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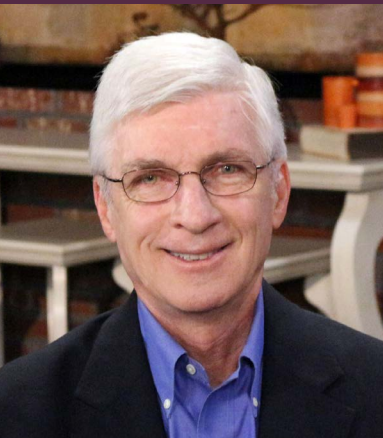
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Special Edition

STRENGTHENING OUR SHEPHERDS



A LETTER ▶
FROM RALPH MARTIN

Dear Friends of Renewal Ministries,

It's a great blessing to be receiving so many opportunities from the Lord to strengthen deacons, priests, and bishops in their callings. Each year almost every diocese has an annual Clergy Convocation, a time when all the priests in the diocese get together for prayer, fellowship, and formative talks. These are usually just for priests, but very often the bishop and any auxiliary bishops are there as well. Deacons usually have separate convocations. In the yearly cycle of events, there are usually some study days for the priests, as well, and a required annual retreat to be taken at a time and place of each priest's choosing.

Over the years, Peter Herbeck has estimated that we have served over 10,000 priests worldwide. Besides North America, some of our biggest priests' conferences have been in Africa, but we have had very meaningful priests' conferences in Poland, Lithuania, Slovakia, Hungary, Spain, Holland, South Korea, India, China, and many other countries besides. We want to celebrate these opportunities by devoting the bulk of this issue of the newsletter to a pictorial account of these wonderful occasions.

Your support has helped a lot of our shepherds!

I have spoken at clergy events in over 30 different dioceses over the years, and the requests to give talks at clergy events seem to be coming even more frequently than ever.



The end for which God has instituted the priesthood has been to appoint on earth public persons to watch over the honor of his divine majesty and to procure the salvation of souls. //ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

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Over the last few years, I've been the main presenter for the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon, Richmond, Virginia, and Scott Hahn asked me to be part of his team that leads regional priests' conferences for priests of many different dioceses all over the country. Just in the last year, I've spoken to over 400 priests from multiple dioceses as one of the presenters at the regional priests' conferences sponsored by the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology in West Virginia, and La Jolla, California. This month, I'm scheduled to be a presenter at one of these conferences in Austin, TX, and this coming July in Weirton, WV.



LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA
Regional Priests' Conference

In the coming year, I am scheduled to be the main presenter for clergy convocations in the Dioceses of Fresno, California; San Jose, California; Tyler, Texas; and for a series of clergy conferences in England. I just finished giving three talks at a formation weekend for deacons-in-training and their wives in my own diocese of Lansing, Michigan. The week following Easter, I will be giving up to ten talks at the annual retreat for the American Province of the Friars of the Renewal, the order founded by Fr. Benedict Groeschel.

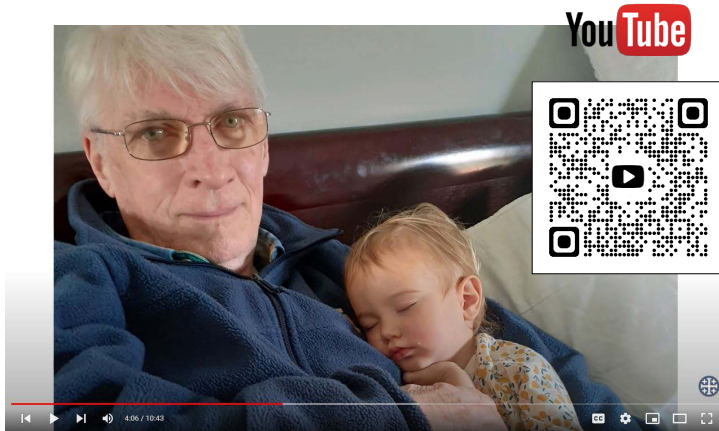


As I've mentioned previously, Peter has been asked to be part of a team that sponsors opportunities for bishops to get together and talk with each other about the progress they are making in their diocese in the areas of evangelization. He'll be participating in these events in Washington DC, in September and in Denver, CO, in October. He's also scheduled to speak to deacons in Vero Beach, FL, in July. Peter has a chance to encourage many priests through his participation in Encounter and Divine Renovation conferences as well.

Both of us have been privileged several times to conduct the annual retreats for the Companions of the Cross, that wonderful new religious order based in Canada. They now send all their seminarians to Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit where I teach, and I have the opportunity to have them all in class. Bishop Scott McCaig, a member of the Canadian Board of Renewal Ministries, was a former General Moderator of the Companions.

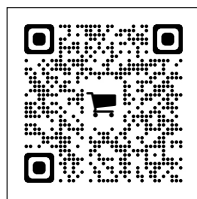
We value everything the Lord is permitting us to do through all the media, missions, and youth work, but serving deacons, priests, and bishops is also a great privilege; one which we greatly value.

On another note: Our YouTube videos continue to strengthen many. If you haven't already signed up to be notified when a new one is launched, do so now. You won't be disappointed. Here's a link and a QR code to a short video that is one of my all-time favorites. I really was experiencing God's profound love when recording it, and I hope you will, too.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2yUFJ0u794>

Finally, our 2022 booklet - *Join the Resistance* - is published. I wrote this booklet to increase your awareness of the spiritual forces at work in today's world and strengthen you in our shared battle. It is also a good way to share this important message with others in your parish, your family, and your friends. You can request copies of this booklet using the reply card accompanying this newsletter or by visiting the Bookstore on the Renewal Ministries website.



Thanks for all you are making possible through your prayers and sacrificial giving.

In Him!

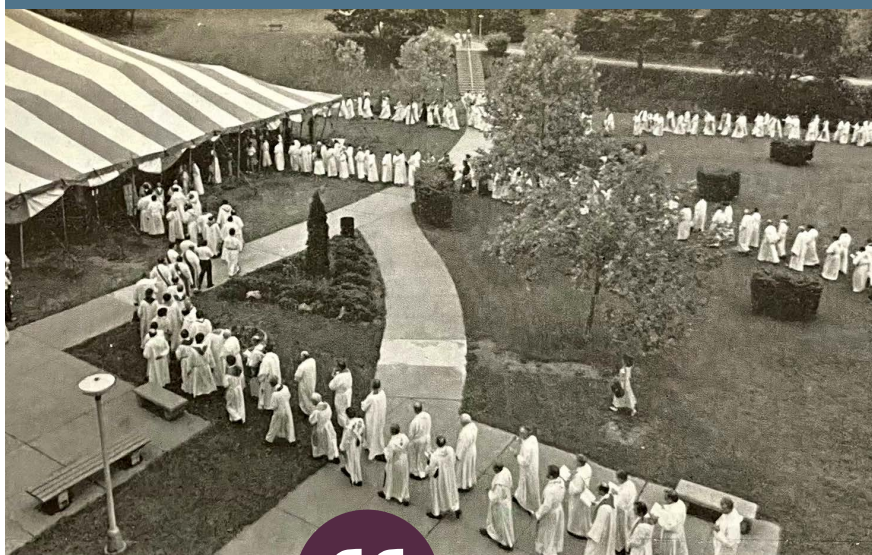
Ralph Martin

Ralph

AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR MINISTRY

The Lord has given us many opportunities over the years – and still does – to support and encourage our clergy; priests, deacons, and bishops. In this issue we'd like to give you a glimpse into this important part of the ministry you make possible.

STEUBENVILLE, OHIO | Charismatic Conference for Priests & Deacons



DUBLIN, IRELAND | Priest Retreat



ROME | Having the support of holy bishops and Popes has been a real source of encouragement to us all these years. Bishop Sam Jacobs, Archbishop Carlson, and now Bishop McClory here in the US, as well as Cardinal Collins in Canada, have been directly connected with Renewal Ministries and incredibly supportive.

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I have greatly appreciated your missions, Ralph. They are bringing about important changes in my life. I'm now 86 years old and ready to go with the Lord - mission accomplished. But, after working in missions in several countries most of our married life, and even before, including work as a permanent deacon, I thought I had done all that was required of me. **Your Advent Mission led me to reread your books in greater depth, and I began to see that despite the physical limitations in my life now, GOD IS NOT DONE WITH ME!** He calls me to be holy, and my current, irksome limitations have no bearing on this calling nor my response. The Holy Spirit has used your missions to draw me farther on the path to holiness and see far beyond my earlier goals. He presses me to run farther, to see a greater, broader vision of his plan for me in the Kingdom. No more puffed-up self-congratulations on what a "nice guy" I am. He says, "Run, let us run, farther, higher!"

//Deacon

ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA | Clergy Convocation



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Our day together was a day that affirmed the need and provided encouragement to me to continue. It also helped me consider how I deliver the message, so those who hear it experience my affection for them and the love of God. God bless you all, your families, and your ministry.
//Deacon

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Dear Ralph, today I have watched yet another of your talks about freedom from financial and health anxiety. I have also been following your podcasts throughout the pandemic. They are a constant source of strength for me. //Priest



ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN (In Person & Virtual)
Renewal Ministries' Priests' & Deacons' Retreat

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Thank you so very much for the webinar with Msgr. Charles Pope on preaching the difficult truths/hard topics. It was fantastic. I took so much away from it that will help me in my future preaching. I had six pages of notes just during the first talk. //Deacon

AUSTIN, TEXAS | Regional Clergy Conference



WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA | St. Paul Center Priests' Conference





DETROIT, MICHIGAN | Sacred Heart Major Seminary Summer Study for Priests



I just want to thank you and honor your work. Your book [*Will Many be Saved*] has equipped me with the tools, arguments, doctrines, and authoritative writings necessary to confront [mistaken views about hell] so prevalent in our times. //Seminarian

MIAMI, FL | Clergy Convocation



STEBENVILLE, OHIO | Bishops' Conference



LANSING, MI | Deacons' Convocation



RICHMOND, VIRGINIA | Clergy Convocation



I continue to reflect on all you said. Thank you again for your clarity and your proclamation of Truth.

//Bishop

LITHUANIA



KENYA



My admiration for what the two of you [Ralph and Peter] and your many staff members have accomplished over the 40 years. Please know that I will unite my prayers and resources to the mission of Renewal Ministries, confident that what the Lord has done in the past, He will continue to do as you meet the challenges for the Church in the days ahead. With Fraternal Affection.

//PRIEST

ARGENTINA



INDIA



CAMEROON





PLEASE PRAY

- For the prayer intentions of all our supporters and their family members.
- For all lay ministers in the Church, that they would receive and transmit a full measure of joy in the Lord.
- That the personal faith and the preaching of Pope Francis, Pope emeritus Benedict, and all our cardinals, bishops, priests, and deacons, would be wholly animated by the power of the Holy Spirit.

PLEASE JOIN US IN SAYING A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS:

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

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PRAYER SOURCE:

www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-priests

HELP US CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR CLERGY IN THE DAYS AHEAD



Would you like to help us continue strengthening and encouraging seminarians, deacons, priests, and even bishops, here and all over the world? By designating Renewal Ministries as a beneficiary in your will or trust, you will help this work and our overall ministry of Catholic renewal and evangelization continue into the future.

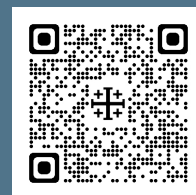
Those who remember Renewal Ministries in this way can be enrolled as members of the St. Catherine of Siena Society.

For more information, please contact Gary Seromik at 734-662-1730 or gseromik@renewalministries.net.

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"You are one of the most authentic ministries I have ever supported. I have discerned including Renewal Ministries in my will because I want to support it even after my death." //A supporter of 20 years

EVENTS APRIL 2022

Visit RenewalMinistries.net/Events for a complete events' list.

** Not open to the public.*

Brighton, MI
Encounter Transformation Night
Apr. 1
Dr. Mary Healy
Details: encounterministries.us/events-1/

Fremont, Nebraska
St. Patrick Parish Mission
Apr. 1-3
Peter Herbeck
Contact: kcsale@stpatsfremont.org

Dearborn, MI
Parish Mission, Sacred Heart Church
Apr. 3
Dr. Mary Healy
Details: <https://shparish.org/>

Dearborn, MI
Parish Mission, Sacred Heart Church
Apr. 4
Peter Herbeck
Details: <https://shparish.org/>

Bismarck, ND
Legatus*
Apr. 7
Dr. Mary Healy

Vancouver, British Columbia
Women's Retreat
Apr. 8-9
Debbie Herbeck
Details: www.liferestoration.ca/women-gathering

Houston, TX
Catholic Charismatic Conference
Apr. 9
Dr. Mary Healy
Details: <https://cccgh.com/>

Raleigh, NC
Ignited by Truth Conference
Apr. 9
Ralph Martin
Details: Ignitedbytruth.org

Omaha, Nebraska
Legatus*
Apr. 13
Pete Burak

Philadelphia, PA
Retreat for the American Province of the Friars of the Renewal*
Apr. 17-22
Ralph Martin

Brighton, MI
Encounter School*
Apr. 18
Dr. Mary Healy

Online
Easter Retreat, European Province of the Friars of the Renewal*
Apr. 18-22
Dr. Mary Healy

Austin, TX
Informed Speaker Series, St. John Neuman Parish
Apr. 24
Ralph Martin
Details: sjnaustin.org/informed

Austin, TX
Southwest Conference for Priests* St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology
Apr. 25-27
Ralph Martin

Plymouth, MI
Our Lady of Good Counsel 7th & 8th Grade Retreat*
Apr. 28
Debbie Herbeck & the BLR Team

Boston, MA
HOPE Conference
Apr. 30
Peter Herbeck
Details: hopeconferences.com

Join us for RENEWAL MINISTRIES' THE GATHERING

APRIL 22-23 | Eagle Crest Marriott • Ypsilanti, MI

For more details & to register, visit www.RenewalMinistries.net/gathering or email Natalie Klackle at nklackle@renewalministries.net



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MISSIONS



Mexico City, Mexico
Mexico Mission for High Schoolers*
Apr. 19-25
Debbie Herbeck and Team

Our mission work continues around the world! Due to Covid, many missions currently happen last minute and are unable to be posted in the newsletter. Please pray for our ongoing missions in Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Lithuania, and Romania.

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