



# RENEWAL MINISTRIES

## CATHOLIC RENEWAL & EVANGELIZATION



DECEMBER 2022

### 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW: MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR

#### Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As the end of 2022 nears, we have a lot to be thankful for:

- We have been able to resume international travel and have carried out about thirty-three missions in twenty-five countries this year, after having all travel virtually stopped for many months because of Covid.
- The YouTube ministry that began to take off when we couldn't travel has continued to grow and reach people all over the world.
- id continued to strengthen young adult communities across the country (and even in Australia.)
- It was good to get back to week-long, in-person summer camps for middle-school-aged boys and girls.
- We produced another excellent group of twenty-six new programs for our weekly EWTN program, *The Choices We Face*. This was our thirty-ninth year of production!
- Personally, I've never been busier and have had amazing opportunities to speak to priests all over the country—and world—with a ten-day trip to England this past spring and clergy convocations for the dioceses of San Jose, California; Buffalo, New York; and Tyler, Texas; and very big priests' conferences in San Diego, California; Austin, Texas; and Wheeling, West Virginia.

You'll read—and see—all about these events and more in the pages of this special end-of-the-year newsletter.

One personal blessing I received was being awarded a Defender of the Faith Award from the Caritas in Veritate Foundation along with Cardinal Mueller (former head of the Vatican office charged with watching over doctrine in the Church) and Mary Ann Glendon (Harvard law professor and former ambassador to the Holy See). I agreed to travel to Phoenix to accept the award if I could have time with Cardinal Mueller, my current theological hero! I was delighted to have an open-ended breakfast with Cardinal Mueller one morning. He had given an endorsement for *A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward*, which I was thrilled to receive, but I had never met him in person.

#### CiV Awards Ceremony 2022 DEFENDER of FAITH Awardees



H. E. Cardinal Müller



Dr. Ralph Martin



Prof. Mary Ann Glendon

Throughout this newsletter, we've also included feedback we receive all the time from people being impacted by the many facets of Renewal Ministries, which would not be possible without your support.

Please consider remembering us in your end-of-the-year giving! It makes all you will read about in this newsletter possible!

Your brother in Christ,

*Ralph Martin*

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# AT HOME & ABROAD



"You have been on my radar for a long time. I am so grateful for your simple style of bringing God's word for today to us as well as giving us his truth with openness and courage. It is so good to have Renewal Ministries, which is trustworthy and faithful to God's Church."

(Letter)



"I am a retired priest, ordained fifty-five years ago in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Your dynamic message has enlivened my soul in a profound way, and I cannot adequately express my gratitude"

(Email)



"Awesome rally! Equip the saints for the harvest. God's abundant blessings on your ministry. May it bear fruit one-hundred-fold."

(Live-stream comment)



"Thank you for being faithful to Jesus Christ and his truth during these confusing times. Our family appreciates the YouTube videos, the monthly newsletter, *Fire on Earth*, and *The Choices We Face*, and the live-streamed events. So much of what you do is speaking to our hearts and building up our faith."

(Letter)



"You continue to keep the faith and speak the truth through these tumultuous times."

(Email from Sylvania, OH)



Ralph was the main presenter at the priests' retreat for the Diocese of Tyler, Texas. This was just one of many opportunities Ralph had to minister to priests, seminarians, and deacons across the US and in England this year.



About 350 people attended Ralph's talk at the Families for Christ Conference in Fairfax, VA. He spoke about the challenges we are facing in the world and in the Church today, as well as the importance of prayer and Scripture.



We have two boards of directors to help guide the US and Canadian arms of our ministry. We are grateful for their support!

- US BOARD
- CANADIAN BOARD





“Thank you for your faithfulness in following your call to the Gospel ministry. It is bearing rich fruit in my life and others around me.” (Letter)



“We are thankful for having had you at the retreat this past weekend. Your teachings were very encouraging for me. I was thrilled at your comprehensive knowledge of the saints and your ‘all-in commitment to our Lord and’ his teachings. The weekend was an opportunity for me to reflect and your talks were certainly a challenge to take my faith to the next level.”

(From Michigan’s Upper Peninsula)



“I love listening to your preaching and I believe you are speaking some of the fullest Gospel truth out there. I appreciate that you generally do not compromise and give us ‘hard teaching’ also. And you address, from a Gospel/ Church teaching, some of the controversial errors of our day.”

(Letter)

#### THE GATHERING

Dr. Mary Healy and Lavinia Spirito spoke on the theme *It is Time for a New Pentecost* at the Gathering, which was held in person in Ypsilanti, Michigan, for the first time since 2019.

Ralph Martin and Peter Herbeck also spoke at the event, on the themes *Living as Catholics in Challenging Times* and *It is Time for Courageous Witness*, respectively.

The Gathering was live streamed and has received over 27,000 online views since released.

#### LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

The event’s theme was *More Than Conquerors*, and in addition to those attending in person, nearly twenty-five thousand people have viewed the event online.

In 2023, the Lift Jesus Higher Rally will return as an in-person event in Toronto, Ontario.



Save the Date  
**MARCH 4, 2023**  
IN PERSON TORONTO

Details: [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)

# DIGITAL/ SOCIAL MEDIA



"Thank you for speaking the truth and helping me put things in perspective. The state of the world and Church can depress or anger me and steal my hope and joy. Then I listen to a talk from Renewal Ministries, and it calms me down! When some groups preach questionable ideas, Ralph and Peter stick to the Word of God."

(YouTube comment)



"Thanks to Peter Herbeck for this week's *Fire on the Earth* podcast. Your interview was powerful and instructive. Your guest encouraged and challenged me in wonderful ways. The thing I remember best is, 'The Eucharist is not ABOUT Jesus but it IS Jesus.'"

(Website)



"I am thankful for *Food for the Journey*. I pray every night, 'Lord, help me to love you the way Sr. Ann loves you.' My prayer is being answered. I am reading the daily readings as you suggest. It is helping me become closer to God."

(Email)



"We're reverts to the Catholic faith and my wife credits Renewal Ministries' orthodoxy and weekly videos on YouTube as an inspiration."

(YouTube comment)



"Your ministry is anointed! I watch *The Choices We Face* weekly. I learn so much from you and your guests."

(Letter)



This year, id Director Pete Burak began interviewing Ralph Martin on important questions of our day. The personal and unique nature of these interviews has made them very popular! You can watch these videos on our YouTube channel ([youtube.com/@renewalministries](https://youtube.com/@renewalministries)) or listen via the *Right Now With Ralph Martin* podcast.

**The Choices We Face** | This fall, we recorded our thirty-ninth season of *The Choices We Face*, which will begin airing in March 2023. The season features a tremendous lineup of guests, including Dr. Kristin Collier (pictured below), a doctor and professor at the University of Michigan who garnered national attention when, due to her pro-life views, medical students walked out of their white coat ceremony when she took the stage.



## Radio Programs

Sr. Ann Shields and Peter Herbeck continue to provide spiritual nourishment to listeners across the US with their daily radio programs *Food for the Journey* and *Fire on the Earth*.



## YouTube

We surpassed six-million YouTube views and one-million hours of watch time.

We have nearly 70,000 subscribers, an 850-percent increase from March 1, 2020.



## Instagram

This year, we started intentionally using Instagram, which has allowed us to reach a younger demographic; our reach is almost 90,000.



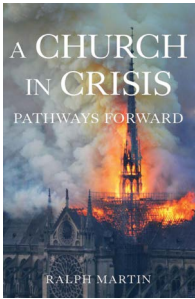
**Podcasts** | We surpassed 100,000 plays on *Right Now with Ralph Martin*.



## INCLUDE SPIRITUAL READING AS PART OF YOUR NEW YEAR!

As St. Alphonsus Liguori said, “Without good books and spiritual reading, it will be morally impossible to save our souls.” The products listed below and other faith-building resources can be found at [RenewalMinistries.net/store](http://RenewalMinistries.net/store).

## PRODUCTS & RESOURCES



### A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward

“Thank you for your book. It is at once terrifying, shocking, and eye-opening. Your messages of repentance and renewal are obviously challenging, but you write in a way that makes me want to willingly undertake these challenges. Your words have a certainty and clarity about them that makes it clear what we must do.”

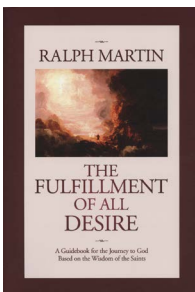
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“I wish I were a millionaire—I would buy enough copies of this book to pass out to every Catholic/Christian in the world. It will open your eyes, it will reaffirm your faith, and it will bring you back to the Church if you have left it or make you more devout if you have not. If you are a Bible-believing Christian of any faith, you need to read this book. Ralph Martin does not sugarcoat the problems in the Church . . . He also does not accuse, finger point, or attack. . . . This is an amazing book—a book for the times in which we are living. If you have been asleep, read this book and wake up!”



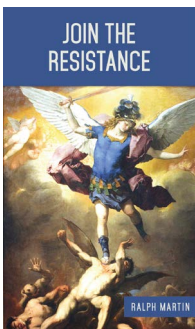
Amazon review on  
*A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward*



### The Fulfillment of All Desire

“Ralph Martin gives us a remarkable and comprehensive exploration of the spiritual and personal journey of faith, by which we may all be encouraged to persevere by God's grace. He has de-coded some of the saints' writings, making them very accessible. It is a book that once read through, one still wishes to dip into again and again.”

//Amazon review



### Join the Resistance

“This booklet will cause you to really think about where we are heading as a society. Ralph provides biblical and catechism sources to help us open our minds and hearts to the truth. It definitely encourages us to be prepared and fight against the evil around us.”

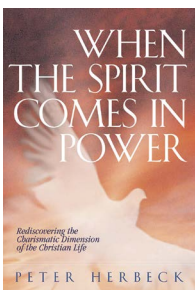
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“There are some books that I just have found to be so incredibly helpful. Ralph Martin's book, *The Fulfillment of All Desire*, I think, is a modern classic. I'm probably on my sixth or seventh read though, and I just keep coming back to it. It's one of those books that reminds me, 'Here is the interior life. Here is the point of everything we are going through.' . . . It's been a gift to be able to be reminded of how God works in the soul.”



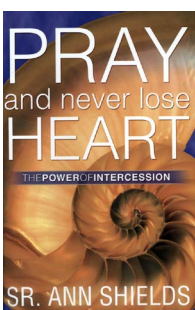
Fr. Mike Schmitz on  
*The Fulfillment of All Desire*



### When the Spirit Comes in Power: Rediscovering the Charismatic Dimension of the Christian Life

“You will be hooked by this powerful yet breezy mix of personal experiences and sound teaching that show what a church renewed in the Holy Spirit could look like, and where, in fact, it's already happening.”

//Fr. George Montague



### Pray and Never Lose Heart: The Power of Intercession

“Hundreds of thousands have been inspired by Sr. Ann Shields' teaching on faith and intercession over the years. I'm thrilled to see these teachings in print so many more can benefit. Highly recommended.”

//Ralph Martin





# GLOBAL MISSIONS

In 2022, Renewal Ministries completed thirty-three missions in twenty-five countries. We have plans to complete forty missions in twenty-seven countries in 2023.

## 2022 Mission Countries:

- Botswana
- Cameroon
- Croatia
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea-Bissau
- Haiti
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Kazakhstan
- Latvia
- Lesotho
- Lithuania
- Malawi
- Mexico
- Namibia
- Romania
- Rwanda
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

**UGANDA** | Renewal Ministries funded a Life in the Spirit Seminar for all of Uganda's 271 seminarians. The Emmaus Community led the seminar, which included priests, seminarians, and teachers.



**Slovenia** | Peter Herbeck traveled on mission to Slovenia with retiring Country Coordinator Don Turbitt. Their time in Slovenia included ministering to leaders of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Pictured are Janez Cerkovnik, Novo Mesto Bishop and Slovenian Bishops' Conference President Msgr. Dr. Andrej Saje, Peter Herbeck, and Fr. Mio Kekič, SJ. Janez and Fr. Mio are representatives of the charismatic movement in Slovenia. Not pictured is Matej Križanič, another representative of the charismatic movement in Slovenia, who helped organize the mission.

**Cameroon** | Renewal Ministries led a mission to Cameroon to help facilitate personal and ministerial renewal for priests in two dioceses. We invited them into a greater openness to the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives and in the Church, and into the call to holiness and mission. We also taught the Five Keys of Unbound as a means to living in greater freedom.





# NEXT GENERATION



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**id** | Renewal Ministries' outreach to young adults is continuing to serve a growing number of communities, lead retreats, create formative experiences like the Spirit-Filled Leaders Course, and preach and minister wherever the doors are opened.

"The SFL course was transformative. I felt the power of the Holy Spirit in a way I never had before. This course helped me hear the words of truth to combat lies. The Spirit-Filled Leadership Course and the Discipleship Community framework have been an answer to my prayers!"

(from SFL participant)



## BE LOVE REVOLUTION

"I personally see transformation and excitement in the girls at Fr. Gabriel Richard High School because they have encountered the authentic love of Jesus Christ in and through Be Love Revolution! I pray for the day that BLR is in every Catholic high school."

(from High-School Chaplain Fr. Ryan Riley)



## ZION

"A place for teenage boys to belong and be mentored spiritually is not as easily found in parish life as one might hope. Zion is stepping into this gap by providing this developmental good for our son in ways that are both spiritually fun and substantive. My husband and I couldn't be more grateful to the Lord and appreciative of everyone in leadership positions."

(Email from parent)



**BE LOVE REVOLUTION** | Be Love Revolution (BLR) helps young women embrace their identity as daughters of the King. 2022 highlights include ministering weekly in three middle schools and a local Catholic high school, leading eight retreats for middle schools and high schools, and helping chapters grow in Michigan, Maryland, Florida, and Canada! Above, BLR hosts an early morning Bible study that hosts up to forty-plus participants each week!

**ZION** | Zion meets weekly to form young men into leaders and disciples of Jesus through community building, prayer, and mentorship from young adult male leaders. Below, high school boys gather at the Renewal Ministries' office for praise and worship.





# DECEMBER 2022 EVENTS

**Minot, ND**  
**Real Presence Radio Celebration**  
 December 1  
 Ralph Martin  
 Details: [yourcatholicradiostation.com/banquet](http://yourcatholicradiostation.com/banquet)

**Fort Myers, FL**  
**Faith & Wine**  
 December 1  
 Lavinia Spirito  
 Details: [faithandwineleecounty.com](http://faithandwineleecounty.com)

**Lansing, MI**  
**Church of the Resurrection Women's Advent Retreat**  
 December 3  
 Debbie Herbeck  
 Details: [corlansing.org/events](http://corlansing.org/events)

**Toronto, ON**  
**Catholic Renewal Ministries Canada Annual Board Meeting\***  
 December 4-5  
 Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck & Team

**Ann Arbor, MI**  
**St. Francis of Assisi Middle School Advent Retreat\***  
 December 7  
 Debbie Herbeck & the Be Love Revolution Team

**Rapid City, SD**  
**Terra Sancta Retreat Center—10 Year Anniversary**  
 December 9-11  
 Dr. Mary Healy  
 Details: [terrasancta.org/event/a-weekend-with-dr-healy](http://terrasancta.org/event/a-weekend-with-dr-healy)

**Grand Rapids, MI**  
**Encounter Conference**  
 December 28-30  
 Peter Herbeck & Dr. Mary Healy  
 Details: [encounterministries.us](http://encounterministries.us)

*\* Not open to the public.*

 For a complete listing of events, visit [RenewalMinistries.net/Events](http://RenewalMinistries.net/Events).



## PINE HILLS BOYS CAMP

Pine Hills Camp provides middle-school-aged girls and boys one week each to grow in their personal relationships with our Lord. Above, a team celebrates a capture-the-flag win. Below, the girls share a powerful time of Adoration.

## PINE HILLS GIRLS CAMP



## PLEASE PRAY

- ▶ That we all—including those who do not yet know Him—would “throw open the depths” of our hearts to welcome the Christ Child this Advent and Christmas. (St. Ambrose of Milan)
- ▶ That the Lord would continue to open doors for ministry in the coming year, both for Renewal Ministries and in the lives of all our supporters. May He prepare hearts, provide guidance, and strengthen us to step forward in faith.
- ▶ For the prayer intentions of all our supporters, their family members, and their parish families, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty.



Renewal Ministries is a Catholic ministry committed to renewal and evangelization in the Church. It seeks to proclaim Jesus Christ through its TV, radio, and social media outreaches, as well as through books, conferences, retreats, and other international evangelistic events.

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