



## Dear Friends,

Ralph asked me to write this month's letter, and I am honored to be able to share some insights from the mission field with all of you. As always, the Lord has given us no shortage of mission opportunities, and He has been working in power. We are seeing fruit from our international missions, as well as our local work with young people. As I write this, we have just returned from another amazing year at the Lift Jesus Higher Rally, an annual conference we put on in Toronto, Ontario. You will be able to find a more detailed recap on that in next month's newsletter.

Over the past number of months, the Lord has given me the opportunity to preach the Gospel in many different places—on the ocean during the Good News Cruise, at parish missions, and to our young women in Be Love Revolution. As I have gone out, one of the things that continually convicts me is the consistent response to the preaching and teaching of the full and simple Gospel message. It has been amazing to preach Jesus Christ crucified, Jesus risen from the dead, repentance from sin, and baptism in the Holy Spirit in all of these places and to see how many people have never or have barely ever heard the fundamental Gospel. However, when we preached, the Holy Spirit moved people to respond to the truth of God's Word.

One of my favorite mission opportunities was traveling to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to do a parish mission with my dad. The surrounding culture there is extremely secular, but the Lord is moving in the hearts of the lost and broken and bringing them into the parish to be baptized and to receive new life. We were able to preach on the saving power of Jesus and to pray with the parishioners for baptism in the Holy Spirit. It was an honor and a joy to minister to the people alongside my dad.

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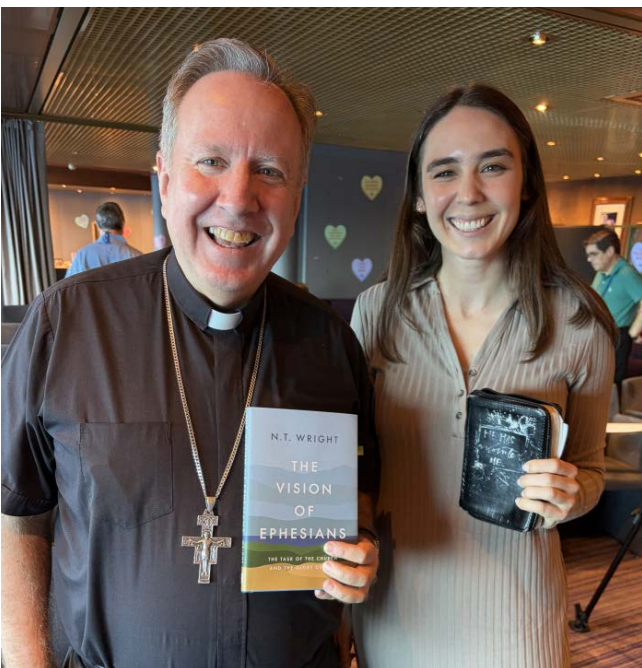
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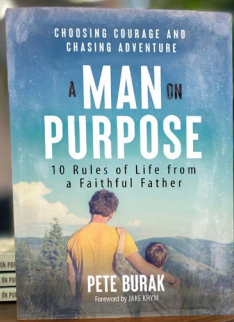
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(Left) Rachel is joined by Bishop Robert McClory, the Chairman of our US Board of Directors, during her Bible study on the Good News Cruise. (Right) The young people of Toronto enter into worship at the Lift Jesus Higher Rally.





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*I plan to give this book to my son-in-laws and nephews and to a couple of my sisters. Thanks so much for writing this — it's a lot of work!!!"*

//Anne Martin

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One morning after spending some time with the parishioners, I was standing outside and a woman I didn't know walked past me. As she passed, she turned to me, grabbed my hand, and said, "Isn't it amazing to be loved?" I was so taken by that small experience and as I thought and prayed with that phrase, I was deeply touched. It's so true, isn't it? For us as Catholics, this is the heart of our mission, the heart of our life, and the foundation of everything—the reality that no matter what, we are loved.

Both in my ministry work but also in my personal life, I have been taking this reality to prayer, and I want to encourage you to do the same. Each day when we wake up, no matter what circumstances we encounter, the deepest reality is that we are loved by God. For the believer, this truth bubbles out of us until we must tell others, "Isn't it so amazing? We really are loved!" Through every storm and circumstance of our lives, Christ has given us an assurance—the assurance of being loved. This is our anchor and our foundation. It's not to say that things aren't difficult or that we always feel this happy-go-lucky sentiment about love, but we can firmly set in our hearts the truth that God loves us.

For me, to wonder at this truth fuels my missionary zeal. There are people who are hungrier than ever for the love of God revealed through the person of Jesus. Through your support, we have been able to share that love in particular ways around the world, but you are called to share it each day in your relationships and with the people around you. As you read about some of the things that the Lord has been doing in our ministry, including a message from Ralph on healing and deliverance, I hope you are filled up and empowered to go out into your mission field.

We remain so grateful for your support. We are encouraged by the ripe harvest, especially knowing we have co-laborers like you who are eager and desirous to share the Gospel. Thank you for supporting us with such generosity as the Lord continues to bear fruit for his glory.

Isn't it amazing to be loved?

God bless,

Rachel Herbeck



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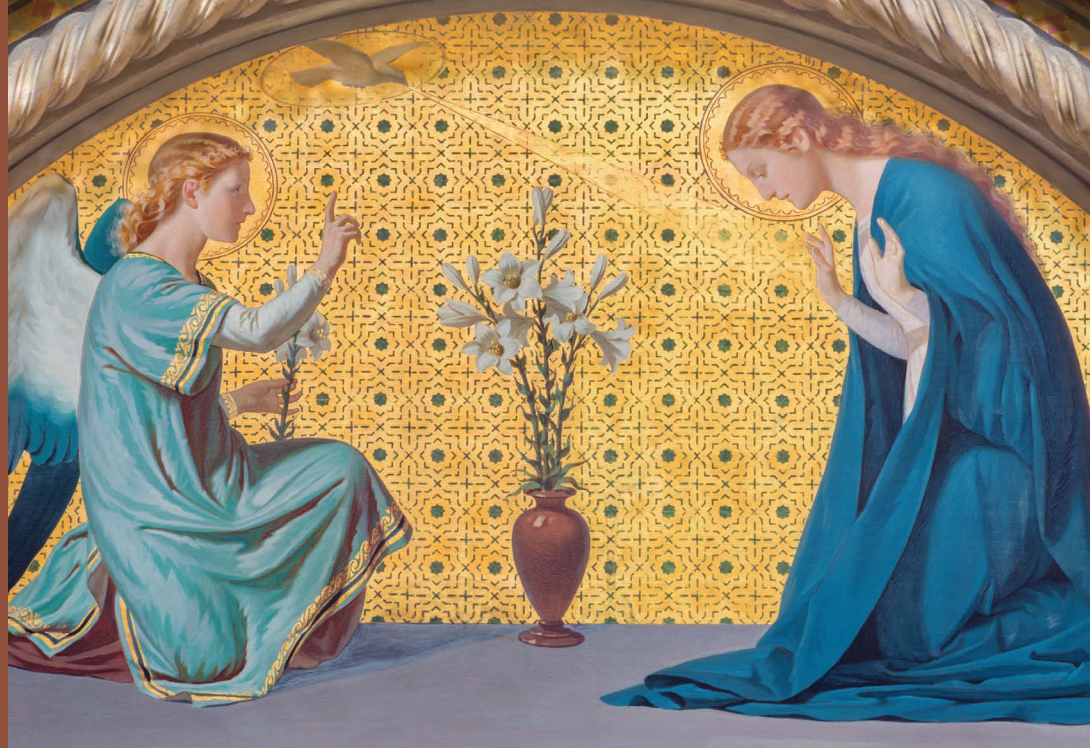
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# MARY, OUR MODEL OF DISCIPLESHIP

BY ANTHONY FEOLA

The following article was condensed from a *Fire on the Earth* interview between Peter Herbeck and Anthony Feola on December 31, 2025. The program is entitled *Mary, Our Model of Discipleship*.



**Mary is the preeminent example of a disciple of the Lord. St. Augustine says that not only was she his mother, but she was also his disciple. She who had the privilege of bearing Him as mother, obeyed Him as master. I think when we look to her, we see this icon of a person who said “yes” to the Lord. As we respond in faith and obedience to the Lord like Mary did, He starts to bring us along the path of discipleship.**

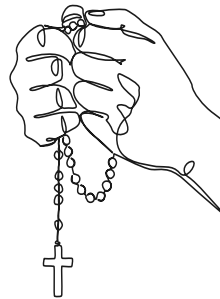
A part of my testimony as a revert to the Catholic faith is the Blessed Mother and what the Word of God says about her. The Holy Spirit really used that in my life to help me not only come back into the Catholic Church, but to begin to give myself more fully to the road of discipleship. I was in a stage of my life where I knew the Lord and I was meeting Him through the Scriptures, prayer, and a life of mission. I was encountering Him more and more, and it became normal as a disciple for me to say “yes” to Him. As He revealed something to me, I just gave my fiat like the Blessed Mother. I would say,

**“Yes. Here am I. Let it be to me according to your word.”**

As I encountered more Catholic apologetics, I eventually came into contact with the rosary, as well. I started to read about the rosary and why the Church encourages the prayer of the

rosary. I began to see the scriptural focus of the prayer and how it was, as Pope Paul VI puts it, “an epitome of the whole Gospel.” I began to pray the rosary hidden away in my room in the morning and something started to happen to me. The Holy Spirit came upon me, just like the Annunciation when the Spirit of God came upon the Blessed Mother. In my heart and my mind, every time I put my finger on a bead and said the Hail Mary, I just saw this image of the Blessed Mother pregnant with Jesus. It was like each bead was a womb. As I thought and prayed about this, the Holy Spirit started to grow this revelation of the Incarnation and the implications of it in my life.

**I went through the mysteries of Jesus, and it was like the Blessed Mother took me by the hand and started evangelizing me, walking with me, and pointing out and saying “Look at Jesus.”**



The rosary was a major part of what the Lord was doing in my life at the time. I also started to visit Mass again, and then it came to the one Mass where, if I were to imagine it, it was like the Blessed Mother just kind of left me there and went out of the building. I was there with Jesus on the altar as the priest was saying the words of consecration. My eyes opened up and I recognized that this is not *about* Jesus. This *is* Jesus. Through an anointing and a grace of revelation, I knew that the Eucharist was Jesus and I knew what that meant. It meant leaving everything to follow Him, and that’s when I left my life in the non-Catholic Christian world and followed Jesus into the Church. There was plenty of testing, trial, and suffering that came as I began to follow Him. In a real way I started to conform to Him in the Sorrowful Mysteries, but the result of it was a deeper union with the Lord.

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## Wisdom from the Saints

*“From Mary, we learn to surrender to God’s will in all things. From Mary, we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary, we learn to love Christ, her Son and the Son of God!”*

// St. John Paul the Great

# HEALING, DELIVERANCE, & SALVATION

— BY RALPH MARTIN —

This article is condensed from Ralph Martin's YouTube video of the same title, which can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/ZMp4j7vLPOg>



We have seen a wonderful reactivation of the charismatic dimension of the Church. It started in a particular way in the Catholic charismatic renewal, and the purpose of this renewal was to awaken us all to the reality of the Holy Spirit and the gifts that He wants to make available to everyone today. Some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are more unusual and have not been experienced very widely until now. I am speaking particularly of the gifts of healing and deliverance from evil spirits—healing of body and soul and deliverance from evil spirits. Those who have experienced the reality of these gifts can sometimes get quite enthusiastic about them and sometimes overpromise what they can do and underdeliver in what happens. **It is important to put in perspective healing and deliverance with the overall goal of the Christian life.**

One of the things we need to realize is that everybody who is healed and delivered on this earth dies. The only healing from the ultimate illness of death is resurrection from

the dead, and the only way people can be resurrected from the dead is to be part of Jesus' own resurrection, to be united to Jesus' death so we can also rise with Him. Sometimes we can get so focused on improving life in this world—psychological healing, inner healing, healing of the body, removing of obstacles and blockages to experience the love of God, and deliverance—we can forget that, as good as those gifts are, the real goal is not healing and deliverance on this earth. As much as it's possible, we should welcome those gifts, but the real goal is salvation. So, let's take a realistic and faith-filled look at these gifts.

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Firstly, it is true that when somebody is sick, we should pray for them to get healed, unless the Lord shows us that that is not his will. I know some people say you should believe every person is going to get healed, that God is going to heal everybody, and you should pray with faith. It is true that we should hope, wish, and pray for physical healing, but Jesus Himself knew that He had to defer to God's will when He prayed. Talking about his crucifixion, He said,

*Father, this is going to really hurt—please take it away. If there is another way, please let me have that way, but not my will but your will be done.*

So, we must be sensitive to pray for what we would wish for somebody, but we also must be sensitive to what God's will is for the person.

In Fatima, various people would ask Lucia to tell Mary their intentions. Lucia would respond and tell them that the person is not going to be healed until they repent, or she would say this person is not going to be healed, but he is going to have

enough ability to make a living for his family, even though he has this handicap. These are just individual glimpses into the will of God for people and how it is personal and custom-made. Therefore, we need to be aware of that when we are praying for healing and deliverance.

Father Donald Hagerty, a wonderful priest and spiritual writer from New York City, has written several books on the spiritual life, and he says he is a little concerned about the therapeutic mentality beginning to blur the eternal perspective that we all need for life on this earth. He says in his book *The Hour of Testing*,

“It’s a far greater thing to become holy than to become healed. The bodily sufferings that are not removed from us invite us over time to this holiness.”

Paul himself prayed for the thorn in the flesh to be removed. The Lord does not always remove it, but because of the weakness of having a thorn in the flesh, because of the pain, annoyance, and limitation it places on you, the power of the Lord is going to stand out more clearly in the midst of your weakness.

**Dependence on the Lord is so important, and sometimes physical illness or other kinds of handicaps can really help us learn how to depend more on the Lord.**

Jesus teaches us about keeping these gifts in right perspective. In Matthew chapter 7, He says, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’” (Mt 7:21-22) Those are all wonderful things, but it is possible to experience God’s power working through us to do those things and not really be doing his will.

Jesus then says, “I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.” (Mt 7:23) How could Jesus say that? They did not enter into relationship with Him. They were not attentive to his will. They were not prioritizing doing the will of God in their lives. They were not emphasizing, valuing, or interpreting the fact that He is doing these wonderful things through them.

In Luke chapter 10, Jesus is sending out his Apostles to do some of the same things He did. Now, why was Jesus doing miracles, healing, and casting out demons? He wanted to show people that the kingdom of God was amongst them in Him. **He wanted people to come to faith in Him, to repent, and to follow Him as disciples. Miracles are not an end in themselves. They are primarily a sign of the one who is doing the miracles, the Lord Himself, and He’s calling us into relationship through them.**

Jesus wants us to put things in proper perspective. He wants us to understand that the goal of healing and deliverance is to know mercy and goodness for this life, but even more it’s an invitation to recognize the one who can give us eternal life.

As wonderful as the rediscovery of the charismatic dimension of the Church is and as wonderful as the charismatic gifts of the Spirit are, even more wonderful is the teaching about eternal salvation. Even more wonderful is keeping in perspective the earthly good and the eternal good. **Without taking anything away from our gratitude or our desire for the earthly blessings of healing and deliverance and how important they are to freeing people to follow the Lord, we need to understand that the purpose of all of these things is indeed to free people to follow the Lord and become a disciple.**

They are going to get sick again. They are going to die from something else, and it is really important that they die in friendship with the Lord. We need to help them to understand that.

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# SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN ROMANIA



## BY DEACON TIBI MAJOROS

### Country Coordinator for Romania

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In the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, a certain expression returns time and again—the joy of finding the lost one. This is what the father felt when the prodigal son finally returned home. Our Heavenly Father feels this, too, and He shares this joy with those who labor to help one of his prodigal children find their way back. I consider it a grace that we were the ones who could proclaim the Gospel and witness hearts turning toward God during the youth summer camps last year.

We participated in six camps. Two of these were our own camps while we were invited to the others. The summer started with difficulties. With less than two weeks left before our first camp, I called everyone to confirm their child would be coming. It turned out that instead of the thirty-five young people we were expecting, there would only be twelve! I was shocked. In all these years, I had never even considered canceling a camp, but now that seemed like the only logical choice.

That Sunday, something struck me during the first reading at Mass. The reading was about Abraham bargaining with God to save the righteous people living in Sodom. “Lord, you who are just, how could you destroy the righteous along with the wicked if there are fifty righteous people there?” God promises that if He found fifty righteous people, He would not destroy the city. Abraham keeps lowering the number, and God promises that even for that few, He



Deacon Tibi Majoros leads the summer camp attendees in praying the Stations of the Cross.



One of the young people helping with the summer camp sharing her testimony with the campers.

will spare the city. That day, I felt as if God was turning the story around and was now bargaining with me.

*“If I send only twenty-five young people, will you be offended? And if only eighteen? Will you not proclaim the Gospel to them as you did when I sent fifty-three? ...And if I send only twelve, will you not even hold the camp?”*

This word from God shocked me to the core and woke me up. “Of course, I will tell them the Gospel. Of course, I will hold it,” I answered.

We started promoting the camp again, but even so, there were barely twenty young people in the first camp. This had its advantages. A smaller group allows for a much more personal experience, but it also gave us a chance to try a new format: a mobile camp. Instead of staying at one campsite and traveling to reachable locations, we went from one location to another. We went to the best caves, the most beautiful rock-climbing spots, the most stunning hikes—the most beautiful sites in Transylvania. We could not have done this with forty young people—the logistics would have been impossible—but now, the opportunity was here to create a truly exceptional camp and those who came with us were blessed.

Our second adventure camp was held in the usual way. With many young people and helpers, the atmosphere was excellent from the start. Although we held this camp at the customary location and in the traditional manner, we did so with just as much love. The weather was wonderful and everything was perfect.

The spiritual core of the camps was the same. The morning testimonies were given by the young helpers, and these—no matter how they were delivered—were worth more than gold. I gave most of the evening presentations. Starting from the life of Abraham, I spoke to them about the journey of faith. We touched on themes such as hearing God’s call, doubts and the birth of one’s own decisions, the things we must detach ourselves from, and so on.



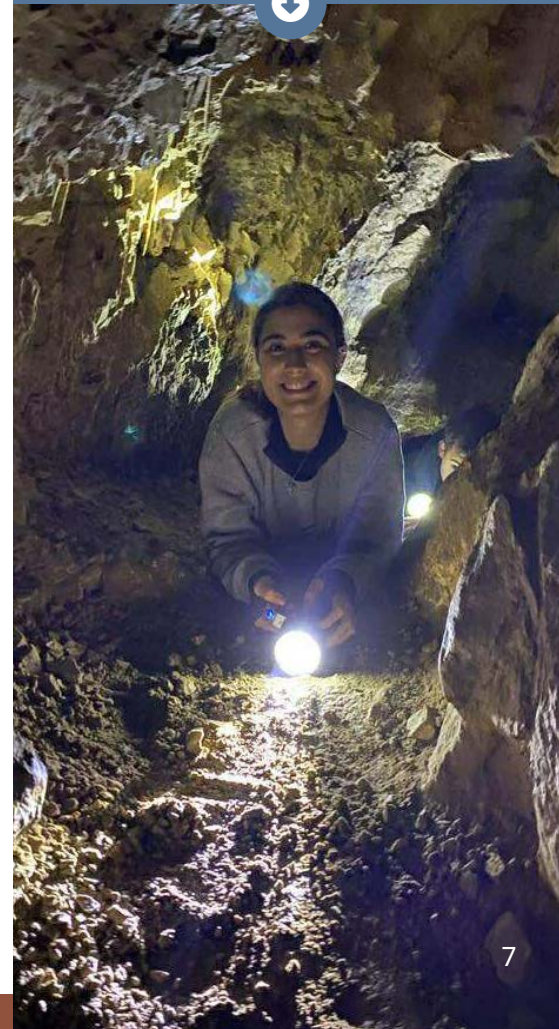
Phones didn't come out, and no one had to be disciplined. The young people were attentive.

Father Árpád Kovács and Father Rezső László supported us to the fullest. If we asked if we could have a Mass at a certain hour in the evening, they answered, “Of course.” If we asked them to hear confessions, they simply asked, “Where and when?” Whatever we needed, we received.

**This year the feedback primarily came from the parents. At one point, I noticed that, independently of one another, parents were essentially repeating the same things to me: how grateful they are to God that this camp exists, how glad they are that they found it, that I probably don't even know how much it means to the youth and how much they look forward to it, and that they see the difference in their child when they come home from the camp. It was encouraging, and I felt great gratitude in my heart.**

I believe the “seeds” have been sown. That was our task. To Him be the glory and the thanks for every minute we could spend with these young people!

The young people who attended the summer camp exploring caves in Transylvania.



# EVENTS

MAY 2026

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**South Bend, IN**  
**Ascend 26\***

May 1  
Pete Burak

**Ludington, MI**  
**St. Simon Parish Mission**

May 3  
Pete Burak  
Details: [stsimonchurch.com](http://stsimonchurch.com)

**Catholics at the Shore**

May 7-9  
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**Oklahoma City, OK**  
**Archdiocesan Spirituality Day\***

May 9  
Ralph Martin

**Dallas, TX**  
**Legatus\***

May 20  
Ralph Martin

**Lansing, MI**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Mission**

May 21-22  
Ralph Martin  
Details: [ihmlansing.org](http://ihmlansing.org)

**Cancun, Mexico**  
**Rise Up "Sanctus" Conference\***

May 22-24  
Dr. Mary Healy

**Windsor, Ontario**  
**Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Ontario Conference**

May 29-30  
Dr. Mary Healy  
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## MAY GUESTS & TOPICS:

### Unlimited

(05/03/26)  
Katey Norman, Assistant Director of Be Love Revolution, speaks at the 2025 Lift Jesus Higher Rally about being open to the Holy Spirit's transforming grace.

### Pursuing Freedom and Wholeness

(05/10/26) // Jake Khym  
Jake Khym shares his story of encountering the healing love of Jesus and how it has led him to minister to priests and Church leaders.

### Will You Choose Jesus?

(05/17/26) // Annie Baldante  
Annie Baldante, Ralph's granddaughter, talks about the Lord inviting her to choose Him, developing a prayer life, and serving in middle school ministry.  
*Photo: Annie is shown at center with grandparents Ralph and Anne Martin.*

### Stir Up the Spirit

(05/24/26)  
At the 2025 Lift Jesus Higher Rally, Bishop Scott McCaig implores us to embrace the power of the Holy Spirit so that we can take ground for the Kingdom of God.

### Saints, Scholars, and Builders

(05/31/26) // Dr. Jacob Imam  
Dr. Jacob Imam shares about being raised in a Muslim home, discovering the truth of Catholicism, and being led to start a new college in Steubenville, OH.



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