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Occupy your minds with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones. Unoccupied, they cannot be.

//ST. THOMAS MORE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Just before the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13, I made a short video called *The World is in Danger*. I'd like to repeat what I said there and add a few additional comments, since the world really is in danger.

There's a certain dimension of the message of Our Lady of Fatima that we need to pay attention to this year. In her very first apparition, she said,

"Pray the rosary every day to bring peace to the world."

In a later apparition, she said,

"This war going on right now (WWI) is going to come to an end, but unless there is repentance, unless there is turning back to God, a worse war is going to come."

Of course, that worst war came. Tens of millions more people died in WWII than in WWI—and I really have to say, I think the world is in grave danger today.

There has not been repentance. In fact, just the opposite is happening. All kinds of people are turning away from the Lord, are mocking God, are overturning every single one of the Ten Commandments, are showing incredible hostility to Christ and the Church, are doubling down on killing babies, are denying that there's any difference between male and female and saying you can decide by your own will what you wish to be. These are grave offenses against the Lord. Many other grave offenses are also happening: lying, cheating, manipulating, abusing, oppressing the poor, withholding just wages from the laborer, hating your enemies rather than loving your enemies. All these things are gravely offensive to the Lord.

When St. Jacinta was dying, Mary told her that wars are a punishment for sin. May the

Lord have mercy on us, and may we also pay attention to what Mary said. She said if Russia is consecrated to her Immaculate Heart, eventually there will be peace, but if not, Russia is going to spread its errors throughout the whole world. Well, the errors of Russia are being spread throughout the whole world in atheistic materialism. The rebellion against God that was at the heart of Soviet Communism is spreading around the world.

Whatever happens in the Ukraine and Russia, and with the horrible slaughter that is taking place, we need to ask the Lord to have mercy on us. There is even talk about nuclear war. Hostility is growing, hatred is growing once again like in World War I and World War II. Christians are killing Christians. The devils must be having a field day, so let's heed Mary's exhortation. The only request she made in all six of her apparitions was that we say the rosary every day for world peace, so let's intercede for world peace. Let's also remember what she said—that many souls are going to hell, because so few people are willing to offer prayers and sacrifices for them. When I pray the rosary, I pray for reparations for sin, for conversion of sinners, and for world peace, like Mary requested.

I invite you to join me right now, because the world is in danger.

View the complete video at www.youtube.com/
watch?v=MTHjQapknC0,
or scan the QR code ◆



Since posting that video, I've become convinced that the pace of the "troubles" is picking up. When Covid first broke out, one of my friends had the sense that this was the first of the chastisements that were coming. He said, "This is the frogs"—recollecting the plagues the



In each of Mary's appearances to the children at Fatima, she asked them to pray the daily rosary. She said doing so would "bring peace to the world." The following prayers, given to the children at Fatima, also respond to Mary's additional request to make sacrifices for the salvation of sinners.

1) THE FATIMA PRAYER/DECADE PRAYER

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

> Mary asked the children to say the above prayer after each decade of the rosary.

2) THE PARDON PRAYER

"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for all those that do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee."

3) THE ANGEL'S PRAYER

"O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners."

Lord sent to Egypt until the pharaoh finally decided to do God's will and "let His people go!"

Then, when I was recently in North Carolina, the man driving me said he felt the Lord was showing him that the coming chastisements would progress like contractions in childbirth. They begin reasonably gentle and far apart, before increasing in intensity with shorter intervals between them.

I believe we may be seeing exactly this unfold. The hostility toward Christians, and especially toward Catholics, unleashed by the leak of a document indicating a majority of the Supreme Court may vote to overturn Roe v. Wade is shocking. (By the time you get this newsletter, we will probably know the actual decision—which, whether it's greater restrictions on abortion or a complete reversal of Roe v. Wade, will almost certainly lead to more violence and desecration of Catholic churches).

There really are two worldviews that are diametrically opposed to one another. One, respecting God, the Ten Commandments, and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, calls for repentance and obedience to the will of God. The other explicitly rejects the Christian worldview and declares that human beings can do and be anything they wish, irrespective of the will of God. Large parts of humanity are in rebellion against God. In God's mercy, He is sending chastisements to try to bring us to our senses.

As we are able, let's continue to say the rosary—or start saying it—since it is very clear that the world is in grave danger. After all, Mary has asked us to help her in her mission of mercy and warning to mankind.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Sts. Francisco and Jacinta, pray for us!

Kalph Martin

Ralph recently spoke about Fatima to elementary and middle school students at Huron Valley Catholic School in Ypsilanti, Michigan.



LIVING AS CATHOLICS IN CHALLENGING TIMES

This article is condensed from Ralph's Friday night talk at Renewal Ministries' 2022 Gathering. [Talk begins at 44:18.]



Scan the QR code to view the talk or visit:

www.renewalministries.net/TheGathering22Friday

I'm not here to convince you that we are living in challenging times. You know we are living in challenging times. I am hoping to shed a little light on some of the challenges and how we can keep our hearts at peace and our heads clear amid the conflict, confusion, and division.

One of the first tremendous challenges we have is what's happening in our culture. It's hard to believe how quickly things are deteriorating and getting closer and closer to insanity. All the levers of power and influence in our culture are in the hands of people who are hostile to Christ and the Church. They really don't like Christians at all, and they really don't want us to say what we need to say if we confess Jesus Christ. Archbishop Gomez, the president of the American Bishops' Conference and the Archbishop of Los Angeles, has said,

"This group, which is in charge in corporations, governments, universities, the media, and in the cultural and professional establishments, wants to establish what we might call a global civilization. In fact, as they see it, religion, especially Christianity, only gets in the way of the society they hope to build."

Huge sections of humanity are falling for this fundamental temptation, the temptation the devil presented in the garden to liberate ourselves from obeying God, to think that we can make ourselves into whatever we want. A lot of suffering is going to happen and is already happening because of it. Particularly, suffering is happening in the

area of sexual immorality, which is the point of the spear coming at Christians today from the secular world.

Division within the Church is another challenge we face today. Just when the world needs to hear a clear word from the Church, a clear message of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as the only hope for humanity, we instead have division, apostasy, and open rebellion. There is a real divide happening... nothing is happening in the world, and nothing is happening in the Church, that isn't happening under the providential hand of God.

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT TRUTH.



a false Church in a real Church. Under the surface, many people have wanted to change the Church and her teachings for many years and in all kinds of areas. Still, I never thought I would see very high-ranking churchmen, cardinals, openly say they do not believe what the Catholic Church teaches about sexuality to be true.

The worst offense may be an interview with Bishop Bätzing, president of the German Bishops' Conference. In an interview with the German magazine Bunte, he said,

"Nobody's living the Church's teaching on sexual immorality; so obviously, it's got to change."

That is such a wicked lie. Millions and millions of people are living chaste lives and are obeying Jesus in the important area of sexuality. It is such a wicked lie, and I am concerned that people who are fighting temptation are being weakened.

What do we do in a situation like this? How should we live as Catholics in these challenging times?

The first thing we need to understand is that nothing is happening in the world, and nothing is happening in the Church, that isn't happening under the providential hand of God. This is a very important truth.

Why would God permit these obviously evil things, this rebellion? He's a patient God, and my thought is that when people don't return to Him after receiving the many positive blessings He's given them, He sometimes starts tightening the screws. The Lord is using all that is going on

> to try to bring people to their senses. We all must make some serious personal decisions.

Who do we believe? Who are we going to follow?

Every one of us needs to answer in a new way that guestion that we find in Matthew 16:15,

"Who do you say I am?"

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Who do you say Jesus is?

If Jesus is Lord, then the only sensible response to Him is total surrender. Many people have added Jesus to their collection of important people, influential thinkers, and wise counselors. No. Jesus is the Lord. We must fall on our faces before Him and say, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Sm 3:10).

We also must reaffirm the primary mission of the Catholic Church. While agreeing with the need to keep working for social justice, Archbishop Gomez has said that some people are turning Christianity into a religion of social justice, which has very little connection to the Church's fundamental mission—the salvation of souls. He gives this advice to help us keep our hearts at peace and our heads clear:

"We need to proclaim Jesus Christ creatively, with charity and confidence, and without fear. We should not be intimidated by these new religions of social justice and political identity. The Gospel remains the most powerful force for social change that the world has ever seen."

A third thing we need to do to keep peaceful hearts and clear heads is to recover our confidence in the truthfulness and reliability of Sacred Scripture. One reason for what is happening in Germany is many bad years of skeptical, cynical Scripture scholarship that shreds the Scripture. I don't think many people in the Church today believe in Scripture. They think they are above it. Two areas that we need to get particularly clear on are marriage and

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sexuality, because in many ways, this is where the battle is taking place.

It doesn't take rocket science, and it doesn't take reading a four-hundred-page book to get clear on these points. God created us male and female for the purpose of bringing a man and woman together in holy marriage open to life. That's it. Any exercise of sexuality outside of holy marriage is offensive to the Lord and damaging to people. Some people say, "Oh, that's hate speech." No, that's love speech. It's not loving to pretend that you will be happy and not die when you live a lie. It is not loving to bless people on the path that leads to destruction.

Lastly, I think we need to get ready for persecution.

How do you get ready for persecution? You grow in your relationship with the Lord. You grow in your knowledge of his Word, and you deal with the Antichrist with spiritual weapons. In Ephesians 6:12-13, Paul writes,

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

I am going to believe Jesus no matter what. He is the Lord. He is my Savior. He has come to bring me home to the Father's house. He is in control, and nothing is happening that isn't happening under his providence. He has a plan to bring great and powerful good out of this time, and although it could get messy in the meantime, I am holding on until the end, because I want to go home to the Father's house.

MORE FROM THE GATHERING 2022

- 1) Dr. Mary Healy & Lavinia Spirito joined as guest speakers.
- 2) Saturday morning Adoration with Fr. Graham Keep.
- 3) We were blessed by a special visit from Sr. Ann Shields, SGL.

Watch The Gathering: www.renewalministries.net/TheGathering22Friday | www.renewalministries.net/TheGathering22Saturday







OBEDIENCE: HEAVEN'S LOVE LANGUAGE



The following article is condensed from Peter Herbeck's talk at Renewal Ministries' 2022 Gathering. [Talk begins at 10:40:26.]

Scan the QR code to view the talk or visit: www.renewalministries.net/TheGathering22Saturday

Brothers and sisters, the Church is a miracle, a living organism brought into existence on the day of Pentecost. By the power of the Holy Spirit united to Jesus Christ in his flesh, Jesus became one of us. There have been a lot of good prophets and teachers in history, but only Jesus is the Savior of the world. Humanity doesn't just need more knowledge, information, or power. It doesn't need nice feelings. It needs new life—and no one on earth can access new life with their own power.

We all have biological life given to us, and we all know it's a ticking clock. We all know we are going to die. The Gospel is very clear that the death problem begins with the sin problem, and the sin problem is separation from God—who alone is the ground of all being and life itself. In Him, we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). God didn't send Jesus to earth just to add a few chapters into the Bible and say, "Hey, make sure you're following all the rules just right so you can get to heaven."

No. Jesus became one of us so heaven and earth could be united in a person. Jesus is the Messiah. He is Jesus Christ, the Lord, and the Savior. He's the Anointed One. With what is He anointed? He's anointed with the Holy Spirit—which means He has all the power and authority over heaven and earth. The Holy Spirit is not just some vague voice. The Holy Spirit is a part of the Triune God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He is actually a person.

Jesus manifested the kingdom of God and revealed the love of the Father. He preached the Gospel to us and then went to the cross, where He bled and died to destroy the powers holding us in bondage to darkness and sin. The Bible is beautifully clear on this; Jesus' blood broke the back of Satan's kingdom and dominion.

There's no forgiveness of sins without the pure sacrifice of Jesus Christ. One drop of his blood could save the whole world. Jesus disarmed all the principalities and powers of darkness by dying on the cross for us. His obedience to the Father is a message for us forever.



When Jesus was in the Upper Room with his disciples, he said,

"I won't be with you much longer because the devil is coming after me. But the devil has no hold on me"

(Jn 14:30).

Essentially, Jesus is saying,

"What's going to happen to me over the next few days is what the Father wants. I want the whole world to know that my Father is good, and I am going to demonstrate his goodness through obedience. My Father is trustworthy, and the greatest and most important thing humans can ever do is love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength." The love language of heaven is obeying God's commands, which means trusting the Father. This means more than simply being under rules.

It means surrendering to God's light and commandments and following Him. Jesus fulfilled the First Commandment on the cross. He loved God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. He told his best friends,

"I'm going to do this because I want the whole world to know that I love the Father" (In 14:31).

This is the meaning of human life.

Jesus came to show us the meaning of life, because we're lost and wayward, afraid, under the dominion of darkness, and distracted by "figuring out" who we are. We have a bad day, and we question, "Does God even exist?" Jesus, at the cross, expressed to us what He called the first and the greatest thing that we can ever do; love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. That's love on his terms, not on our terms.

Everyone talks about love constantly. But Jesus is the truth about what love is, and He revealed it to us on the cross. Love is surrendering your life in trust to your Creator.

Because of that act of love by which we were saved, God highly exalted Jesus and gave Him the name above every other name (Phil 2:9). Therefore, the destiny of human history is this:

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:10-11).





BY TIBI MAJOROS
Country Coordinator for Romania

Tibi is the founder of the community of St. Paul Oradea and the administrator of Foundation Missio. He is also the former president of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Transylvania. Tibi began collaborating with Renewal Ministries in 1998, promoting and pioneering the work of evangelization in Hungary and Romania. Each year, he organizes evangelistic events, Holy Spirit seminars, youth camps, retreats and rallies, and helps to form young leaders.

He and his wife, Martha, live in Oradea, Romania, with their three sons.

After a hiatus due to the pandemic, we organized four Youth Adventure Camps in the summer of 2021. It was a challenge to bring in the optimal number of participants. The parents were still reluctant to let their children come to camp because of the virus. And yet, fewer participants allowed us to make camp much more personal and more profound for those who did attend. I'm still convinced that camps are the most effective form of reaching out to youth, but that doesn't mean it's easy. The rental fee for the camp facilities had been paid for the prior year, and we could not ask for more postponements, so we moved ahead, even with smaller numbers.

HARD CHOICES

We also began camp with fewer team members due to some hard choices I had to make regarding young adults who wanted to continue as leaders while living their lives and talking in such a way that they would not be good role models in the faith. I had no choice but to say, "It's better if you don't come." The hard choices paid off quickly. At the first camp, participants exclaimed, "I want to be just like him/her!" They asked when they could become organizers themselves. We owe much of this to the faith of our team members.

Tibi speaks to the young people who attended one of four Youth Adventure Camps. Fewer participants due to Covid led to Christ's message reaching deeper into their hearts!

GREAT JOY

The Holy Spirit always gave us ideas for what to do instead of the scheduled programs on the days when there was too much rain. I was especially glad that a team member gave a testimony each morning. For the first time ever, some participants indicated that they would also like to share their testimonies. We were able to emphasize the spiritual programs and make sure they were of good quality.

WANDERING CAMP

This year, for the first time, we organized what I called "Wandering Camp." During the pandemic, I came up with the idea of visiting specific locations with a van and a small number of participants for a short time. The advantages of a Wandering Camp are many: it eliminates camp rental costs, which are always huge; we aren't in direct eyesight of the law; we get to see new places; and if the weather turns bad, we can simply leave. Due to fewer participants, this style of camp was much more personal; it was a positive experience for everyone.

PRIDE, JOY, AND STRENGTHENING

The best summer moment for me was when Father József asked who wanted to go to confession before Holy Mass during the second camp. The participants were mainly searching for or not really practicing their faith. Everyone kept looking from the corners of their eyes at each other. Nobody moved. Finally, Eszter stood up and went with Father József to the middle of the camp, where she kneeled next to the priest in front of everybody. Even though she's not my daughter, I felt like I would die of the pride I felt. The way this girl showed her faith in front of everyone was truly an example. Afterward, others wanted to go to confession as well.

The other thing that meant a lot to me was when we arrived home. The youth had hardly talked on the train, but when they arrived at the station and saw their parents, they started crying. They hugged each other and didn't want to leave.

I am convinced something happened in the camp, thanks to the grace of God. It seems we did something well. What is especially good is that the connections between these youths seem to be bearing fruit. Since camp, we have organized six meetings and a one-day hiking trip into the mountains. Also, from among the participants of the four camps, four youths decided to start the Wholeheartedly Youth Leader Training program. We never had even thirty participants in any of our camps, but I see that this was God's will, and it was a good thing. The camps were much more personal, and the message reached deeper depths.

THANK YOU

I send my thanks to God and to you, dearly beloved brothers and sisters, for having made these camps possible for so many years! **TESTIMONIES**

From Leaders & Participants

"The edge of heaven. The camp radically changed me. The spirituality that our dear camp organizer and his helpers were able to ensure for us touched every camper. I experienced how much power caring, pure kindness, and a couple of good words can truly have. I managed to catch the 'edge of heaven' in those days because we came home with something more than just our shared experiences. We received something that will accompany us to the end of our lives. We experienced the closeness and power of God through community. Afterward, we rode home on the train with teary eyes since we would never long for anything else after tasting these camps. A new measuring stick had been placed into our hands. I was able to take part in unforgettable programs in a community forged by love. I anxiously await the next occasion."

//Ann, a first-time participant

"This was my first time in such a camp, and the way the others accepted me was wonderful. I would like to emphasize their testimonies. I would have never guessed the hardships they had gone through, the way they undertake their faith, and the things they shared about how they're made fun of by their peers because they're different. They have all my respect for this. I'm convinced that they will be the evangelization leaders of the future. This should

not be discontinued; their hands should not be let go. They have to be helped to hold fast. I went to camp with a personal crisis. Tibor had to really convince me to go. I'm not sure what happened to me, but I came back home as a different person. I still can't explain it even today; I've changed."

//Magdalen, one of our cooks

"New doors were also opened to me by strengthening my faith and getting closer to God, for which I am very grateful. I will never forget the time spent, the joyful memories, and the fantastic people. I will cherish these in my heart."

//Cintia, a first-time participant

"I'm glad that in the world we're living in today, there are still places like this for youth where they can see beautiful places and experience the greatness of nature that God created for us. It's wonderful seeing the joyful faces of the youth after all the adventure, games, team buildings, getting acquainted with each other, teachings, and testimonies. Also, they want to stay with each other, make their friendships everlasting, and learn more, because they experience something other than at home, school, or the world. The thing that touched me deeply was the fatherly care, love, attention, and security that the youth received and how they got to see what God's care really means. This is the most important thing."

//Ileana, math teacher, one of our cooks



The youth greatly enjoyed the Youth Adventure Camps—even when they had to leave a field quickly due to too much rain!

Napa Valley, CA **FOCUS Summer Projects***

July 5-7 Pete Burak

Detroit, MI St. Paul Street Evangelization **Immersion**

July 7-9 Pete Burak

Details: streetevangelization.com/ immersion-2022

Rome, Italy Pentecostal-Catholic International Dialogue*

Iuly 7-14 Dr. Mary Healy

Boyne Falls, MI **FOCUS Summer Projects***

July 12-14 Pete Burak

LaCrosse, WI Mary, Mother of the Church Parish **Healing Conference**

Iuly 16 Dr. Mary Healy Contact: kjacobson@diolclergy.org

Dallas, TX **Divine Renovation Conference**

Iuly 18-20

Peter Herbeck & Dr. Mary Healy Details: divinerenovation.org/drusa2022

Wheeling, WV St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology **Priest Conference***

Iuly 18-22 Ralph Martin

Ann Arbor, MI **Be Love Revolution Mother-Daughter** Night

July 20

Debbie Herbeck & Team Contact: info@beloverevolution.com

Minneapolis, MN Legatus—Twin Cities*

Iuly 20 Pete Burak

Albuquerque, NM **Southwest Catholic Charismatic** Conference

Iuly 22-24 Peter Herbeck

Details: abgccc.org/swccc-2022

Fremont, NE

St. Patrick Conference for Priests, Deacons & Seminarians*

Iuly 24-26 Ralph Martin

Detroit, MI The Fulfillment of All Desire Online **Course Filming**

July 27 Ralph Martin*

Steubenville, OH **Applied Biblical Studies Conference**

July 27-29 Dr. Mary Healy

Details: steubenvilleconferences.com/ events/abs

Detroit, MI **Sacred Heart Major Seminary Courses** for Priests*

July 28-August 12 Ralph Martin

Steubenville, OH **Defending the Faith Conference**

July 29-31 Dr. Mary Healy

Details: steubenvilleconferences.com/ events/dfc/

* Not open to the public.

MISSIONS



Cameroon

June 16-July 1 Peter Newburn & Team

Slovenia

Iuly 6-12

Peter Herbeck, Don Turbitt & Team

Tanzania

July 12-August 3 Tom & Jean Marie Edwards & Team



- That the Lord will give us all we need to be faithful witnesses to his plan and his goodness in these times.
- That we may quickly resist the lies of pseudo-religions in faith and with great trust in the Lord.
- For the prayer intentions of all our supporters, their family members, and their parish families.

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