy. Stephanie said, “What about, Dad?” He said, “We’ve been standing at the edge of the water, talking about how to get across.”

Stephanie said, “That’s beautiful. Do you want to know the secret?”

He said, “Yeah I do.” She said, “It’s surrender.”

He said, “That’s hard for a man like me.” Then he went back to sleep.

Later, while he was in at-home hospice, he said to Stephanie, “I’ve been talking to Christopher.”

She said, “What about?” He said, “He’s been teaching me the faith.”

Just amazing stuff like that. Later, we thought he was going to die. We closed his eyes, and his pulse was down. He went to sleep, and we made everyone – a real interesting group of characters – pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. They all agreed, and we gathered around and prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

My dad opened his eyes when we finished, and said,

“Wow, that was a long prayer!”

Then he held out his hands in two fists and opened them, saying,

“But you know what? When you let it in, it’s really beautiful.”

RM: There’s a lesson here for everybody. I’m concerned right now that many people are indifferent about whether people who are dying have the Sacrament of the Sick, a chance to talk with a priest, or a chance to talk with anybody about where they are in relationship with the Lord. I want to tell everyone to intercede for the salvation of souls and for those you know who are dying. When my wife wakes up in the middle of the night,

she prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those who are dying. Really intercede, really ask the Lord to have mercy on them and to send somebody. You may be the one who gets sent, but it may be somebody else – a nurse in the hospital or a guardian angel. I’m so concerned about people dying without being reconciled to the Lord.

DB: I totally agree. If you die in a state of mortal sin, you die in a state where you are telling God, “I don’t want your plan.” He’s not going to violate your will. He’s going to ratify that, and you’re going to go to hell.

If somebody you love has not gone to Confession, or they have unforgiveness, or they’ve not lived in a proper state, you need to fight like heaven to get the hell out of them. Really get in there and love them more than you love your comfort. That’s the hardest part. Love them more than what it’s going to feel like to get rejected. I thought that was what was going to happen with my dad, but it didn’t. You’ve got to give the Holy Spirit room to work, and you’ve got to cooperate with the Holy Spirit. If you’re the only one who knows – and I am in my family – you’re the one. You have to go, you have to pray, you have to fast, and you have to pray the rosary. Ask the Lord to have them ask you. It worked for me.

RM: Like Mary said in Fatima, offer suffering in reparation for sin and conversion of sinners. Offer voluntary suffering. Offer the suffering that you’re experiencing. Turn it into a prayer, turn it into pleading for the salvation of souls.



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TO GET THE HELL
OUT OF THEM.**

**Love them more than what it’s
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— FATIMA PRAYER —

*O my Jesus,
forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of hell.
Lead all souls to Heaven
especially those in most need
of Thy mercy.*

Amen.



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 Debbie Herbeck

Brighton, MI
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 Nov. 15
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Steubenville, OH
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 Nov. 9
 Ralph Martin
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Clarkston, MI
St Catherine of Siena Academy Senior Retreat*
 Nov. 16-18
 Debbie Herbeck and BLR Team

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Interview with Matt Fradd
 Nov. 9
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Campbelltown, NSW Australia
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 Nov. 9-11
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 Nov. 11
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- For stronger marriages and families that keep Christ at their center.
- For today's youth to embrace their faith with a deep love of the Lord.
- For the prayer intentions of all our supporters and their family members, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty.



"In face of the hatred and anger of the world, we must bring the gentleness and the smile of the Infant Jesus of Bethlehem. In face of the pride of the world, we must bring the littleness and powerlessness of the tiny newborn baby of the crib. . . Be a tiny baby in the Lord's hands. Close your eyes and put your hand in his. Let go and be supple and then he can send you where he wants!". // LITTLE SISTER MAGDELEINE OF JESUS



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